



July 18, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This letter is to inform you that Bishop Doherty and the Clergy Personnel Advisory Committee discerned that I am to continue in my assignment as pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

As previously announced, Fr. Daniel Gartland, Fr. James De Oreo, and Fr. Joseph Vargese Pappiah will be Parochial Vicars (Associate Pastors) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel beginning August 19, 2020. Please pray for them as well as our current associate pastors as they prepare to transition to their new ministries next month.

I take this mission quite seriously: a supernatural calling to work side by side with you to continue building beautiful things for God at our beloved parish and beyond. Obviously, this has been a difficult time for the Church in Carmel. It is my hope and prayer that my continued presence at Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be a healing balm.

During my time at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, I have been so humbled your constant support of me and our parish. As we move forward, I am hopeful this support will continue.

This weekend as we celebrate our patronal feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, I am asking the Blessed Mother to continue to guide, heal, and protect us!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Robert Doherty". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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