

Saint Bernard Parish and School

Archdiocese of Omaha

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A Message from Your Pastor: An Important Update on Parish Staff and Leadership

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint Bernard Parish and School,

Grace and peace to each of you. With a grateful heart, I write to share some important updates concerning our parish and school staff, and to explain the direction we are taking as we continue to build up this community together. These changes have been made thoughtfully and prayerfully, and I want to communicate them with the transparency and care that our community deserves.

A New Chapter for Rose Flores: Director of ADVANCEMENT

Many of you know and love Rose Flores, who has served our community with diligence, faithfulness, and a genuine love for Saint Bernard's. It is with deep appreciation that I announce a new and significant role for Rose: Director of ADVANCEMENT

This change reflects our confidence in Rose's gifts and our desire to use them in the most impactful way possible. As Director of ADVANCEMENT, Rose will focus her energy and talent on strengthening the financial future of Saint Bernard Parish and School — cultivating relationships with donors, leading our fundraising efforts, pursuing grants, and building the development capacity that will sustain and grow everything we love about this community. We are not losing Rose; we are entrusting her with a mission central to our future.

Alongside this transition, we will engage a part-time bookkeeper to manage the day-to-day financial record-keeping functions. This arrangement allows us to be responsible stewards of our resources while ensuring that our financial administration remains in capable hands.

How We Will Lead and Serve Together

I also want to take this opportunity to clarify the parish and school leadership structure so that all of us; staff, volunteers, parents, and parishioners, share a common understanding of how we work together.

As your Pastor, I, Fr. Michael Gadache, carry ultimate responsibility for the life and mission of both Saint Bernard Parish and School. Working alongside me in this responsibility will be our **Deacons, Tim McNeil, and Chuck Sheik**, who will help coordinate the pastoral life and work of our community in a more structured and collaborative way. Together, Deacon Tim, Deacon Chuck and I will work closely with:

- The School Principal, who leads the daily operation of Saint Bernard School;
- The Child Care Director, who oversees our early childhood program;
- The Parish Secretary, the first face and voice of our parish office;
- The School Secretary, who supports the administration of school life; and
- The many dedicated volunteers who serve on our parish and school committees — the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Religious Education Committee, Home & School Association, School Board, Athletic Committee, and our Communications and Social Media Committee.

Each person in this structure is valued. Each role matters. And together, we form the living organism that is Saint Bernard Parish and School, a community called to worship, educate, serve, and grow in faith.

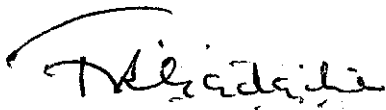
Moving Forward with Gratitude and Hope

Change, even when purposeful and good, can feel unsettling. I want you to know that every decision reflected in this announcement has been made out of love; love for Rose, love for our community, and love for the mission God has entrusted to all of us at Saint Bernard's. We are not managing decline; we are positioning ourselves for growth.

I am grateful for your continued trust, your prayers, and your partnership in this work. Please join me in thanking Rose for all she has given and in supporting her as she steps into this new chapter of service. And please keep our entire staff, volunteers, and leadership in your prayers as we move forward together.

If you have any questions or wish to speak with me personally, please do not hesitate to reach out to the parish office. My door is always open.

United in faith and service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Gadache". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Fr. Michael Gadache

Pastor, Saint Bernard Parish.