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Dear St. Peter Church and School Community,

In Chapter 3 of the Book of Ecclesiastes, we are told that there is an appointed time for everything. When I was assigned by Archbishop Aymond to serve at St. Peter Parish on July 1, 2012, I knew that my days to serve you, from that day forward, were numbered according to God's plan.

Due to the lingering effects from my stroke, God is now calling me to leave St. Peter Parish beginning July 1, 2022 to begin retirement. As I take these steps in my priestly vocation, I pray that this time will afford me the time for more reflection in prayer and spiritual reading as I prepare my soul for the appointed time when I will see God face to face.

For all that has been accomplishment during my time as pastor, I give God all the glory. I will treasure that I had the opportunity to be on this spiritual faith journey with you at St. Peter Parish for the past ten years. The support and encouragement by so many, upon my return following my stroke and heart surgery, will be one of my greatest gifts of remembrance. Your prayers have lightened the load of my cross. Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners.

I assure you that I will continue to serve you until my retirement takes place. After a period of discernment, your next pastor will be announced in 2022 when the clergy assignments are made by Archbishop Aymond.

"There is an appointed time for everything." May we, as a church and school community, be open to all that God has in store for us during this appointed time of transition and beyond.

God Bless,

Fr. Otis

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