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### St. Justin Martyr Church Fire (7/25/05)

A fire of undetermined origin broke out around 1:38 am in one section of St. Justin Martyr church building in Anaheim. The fire damage was contained to one section of the church because of the skillful work of 62 Anaheim and Garden Grove firefighters that responded to the emergency.

“I am very thankful that no one was injured in this fire,” said Rev. Joseph M. Nettekoven, pastor of St. Justin Martyr. Fr. Nettekoven has already begun planning how to continue to serve the spiritual needs of this parish after the tragic fire.

The bulk of the damage was contained within the interior of the structure. The rectory and school have minor smoke damage. “The school should be ready for the upcoming school year without any delay. The rectory and parish offices should be back in operation within the next few days. The Church building will need extensive work and will not be available for Mass for some time,” said Mike Shaffer, Director of Risk Management.

Our parish community is committed to moving forward with the upcoming school year, finding a temporary place to celebrate mass, and to rebuilding the interior of our church. I look forward to working with our diverse community to rebuild our parish so that it is even stronger than it has been in the past,” said Fr. Nettekoven.

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