



# Pastoral Letter

My dear Little Flower,

Let me speak my heart to you...

One of my biggest concerns since I began the administration/shepherding at Little Flower is the lack of life and excitement in our parish youth.

I have experimented with different ways to reach out to the youth of our parish. Along with a few parents in the parish, I have spearheaded some youth programs and service opportunities with the kids. (The Heights!)

I have recently welcomed Silver Liming's "kindness team" to join Little Flower giving them a place to exercise the teen's willingness to serve. I have asked a young cantor to sing at Masses to "model" to some of our teens that it is possible to participate in Liturgy. This fall we are inviting middle school kids to hang out after school at Little Flower. Although these all things are great and exciting, it is still unclear to me if this is where the Spirit is really leading us as a parish with regards to the life and excitement of our youth.

Dream with me for Little Flower Parish!

I am looking forward to see the life-changing miracles that the Holy Spirit has in store for us!

St. John Paul II said:

"The moment has come to commit all of the Church's energies to a new evangelization. No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples".

Your Parish Priest,  
Fr JC Merino