

## From the Chaplain

This past week, the diocese gave the green light for work on a number of important facilities-related projects at the Center. Our two operational boilers will be fully serviced far in advance of the cold weather! (I thought only pastors had to worry about boilers and heating; obviously I was mistaken!) The third—presently nonoperational—boiler will be inspected and either repaired, replaced or retired permanently if heating efficiency can be maintained without it. Additionally, eight broken windows will be replaced (three additional broken windows will be replaced in a separate phase of repairs), and necessary electrical work will be completed to address some concerns raised during an on-site inspection by our insurance carrier. Your generous contributions as a parish community to the Catholic Charity Fund appeal make these necessary repairs possible and will ensure the maintenance and safety of the Center for years to come! Thank you!

Other projects completed in recent weeks included the repointing of exterior steps, the cleaning of area rugs in public spaces, the securing of storage shelving to the wall (another insurance concern), the complete clearing out and cleaning out of the utilities room, and the disposal of unusable furniture. All of these projects were completed with an invaluable “in-house” resource: Doug Paquin! Thanks to him for his generous service!

In the coming weeks, we hope to tackle the ductwork with a complete, professional cleaning. With the boilers fully serviced and functioning, clean ducts and registers will make the air not only warm in the winter but also breathable! Again, without your generous support of the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, these projects would not be possible. On behalf of the students for whom the Center is so much more than just a building, I thank you!

Speaking of the students, we’ll have our first “**Move-In Mass**” today at 4pm at the Catholic Center Chapel. We also have a full line-up of activities planned for what is traditionally called “Welcome Week.” Here are the highlights: an **Open House** at the Catholic Center for new and returning students on Monday, a **Beach Day** on Tuesday which will conclude with **Evening Prayer** in the chapel, “**First Scoop**” on Wednesday generously sponsored by Brickley’s, **Night Prayer** and **S’mores** on Thursday. And of course, to kick the year off officially, we’ll have our opening **Barbeque** at the Catholic Center next Sunday, September 13, followed by the first

**University Mass** of the new academic year at 8pm in Christ the King. If you'd be interested in providing a side dish or a dessert for our barbeque, please call me (874-2093) or Judy Klopfenstein (874-2324) this week. All are most welcome to stop by the Center next Sunday and welcome our students back for a new year!

Fr. Joe