

This year's Lent and Easter have been filled with reflection, trust, and joy, and as June blesses us with the Sundays of Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi, we are brought to a wonderful renewal of our faith and trust in God's Presence with us continually.

Pentecost embraces the Holy Spirit being within and among us, guiding and inspiring us each and every day. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity reveals God to us in different ways, showing us that we are created to be relational—relational with God, with self, with others. Corpus Christi is the full acknowledgement of the giving of Jesus Christ for each of us.

All three of these feasts remind me of a prayer mantra: "Enkindle in me the fire of your love." And a phrase from a reflection book on transitions excites me greatly: "I'm creating something new in you: a bubbling spring of Joy that spills over into others' lives." For it is through, with, and because of God's great love for us that we are empowered to love, serve, and be fully alive.

As I leave my position as executive director of Within Ministries and embrace retirement, my gratitude is immense and my excitement for the ministry is alive. The members of the Board of Directors of Within Ministries are gifted, inspiring, and insightful individuals who serve the ministry's vision and mission with passion and dedication. There is a transition plan in place consisting of wonderfully gifted interim co-directors, and a search committee is formed for securing the next executive director of Within Ministries.

Transitions are wonderfully exciting, renewing, and overflowing with possibilities. As I lift in prayerful gratitude my journey with you, I encourage you to invest in and be part of the ongoing sustainability of Within Ministries and its vision and mission. Let us remember that we are created to relate, to care for one another, and to travel this journey together. So let us all be part of enkindling the fire of God's love by awakening to the Holy Spirit within us and be part of spilling it over into others' lives.

With deep gratitude and much excitement,

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*My prayers are always with you.*