



+April 24 - 25, 2021

*To the Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish, Seattle
St. Therese Parish, Seattle*

Dear Friends,

I am happy today to greet all of you in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

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

At this time, I write to inform you that your parish will be entering a time of transition in pastoral leadership beginning July 1. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Richard "Woody" McCallister as your new Pastor. Presently, Father Woody is the Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Vancouver.

Father Woody is a wonderful priest who will serve you and your parish with good faith and dedication. Be assured that he will receive all of the support and assistance from the Archdiocese necessary to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish community, particularly as you navigate the strategic planning underway. At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Maurice Mamba for his wonderful service and leadership these last seven years as your Priest Administrator. We are delighted that his archbishop has recently approved an extension of his time with us, and I ask you to keep him in your prayers as he awaits a new assignment in the Archdiocese of Seattle that is to be announced at a later date.

Times of transition are challenging as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome a new pastoral leader. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Woody to your parish.

In the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Paul D. Etienne'.

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