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PROPOSAL TO BECOME A FAMILY OF PARISHES – Update

As you know, we held public meetings in each of the three churches at the end of March and start of April. The purpose of the meetings was to consider a proposal that we would become a family of parishes. Each parish will retain its own identity, as well as developing closer relationships with each other, as we go into an unknown future that is sure to be filled with challenges, as well as joys and opportunities. The proposal further stated that we would form one central pastoral leadership team, with a group of lay faithful and our two remaining priests coming together to train and form together as a group who will plan into the future.

Happily, all who attended the meetings felt that this proposal should be given every opportunity to work and, indeed, that we had no other alternative other than to proceed with it. Accordingly, a group will soon be called together to begin their training. During that time, there will be very little, if any, change to how the parishes are operating now. Please pray for this new team and the work ahead.

FAREWELL

After 48 years living and working in Meath Street Parish, we Augustinian Friars, with heavy hearts, have handed the Parish back to the Diocese. It was a difficult decision but we knew with our numbers and age profile, we could no longer run three parishes in Dublin. It has been a marvellous experience working and living among the people of the Liberties and we are so grateful to you all.

Our Easter ceremonies were our last hurrah and we want to thank every volunteer who made them so special. The Passion Play (which took place on Meath Street and stopped the traffic) and volunteers from the parish conducting the Good Friday ceremony as they have for years shows their vital place in our Church. Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil were two beautiful ceremonies.

F We say goodbye to you all and thank all the ministries/volunteers in this Parish for all their hard work and service. It was wonderful working
R with you and beside you.

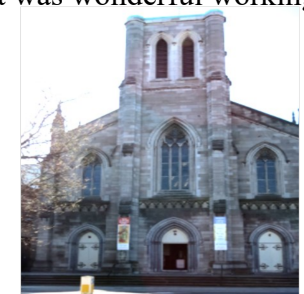
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THANK YOU

As already announced, the Augustinian Community returned care of the Parish of Meath Street to the Dublin Diocese last weekend. We offer a prayer of sincere thanks to the Augustinians for their many members who have cared for the Parish so faithfully over the years. We remember in prayer Frs. Niall & Richie as they await their new assignments. Fr Eugene (James's St) has been appointed Moderator of Meath Street with the task of encouraging and facilitating greater cooperation between Meath St, Francis St and James's St. Parishes. Your prayers and cooperation in this task will be much appreciated.



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