

# Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

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Dear Friend in Christ:

This letter respectfully requests a response about your membership. Please return the enclosed response card or completed registration form by Friday, June 6.

As you may know, the Catholic Church in downtown Madison is going through an important transition. In July, the three historic parishes around the Capitol Square – Holy Redeemer, St. Patrick, and St. Raphael – will formally merge into a single parish community to be known as the Cathedral Parish. We approach this transition with deep respect and appreciation for the past, but equally with great hope and confidence in the future.

In the immediate future, Holy Redeemer will remain fully utilized for Sunday and weekday Masses and for the celebration of the other Sacraments. The office of the newly merged parish will be at St. Patrick for the time being, while the rectory will be at Holy Redeemer. A new St. Raphael Cathedral will eventually be the principal church of the merged parish, but that is a long way from being built.

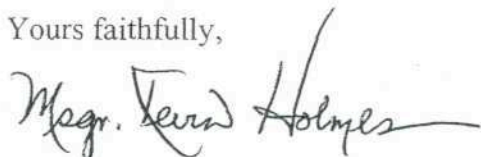
The Catholic Church does need to be present in downtown Madison now and into the future. She needs to have a unified presence, and a sense of her mission to witness to the truth of the Faith in the midst of the culture. She needs to live in a community of believers with a commitment to the mission of the Church in downtown Madison. This is the positive vision that is motivating the merger of the isthmus parishes.

You have been a faithful and valued member of Holy Redeemer Parish. This letter is your formal and personal invitation to become a member of the newly merged Cathedral Parish, which will begin its life in July 2008. It is my hope that you will want to be a committed and enthusiastic member of our new Cathedral Parish. In asking you to be part of the new Cathedral Parish, I am also asking you to see beyond loss and change and treasured memory in order to embrace a new mission and a hopeful future.

Please return the enclosed response card or the completed registration to the parish office. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call Monica Freng, Director of Parish Life and Mission, at 257-5000, ext. 14, or visit [www.isthmuscatholic.org](http://www.isthmuscatholic.org).

Thank you for reading this letter, and I hope that I will hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully,



Msgr Kevin Holmes