



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of  
Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Seattle  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Seattle  
St. Anne Parish, Seattle*

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 Patrick Freitag as your new pastor and Father Dominic Bao Tran, CSsR, as your new parochial vicar. Presently, Father Freitag is the parochial vicar at Holy Innocents Parish in Duvall and St. Jude Parish in Redmond. Father Dominic Bao Tran, CSsR, is currently in residence at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Seattle.

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 Phil Raether, Father Quy Duong, CSsR, and Father Colin Parrish 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 their new assignments. Father Phil Raether will be the parochial vicar for Prince of Peace Mission in Belfair, St. Gabriel Parish in Port Orchard and St. Nicholas Parish in Gig Harbor. Father Quy Duong, CSsR, will take on a new appointment with the Redemptorists. Father Colin Parrish will be the pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Benedict Parish and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Seattle.

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 Freitag and Father Tran to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne".

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