

Saint Pius the Tenth Parish

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Dear Father Kennedy,

Saint Pius Tenth Parish, as many other parishes, has experienced its share of the suffering involved in the sexual abuse scandal, the diminished resource of available clergy and, unlike other parishes, the burning of our church building. Yet we have learned that, out of the ashes come renewed life, renewed hope.

After many hundreds of hours of meeting with the Diocese, architects, engineers, committee members, contractors and a finance drive to meet costs, we started the process of construction in the Spring of 2017. We can honestly say that we had a lot of support from our community in Chili. We had offers from various Church Communities to hold our services in their houses of worship. The Town of Chili's government offered their support, working closely with our architect to expedite our construction process. We experienced prayer and financial support from parishes and faith communities throughout the Diocese. Individuals and communities journeyed with us in our pain, suffering and our process of healing. We are now worshipping in a beautiful new church building, thanks be to God.

While our most prominent wounds have been generally known within the Diocese of Rochester, we know that the suffering in other parishes may not be as visible. The staff and the parishioners of Saint Pius Tenth intend to pray for healing and hope for each of the parishes and faith communities in our diocese. During the week beginning April 13, we will be offering prayers specifically for St. Louis Church.

We know that God is doing wonderful things in your faith community. During the week of our focus on your parish, our parishioners and clergy will be praying that the seeds you are planting will yield one-hundred-fold, that the love you offer will radiate in the hearts of all you encounter, and, particularly, that you experience healing in any and all wounds within your parish.

We kindly ask that you let your parishioners know that we are praying for all of you during the week of April 13. Please let us know if there is anything in particular that your parish would like us to focus on in our prayers for you. Please contact Kevin Clar at 585-705-8968 or kevin.clar@cbrands.com to bring your needs to our immediate attention.

We pray for the healing of all of your wounds, help in all of your sufferings, and peace and joy as we work together toward God's Kingdom.

In the Peace and Love of Christ,

Fr. Paul Bonacci and the Parish of Saint Pius X

Every day we reach to restore all things in Christ