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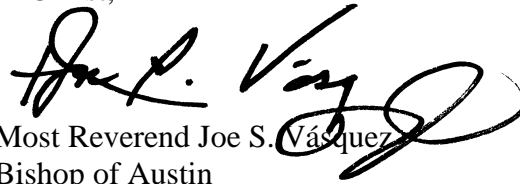
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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to communicate important news regarding the University Catholic Center. Effective July 1, 2020, I will assign two diocesan priests to serve as Director and Parochial Vicar of the student center. I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Larry Rice for his leadership of the UCC during the last three and a half years. Fr. Larry's care for the students and zeal for the faith are evidence that God is truly at work at the UCC. I am also grateful to Fr. Jimmy Hsu who has assisted Fr. Larry with fidelity and joy. Additionally, I thank the Paulist Fathers who have served the UT community for many years, building the Catholic campus ministry program. The Paulist Fathers will continue their good work at St. Austin.

I have come to this decision after much prayer and discernment and determined that it is important for the Diocese to have a significant presence on the campus of the University of Texas. I remain grateful for your support of the UCC and ask that you keep Fathers Larry and Jimmy in your prayers as they prepare for a new chapter in their ministry. I also ask that you keep the UCC in your prayers during this time of transition.

In Christ,



Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez
Bishop of Austin

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