

UNIFICATION *NEWS, HOLY ROSARY BULLETIN, 11/21/10*

Next weekend, First Sunday of Advent, beginning with our Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m., all of our Masses will be celebrated at HolyRosary + St. Richard Catholic Church, located at 7500 SW 152nd Street, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157, our North Campus.

The schedule of Masses is on the cover of this bulletin.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen the results of the hard work of many of the ministers and volunteers of both churches, who have successfully unified important ministries. The Continuing Faith Formation programs for children and adults, Food Pantries, Financial Councils, and our Music and Liturgical Ministries are all working as one now. We have seen positive, uplifting, and moving results, which indicate that our two parishes together as one will continue to build Church, centered on God and the Eucharist and with a strong Catholic identity.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church is not closing and neither is the school. There are no plans to sell any of the property or for the school to become a charter school. Holy Rosary and St. Richard Catholic Churches are joining and becoming one church. They are combining resources and talents and sharing a vision. Masses will continue to be celebrated weekly at the South Campus on 9500 SW 184th Street for the school children. Our clergy will continue to reside in the South Campus Rectory, and our Food Pantry and Garden will continue to operate also on the South campus and be available for the use of our community. Our worship space and office will be located on the North campus.

The current building that has housed our church for the past few years and which was built to be a banquet facility, will be converted into a multi-purpose space to provide a much-needed cafeteria for the school and also to be a place where the school children can assemble to share the Eucharist. The space will be available for meetings, school and community gatherings, and hopefully, be a source of revenue for our parish, too. Likewise, the convent building, which served as church office for the past few years, will be returned to the school for school use.

There are many plans and dreams for our new church. We invite you to be a part of Holy Rosary + St. Richard Catholic Church and contribute with your time, talent, and treasure in any of the many opportunities that our church has to offer. You are welcome!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please write to unification@holyrosarystrichard.org.