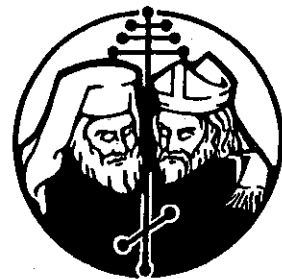


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Office of the Pastor

A Family of The Eucharist

May 6, 2019

Dear St. Peter's School Families,

What a happy reunion I experienced this past Tuesday as I visited St. Peter's School for my first in a series of "meet and greet" sessions at my new assignment as your pastor (beginning June 26th). I met with the principal, faculty and staff and was particularly pleased to meet students and parents during the end of the day dismissal. It brought a smile to my face as I had a sneak preview of the school play during dress rehearsal and was welcomed by the after school children. My first impression was truly a very good one!

As I toured the building I was flooded with memories of my own K-8 years at St. Peter's School. This powerful recollection of the faculty of IHM Sisters, parish priests, and especially of my classmates and generations of alumni lifted my heart with great joy as I realized that I was now about to be entrusted with not only this proud tradition, but with the responsibility of continuing and growing this school family in the years to come.

While I will miss my Parish Family here at Saints Cyril and Methodius, and especially the faculty, students and parents of our Parochial School, I am looking forward to becoming a part of the leadership team of St. Peter's School as we all work together to chart the course for continuing Catholic Education in Port Washington.

Please pray for me as I undertake the many new responsibilities of my "home parish" where I was formed in my Catholic faith and awakened to my vocation to the priesthood. I look forward to meeting you this summer at Mass, during on going registration, and around town. If my first visit to St. Peter's School last week was any indication, I know that I can look forward to continuing this happy reunion with all of you as we begin another school year in September.

Have a great summer and God bless our St. Peter's Parish Family!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Clerkin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Monsignor Robert J. Clerkin
Pastor-designate