



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of  
All Saints Parish, Puyallup  
Sacred Heart Parish, Tacoma  
St. Martin of Tours Parish, Fife*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to greet all of you in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

As archbishop, I have the important responsibility and honor of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

Today, I write to inform you that your parish will be entering a time of transition in pastoral leadership beginning July 1, 2024. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Cal Christiansen as your pastor and Father Dexter Dais, Father Gilberto Mora Tapia and (Transitional) Deacon Maximiliano Muñoz as your parochial vicars. Presently, Father Christiansen is the pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Mountlake Terrace. Father Dais is a priest of the Archdiocese of Capiz in the Philippines and will arrive in the summer to begin this assignment. Deacon Muñoz is concluding seminary formation at Mount Angel Seminary. He will be ordained to the priesthood on June 1 at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. Father Mora Tapia is currently the parochial vicar at both St. Philomena Parish in Des Moines and St. Theresa Parish in Federal Way. In a similar way, he will rotate between this parish family and two other parish families in Kent and Renton, supporting Spanish-language sacramental ministry.

These are wonderful men who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that they will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family.

At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Michael Radermacher, Father Val Park, Father Elias Puentes, SJ, and Father Phil Boroughs, SJ, for their wonderful service and leadership. Please keep them in your prayers as they move forward in responding to God's call in their new assignments. Father Radermacher will be the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish and St. Leo the Great Parish in Tacoma. Father Park will be a parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish and St. John Mary Vianney Parish in Kirkland. Both Father Puentes and Father Boroughs will receive new assignments from the Jesuits West Province.

Times of transition can be challenging, especially as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome new pastoral leaders. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish and the Catholic Church of Western Washington. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Fathers Christiansen, Dais and Mora Tapia and Deacon Muñoz to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle