



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of  
Immaculate Conception Parish, Arlington; St. Cecilia Parish, Stanwood;  
St. John Vianney Mission, Darrington; St. Mary Parish, Marysville*

Dear Friends,

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

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

Today, I write to inform you that your parish will be entering a time of transition in pastoral leadership beginning July 1, 2024. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Peter Mactutis as your new pastor and Father Rajasekar Savarimuthu, HGN, as your new parochial vicar. Presently, Father Mactutis is pastor of St. Mary Parish in Marysville. Father Savarimuthu is a Heralds of the Good News religious order priest from India. He currently serves as the priest administrator of Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission in Stevenson and St. Thomas of Aquinas Parish in Camas.

These men are wonderful priests who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that they will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family.

At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Tyler Johnson and Father Jan Lundberg, OCD, for their wonderful service and leadership. I ask you to please keep them in your prayers as they move forward in responding to God's call in his new assignments. Father Johnson will be a parochial vicar for the Whatcom County parish family while also being appointed chaplain for the Newman Center at Western Washington University. Father Lundberg will take a new assignment for the Discalced Carmelite Friars, who will be leaving the Archdiocese after 38 years of parish ministry at St. Cecilia Parish in Stanwood. The presence of Carmelite Friars has been a tremendous blessing to the Archdiocese of Seattle, and we thank all the friars who have served over the years for their commitment and zeal for the Gospel.

Times of transition can be challenging, especially as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome new pastoral leaders. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish and the Catholic Church of Western Washington. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Mactutis and Father Savarimuthu to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul D. Etienne".

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