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*To the Parishioners of  
St. Madeleine Sophie Parish, Bellevue*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to greet all of you today at St. Madeleine Sophie Parish in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

As your Archbishop, I have the important responsibility of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

At this time, I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Tony Bawyn as your Parish Priest beginning July 1. Father Bawyn is the Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese of Seattle and most recently was the Parish Priest of St. Anne Parish in Seattle for six years.

Loretta Sursely will remain the Pastoral Coordinator at St. Madeleine Sophie and provide for the day-to-day operations and pastoral care of the parish. Together they will make a great team and will have all the support necessary from the various archdiocesan offices.

I want to take this time to personally thank Father Sebastian Savarimuthu, H.G.N., for his priestly service these past four months! Please join me in keeping Father Sebastian in your prayers as he returns to India to receive his new assignment from his order.

Friends, I do not need to tell you that times of transition can be challenging. Under the leadership of Loretta and the fine parish and school staff, you have all kept the faith this year. I am confident that you will continue to be an example of this faithfulness as you receive Father Bawyn as your new Parish Priest.

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle