



IMMACULATE HEART^{OF} MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear friends in the Lord,

For countless ages from the beginning of the world, men and women found their existence to be merely a toilsome journey from birth to death. Gradually, in many cultures and in fragmentary ways, the human family caught glimpses of the God of creation and of the purpose of their lives. Then, in one startling moment of human history, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, revealed to his disciples that the journey was charged with beauty and meaning, a pilgrimage of sacrificial love to abundant life with his eternal Father.

We in the Roman Catholic Church consider that we have been uniquely blessed as descend-ants of those first disciples—blessed with Sacred Scripture, the celebration of the Sacraments, and a world-wide communion of more than a billion fellow pilgrims led by the successors of the Apostles.

If you are not presently a member of the Catholic Church, we at Immaculate Heart of Mary invite you to come and see how this ancient faith is lived in the lives of contemporary Catholics.

Later this month, our parish will begin an Inquiry Class for adults who wish to know more about the Catholic faith. The meetings are informal; your questions will be our agenda. If you would like to join us, please contact Drew Denton in our Faith Formation office at 404-636-1418, ext. 223 or ddenton@ihmatlanta.org for more information.

If you are already an active member of another faith community, please know that we respect and value that commitment; it is not our intention to proselytize. If, however, you have no church family to call your own, we warmly invite you to inquire with us. Be certain that a warm welcome awaits you.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,