

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
2800 Pennsylvania Ave, SE
Washington, DC

May 30, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend I announced to the parish that I have received a new assignment from Cardinal Gregory. I will become the pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church, Brandywine, MD and the pastor of St. Dominic Catholic Church, Aquasco, MD. The new assignment will take effect on July 7, 2021. The new administrator who will replace me is Father Tony D'Souza, currently parochial vicar at St. Martin of Tours Church, Gaithersburg, MD.

My time as the pastor of St. Francis Xavier has been a wonderful experience. We priests don't get the opportunity to choose our parishes or the amount of time we spend in our parishes. But I firmly believe that God chose St. Francis for me and it has been a privilege to serve you. I leave St. Francis with a grateful heart and many treasured memories.

As I make the transition to my new parishes this summer, I humbly ask for your support and prayers. I will continue to keep you in my prayers and am grateful for all the kindness, love, and warmth you have given me over these past few years.

To view the Mass on YouTube where I made the announcement, please click:
<https://youtu.be/NzXarCURKhc?t=5514>

Your brother in Christ,

Father Mark Cusick