



The Church of Saint Michael the Archangel

To the Saint Mary's Community,

As the Pastor of Saint Michael's Catholic Church and neighbor of Saint Mary's Academy, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for letting my staff and parishioners use your auditorium/cafeteria on a weekly basis to celebrate the Eucharist while we restore our 112 year-old church. We are a very small parish and have fundraised for many years in order move forward to seismically upgrade our church, reinforce the foundation, remedy the acoustics and improve the interior architectural character of the church. As well, we want to build a new office building. Due to the high costs of construction and working within a strict budget, Christina Friedhoff and the Board of Directors have allowed us to use Saint Mary's as a place to worship. We are extremely thankful for this generous gift of time and space.

Secondly, I would like to invite all of the Saint Mary's community to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with us each week. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

- Saturday Vigil at 4:30 pm
- Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

Our mission: Saint Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church, located in the heart of Portland's University District, is a diverse and welcoming community. The Italian National Parish proclaims the Gospel of the Jesus Christ through Participation in the Liturgy and Celebration of the Sacraments, Faith Formation, Service to the Poor and Campus Ministry. We would love to have you join us in any of these areas of focus!

Pope Francis said: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

— [Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium*](#)

Thank you for letting us use Saint Mary's as our church during our restoration and allow my parishioners to celebrate the good life of the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,

Father James Mayo