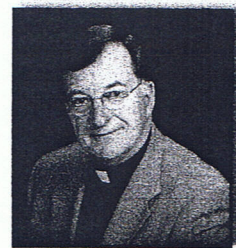


Holy Family Parish

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May 25, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

For the last eight years, I have had the extreme pleasure of serving you as your pastor. They have been among the best times in my life. I have no regrets. I would gladly do it all again. However, as I wrote about in last week's bulletin, all good things come to an end. Working with the diocese, I have come to understand the rationale for pastoral reassignments. Therefore, in order for me to take some time to pray, reflect, and consider what is next for me in terms of a future assignment, I have requested, and been granted, permission to resign as your pastor.

This will become effective on June 1, 2010. Until a new pastor is named in July, there may be more than one priest who will celebrate the sacraments. I trust you will give them the same courtesy that you provided me all these years.

Since I wish to begin this time of prayer and reflection now, I have chosen to make this announcement in this way to avoid any would-be fanfare. I do not need, nor do I wish for, any special recognition. You have already provided many such wonderful moments, and I appreciated everything. Therefore, this will be my last weekend. I pray that you will find it in your heart to forgive any hurt my sudden departure may cause. I will continue to love you and remember you in my prayers.

God bless you always.

Fr. Larry