



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of
St. Brendan Parish, Bothell
St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Woodinville*

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 Nick Wichert as your pastor and Father Peter Adoko-Enchill as your parochial vicar. As you may know, Father Wichert is the pastor of St. Brendan Parish in Bothell. Presently, Father Adoko-Enchill is the priest administrator of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish in Port Townsend.

These men are wonderful priests who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that they will receive 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 Ramon Santa Cruz for his wonderful service and leadership these last three years as the pastor of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Woodinville. I ask you to please keep him in your prayers as he moves forward in responding to God's call in his new assignment as parochial vicar of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Sammamish, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Snoqualmie and St. Joseph Parish in Issaquah.

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 Wichert and Father Adoko-Enchill to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

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