



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of
Christ Our Hope Parish, Seattle
Immaculate Conception Parish, Seattle
St. James Cathedral, Seattle*

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 Michael G. Ryan as your pastor, Father Bryan Hersey and Father Alex Pablo as your parochial vicars, and Fr. Paul Magnano as parish priest. Father Gary Lazzeroni will be a priest in residence while he continues as Vicar General and Vicar for Strategic Pastoral Planning for the archdiocese.

As you may know, Father Ryan is the current pastor of St. James Cathedral, and Father Pablo is a parochial vicar at St. James. Father Magnano is currently a parish priest for the Skagit Valley Catholic Churches, and Father Hersey is the parish priest at Christ Our Hope. Father Hersey will continue to be the First Hill hospital chaplain.

These men are wonderful priests 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 Deanna Tighe and Father Woody McCallister for their wonderful service and leadership. I ask you to please keep them in your prayers as they move forward in responding to God's call. Deanna will remain on staff at Christ Our Hope and support the parish family. Father Woody will be the pastor of Holy Disciples Parish in Puyallup, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Eatonville, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Spanaway and Sts. Cosmas and Damien Mission in Orting.

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 Father Ryan, Father Hersey, Father Lazzeroni, Father Magnano and Father Pablo to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul D. Etienne".

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