

# Bishop Thanks Father Gino Donatelli, Remaining Jesuits for Service in Lexington Diocese

**LEXINGTON** — As Father Gino Donatelli, SJ, relocates to the Colombiere Jesuit Community in Clarkson, Michigan, as of March

5, Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington expressed his thanks to the Father Donatelli, as well as to the other Jesuits who will continue to serve within the diocese.



**Fr. Gino Donatelli, SJ, with cathedral rector Fr. Paul Prabell.** Photo: Maureen Guarnieri-Yeager

“Father Gino Donatelli has endeared himself to many people in the Diocese of Lexington during his many years of service and multiple ministries here. A farewell Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King last month drew a great crowd and lots of tearful best wishes,” said Bishop Stowe.

“I and the entire diocese are grateful to him, for the continuing presence of the Jesuits here and for all who have served here in the past.”

Due to Father Donatelli’s departure and the unexpected death of Father Robert Bueter, SJ, last December, the Jesuits will no longer maintain their residence at 2900 Candlelight Way in Lexington. Father Walt Bado, SJ, will continue to offer spiritual direction and sacramental ministry while residing at St. Peter’s in downtown Lexington. Father Al Fritsch, SJ, and Father Jack Kieffer, SJ, will also continue to serve in the diocese in their respective ministries. The local superior for the Jesuits serving in the Diocese of Lexington is now Father Walter Deye, SJ, who is superior of the Jesuits in Cincinnati.