

Many parishioners have asked what the next steps will be for Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish following Fr. Paul's departure at the end of June, including questions about who will be celebrating Mass and who will be providing leadership for the parish. We received the following information from Fr. Scheeler, who has been asked to share this update from the Archdiocese to clarify how pastoral coverage and parish leadership will be provided within our Family of Parishes—**including Our Mother of Perpetual Help**—beginning July 1, 2026. The message below from Monsignor Browne outlines the transition and identifies who will be responsible for the care of the parishes moving forward. Fr. Scheeler may be reached at 248-356-8787 or jscheeler@friars.us. Msgr. Brown may be reached at browne.ronald@aod.org

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Fr. Scheeler,

You can share the following with the parishioners at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish and Divine Providence Lithuanian Parish.

Due to the transitioning of priests in the "Family Sent on Mission" Family of Parishes, Archbishop Weisenburger has asked that on July 1, 2026, the Franciscan Friars at the Church of the Transfiguration, with the assistance of Fr. John Vandenakker, CC, to begin to care for all four parishes in the Family. Thus, as of July 1, 2026, the Franciscan Friars and Fr. Vandenakker will be responsible for the care of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Our Lady of La Salette Parish, Divine Providence Lithuanian Parish, and Transfiguration Parish.

Any questions about the care of the parishes in the "Family Sent of Mission" Family of Parishes can be directed to me.

Sincerely yours in Christ our Lord,
Monsignor Ronald T. Browne