

The Tri-Parishes of Dorchester
St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Peter & Holy Family Parishes

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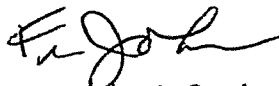
Dear Parishioners of the Tri-Parishes,

For a few months, I have been involved in a conversation about the future of the Tri-Parishes of Dorchester, as you have come to know St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Peter and Holy Family Parishes. St. Patrick Parish in Roxbury has also been part of the conversation. The discussion was initiated by Fr. Jack Ahern's request to resign as Administrator of St. Patrick and to be reassigned to another parish. This discussion then broadened into a wider conversation about how the Archdiocese could best serve the people of the four parishes in light of the pastoral plan – *Disciples in Mission*. As such, Cardinal Sean recently approved a reconfiguration of the four parishes, along with new assignments in leadership.

As of August 1, I will become the Pastor of a new collaboration of Tri-Parishes – St. Peter, Holy Family and St. Patrick. As of September 1, Fr. John Ronaghan will be the new Administrator of St. Teresa of Calcutta, which will stand alone as a parish. Fr. Ronaghan is a native son of St. Margaret Parish. The intention of these moves is to more effectively position the four parishes for the work of evangelization, taking into account the uniqueness of each place, the distinct gifts and backgrounds of their people and the dynamics of their neighborhoods. For example, with the pairing of Holy Family and St. Patrick, there is an opportunity for two faith-filled Hispanic communities to work more closely with each other. Or, with St. Teresa of Calcutta being a stand-alone parish, the opportunity exists for greater outreach to the growing young adult population of the neighborhood and to potentially collaborate with St. Christopher Parish, which is also getting new leadership.

As I write this letter to you, especially the people of St. Teresa of Calcutta, I do so with gratitude for the blessings you have bestowed upon me during the short time I have been with you. I ask for your prayers for the new endeavor all four parishes will undertake, as well as for your cooperation as we seek to serve the Lord and the mission He has given us captured in the Great Commandments. No doubt, this short letter does not explain every issue we will need to address about this transition or answer every question which will arise. Please know I will offer more details over the coming weeks and am available to answer any questions you might have.

God Bless,



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Administrator