


Dear Friends in Christ,

What an incredible celebration of our St. Anthony Patron Saint Feast Day! Everything was so beautiful, so joyful, and so delicious. Please join me in extending a special thank you to Dulce Casanova from our parish staff and to the incredibly talented and generous members of our Hispanic Leadership Team who coordinated the festivities and activities. It was so wonderful to see so many parishioners gathering together to celebrate our special day. Thank you to all the parish organizations who cooked, donated, and served the delicious food we enjoyed and for those who shared their talent with us on the stage. I know St. Anthony was smiling upon us as we honored our patron saint and celebrated the community, we are so blessed to enjoy here at St. Anthony Parish.

At Masses this Sunday, you will have the opportunity to meet our new youth/young adult minister, Mona Fonseca. Mona will begin serving the youth and young adults of our parish beginning in July.

I am thrilled that Mona will be joining our parish staff and excited to work with her to develop a robust youth/young adult ministry here at St. Anthony. Here are a few words of introduction.

Peace+

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Fr. Tom
Pastor

Dear St. Anthony Parish Community,

My name is Mona Fonseca and I write this introduction in much anticipation and excitement of my arrival in early July as the Pastoral Assistant for Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults.

My first exposure to youth ministry began at my home parish, St. Louise in Bellevue. I was at the Life Teen Mass and right before the end of Mass, the youth minister made an "ask" for people who would pray and consider joining the Core Team for youth ministry. As I was listening to the youth minister, I felt a calling in my heart to learn more about this role. I did and as they say, "the rest is history".

I have been part of Youth Ministry and Confirmation Core Team at St. Louise for the past 15+ years. Those years have also been filled with many mission trips in state and out of country. Every one of those years have been the best because as a Core Team member, I was given the opportunity to journey with the youth as they grew in their faith, challenged their faith, and learned to live their faith out through various service projects. Most of those teens have since graduated high school, college, are married with their own families.... raising them in the Catholic faith.

I am so blessed and excited to have been given this opportunity to journey with the youth and young adults of St. Anthony parish. I am looking forward to meeting all incoming 6th through 12th grade students. Please introduce yourself and your family when you see me at Mass.

As I transition into this role at St. Anthony, I humbly ask for your prayers as we journey together in a deeper understanding of our faith. Please continue to pray for the youth in our parish and across the world.

*Thank you,
Mona Fonseca*