



February 12, 2021

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace of Christ! I hope and pray that you are doing well.

This week, there will be a conference call between Shalom Center's Chief of Staff, Bishop Vetter, and myself. We will wrap up final plans for my departure from here as I prepare to return to St. Richard Parish. I will most likely start the full weekend Mass schedule beginning on the first weekend of March. Thanks so much for your patience as I am to gradually prepare mind, body, and soul to serve you robustly. Thank you so much for your continued patience. This experience has been wonderful, thanks in large part to your prayers, notes, cards, and love of Christ.

You are all in my prayers every day and at Mass. Please keep me in yours as I'm very excited to be returning home to you.

I especially pray that you have a most blessed beginning of Lent. Many thanks to Deacon Doug, the staff at St. Richard, and those who have been helping with Communion Services during the week, which will continue until I return. I'm most grateful to Fr. Stan for doing great and holy work before my return.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

Fr. Raftis