



A PARISH WHERE MORE THAN JUST BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN FORMED BY DIVINE TEACHING

Eleven years ago on 25 June 2008, the Rev. Father Douglas R. Arcoleo stepped onto Freeport’s fertile soil as Our Holy Redeemer’s tenth Pastor and began building upon the foundation of his nine predecessors.

(Speaking of **building**, six weeks have passed since falling bell tower debris forced the closure of the south entrance to Our Holy Redeemer Church and its *Perpetual Adoration Chapel* entrance. A subsequent \$1,750.00 inspection of the tower’s interior/exterior, and a follow up \$2,000.00 “fly by drone inspection” has prompted the Parish to seek professional appraisals and proposals (a&p’s) for our bell Tower-repair needs. Two such a&p’s have been received and a third is expected shortly. Once those a&p’s have been reviewed, and a course of action is agreed upon by both Parish and Diocesan personnel, Our Holy Redeemer parishioners (along with friends of Our Holy Redeemer and Perpetual Adoration Chapel key holders) will be notified of the necessary costs involved to secure safe access to our “absolutely beautiful church”. (And while some people might say it is “putting the cart before the horse”, the Spirit of Generosity has already moved members of the faithful to donate to the cause. If you would like to get in the cart and/or mount the horse, please contact Father Arcoleo at the Rectory)!

On the eleventh anniversary of that arrival (25 June 2019), Father Arcoleo’s *one small step* into the Pastorate became the fifth longest step in our Parish’s 116-year history. And while he may or may not catch up to the Pastors who rank ahead of him (Rev. Monsignor John J. Mahon/Third Pastor: twenty-four years (1935–1959), Rev. Father John L. O’Toole/Second Pastor: twenty-two years (1913–1935), Rev. Monsignor Eugene Crawford/Fourth Pastor: seventeen years (1959–1976), and Rev. Monsignor Richard Figliozzi/Eighth Pastor: twelve years (1993–2005)) you can be assured that Father Arcoleo is not slowing down; with or without the horse!

The People of God in Freeport may also be assured that the giant leap forward that our Parish has been taking for the past 116 years will continue for the remainder of Father’s Pastorate. He will continue to rely on the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to help him conceive and give birth to the time, talent, and treasure that with the help of his fellow Priests (farewell Father Alessandro and welcome home Father John), brother Deacons, Religious, Staff, Employees, Volunteers, and participating lay-faithful, will produce (he dares to say): a future of *dramatic missionary growth* formed by Divine Teaching!



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