



Season Greetings and Reflection for 2019

My dear parishioners

Like many of you at this time of year, I find myself reflecting on the past 12 months and everything we've built, faced, and achieved.

Our mission is so unique. We come from all walks of life, with a huge diversity of capabilities, perspectives, and passions. This diversity is our strength, but when we combine those pieces into a single whole – that's what sets us apart. We do so many individual things well, we also excel in so many group activities, in the places and outreach we do it, in a way that truly touches people.

This is why I'm so proud of the way we've been coming together this past year. I see us collaborating more, seizing opportunities, and working together across the cultures and customs to give new things a go. We don't always succeed, but we don't expect to. We're pushing the limits of what's possible, and sometimes that means learning from failure until we get it right.

Whether we're capturing new outreach, hosting our visitors, responding to the sick, home-bound, needs of the poor and lonely or welcoming new parishioners, "We as One" is so much more than just a catchy phrase. It really is who we are, and we're stronger because of it.

Thank you all for your prayers, support, hard work and commitment this year. None of the positive impact we've created would be possible without you.

As always, I look forward to sharing our mission and how we can take this energy into the new year. In the meantime, I wish you all a well-earned and restful break with those closest to you.

Cheers to 2019 and all that awaits us in 2020.

Father Tom Kessy CSSp

