



Immaculate Conception Parish  
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Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish:

Over the years, Immaculate Conception Parish has organized and promoted the Morgue as a parish fundraiser, which has benefited the parish financially and socially. However, there are significant challenges that this fundraiser has presented including significant violations of diocesan safe environment policy and a seeming source of contradiction to our Mission Statement and our Catholic faith. Our Mission Statement reads,

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to deepen our faith, through the joyful celebration of the sacraments, lifelong faith formation, generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure in service to one another and the larger community.*

The purpose of Immaculate Conception Parish, by living out our mission, is to introduce people to Jesus Christ, to assist them in becoming His disciples by Word, Sacrament, and Charity, and to guide them to eternal life in heaven. Everything our parish does has to be consistent with our faith in Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Thus, a fundraiser that gives the appearance of a glorification of evil, death and violence, is diametrically opposed to the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus who comes to bring light and life.

The time has come for Immaculate Conception Parish to choose a path that will be consistent with our Mission Statement and our Catholic Faith. Although the discontinuation of the Morgue will affect our parish financially, we are confident that, working together, we can overcome this challenge. We are grateful for the assistance that the Diocese of Green Bay will provide during this transition and we ask for the cooperation of all parishioners as we begin this new chapter in the history of our parish.

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