



St. Thomas Lenasia

14th Sunday Ordinary C 4th July 2010

A letter from our Archbishop Buti Tlhagale

Dear Fr. Docq,

NEW CHANCERY – Share the Load

As you are aware, the process that we have followed to give the green light on commencing this exciting project has been slow, but meticulous and thorough. The professional team appointed by us and the dedicated team of Archdiocese parishioners carefully appointed from various Parishes has astounded me with their dedication and focus on achieving our objectives.

I sometimes do wonder if we have made the right decision in these difficult economic times, but feel that if it was not me then someone sometime in the future would have had to make the decision to upgrade the very old, present make-shift Chancery – temporarily housed in an old factory for over 40 years now! Through our various debates within committees and to the Archdiocese priests, all opinions carefully analysed and debated, I have felt an overwhelming support for the project which has developed into a very exciting adventure for us.

I suppose this vision is best described by our Architect, Franco Pellegrini: “What I see us creating here is not just a new Chancery but a whole uplifting of the pinnacle within The Archdiocese of Johannesburg – its Cathedral. The new Chancery has allowed me to look at the whole site and create an environment that will be something that all Catholics and all visitors will be very proud of. An environment that plays its part in uplifting the whole of Johannesburg, an environment that respects the sanctity of a place of prayer, quiet and celebration. A place to cultivate your soul. I and my team and the input from many members of the Archdiocese, have enjoyed creating a model that will be with us for hundreds of years.”

Weekend masses: **SATURDAY 5 pm and SUNDAY 10.30 am**
Confessions: **SATURDAY 4.30 pm** or by appointment
Weekday masses: **TUESDAY 9 am and WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm**
First Friday of the month: **ADORATION 6.15 pm and MASS 7.30 pm**

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For **Mass intentions** and **appointment** with Father, please contact Shantha by phone at the office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30 to 13.00
OR leave a message on the mailbox OR send an email.
For **Sick calls**, please contact
Clive Padayachee on 011.852.6691 or 072.493.4773
For **Funerals**, please contact **Vivian Patel** on 011.854.8523 or **Cynthia Thomas** on 011.854.5490
In case of emergency only, **Fr. Philippe's** cell is 082.729.3758

Join in the following activities...

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP : every Monday 7.30 pm in the Hall.
Contact Edgar: 011 852 4960
INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP: every Friday 10 am - 24
Opaal Street - Extension 5. Contact Vivian 011 854 8523
PRAYER GROUP: every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Church.
MAINTENANCE: contact Brian 011 854 4688
LITURGY: contact Mandy 082 770 6655

Let's now make this model a reality. The cost of the Chancery Project is R 30 Million. One of the harsh facts however is that we need to share the load by finding the funding for this. I have approved an additional amount for upgrading the Cathedral precinct. Funds for this will be raised separately. This project needs to involve every Catholic within our Archdiocese and I hereby ask for your assistance. We are looking to each Parish to contribute four times the levy they paid in 2009 if this was below R100.000 and for the larger parishes five times. So in the first example if your parish contributed a levy of R40,000 in 2009, we are looking for your parish to raise R160.000 over the next two years. Please see the commitment statement attached, which I ask you to sign as an indication of your parish's commitment and fax or post it back to me.

Our fund-raising team will assist with an exciting programme, pamphlets and tickets with good prizes so that your appointed fund-raising team can help us meet the target. You are not required to use these ideas and can carry out your own program or combine this with your own ideas. Note - Any fund-raising that you collect over the required amount, we will share 50/50 with your Parish.

I wish you the best in your efforts and thank you for 'Sharing the Load'.

Yours sincerely,

+Buti Tlhagale OMI
Archbishop of Johannesburg

The contribution we have been asked to raise over the next two years is R322 000.00 in addition to our normal parish levy of R80 500.00.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend for the Priests' Education Fund.

FLOWER LIST

In June, out of the 16 parishioners scheduled to give out money for the flowers, **ONLY ONE** payment was made. Please honour your commitment or notify the office that you can no longer contribute. Thank you.

MINISTRIES

Fr. Philippe is calling all the people involved in ministries to order and commitment. Your ministry should enjoy absolute priority in your weekly schedule. When, for extraordinary reason, you cannot honour your commitment, you are asked to notify your coordinator in time.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 7th: **Adrian, Sonam, Mitchell**
Sat 10th: **Kyle, Nathanie, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene, Reece**
Sun 4th: **Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette, Sasha-Lee**

Flower List

Wayne & Isabel Kisten, Lorraine Lalloo, Tyrone & Marisa Lazarus, Jimmy & Nerisha Letchman

Mass Intentions

Sat 3rd: **Rosa Sarkhot RIP**
Sun 4th: **Herby Jackson RIP**
Tue 6th: **Thelma Williams 40Days**
Wed 7th: **Philomena & Herby Jackson RIP**

COMMUNITY ADORATION NEXT WEEK

As announced last weekend, we are warmly inviting the parishioners to give God one extra hour per week by praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please come, preferably as a family, on Friday evening at 7.30pm or on Sunday morning at 9.15am.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS

Last Wednesday, a few more parishioners attended the evening mass. However, there is still plenty more room for more. Commit yourselves to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries in the middle of the week.

CANDIDATES TO CONFIRMATION

Any candidate ready for the interview can contact Father and agree on a time. Wednesday and Saturday before and after mass, as well as Saturday morning, are good times. You can come either alone or with your sponsor or parent. After the 20 July, a roster will be established for those who have not met with Father yet.

