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*To the Parishioners of
St. Thomas Aquinas, Camas, and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Stevenson*

Dear Friends,

I greet you all today in the name of the Lord Jesus!

Last month I shared with you that given the unprecedented delays with our immigration services, Father Raja would need to return home to India before his R1 Visa expires. I also shared with you that we are committed to him as we await the final response from Immigration for his permanent residency. It is my expectation that he will be back as your priest administrator once again. I also shared with you that I would reach out to you again once we determined a replacement pastoral leader for your parish.

I am happy to share with you today that, in consultation with my Priest Personnel Board, I have decided to appoint Mrs. Lorrie Conway as the Pastoral Coordinator for the parish and mission and Father Jim Mylet as the Parish Priest, effective December 1, 2020. You all know Lorrie, and I cannot think of a better person to “hold down the fort” while Father Raja is away. Likewise, we recently were contacted by Father Jim Mylet, a Maryknoll Priest, requesting work as a priest in the Archdiocese so he could be near his family in Oregon as he approaches retirement. Father Jim grew up in St. Margaret Parish in Seattle and as a young man was called by the Lord Jesus to be a priest and serve as a missionary. We are happy to welcome Father Jim home to serve among us and to minister as your parish priest. In this arrangement, Lorrie will be your pastoral administrator and take care of the day-to-day operation of the parish, while Father Jim will provide for the sacramental and pastoral care to you all. I believe they will make a great team until the time Father Raja returns.

I want to end by personally thanking each of you. You have endured the sudden departure of your beloved priest administrator amidst this tumultuous year of civil unrest and pandemic. I know that this is because of your rootedness in the Lord Jesus, and ask that you open your arms to Him as you welcome Father Jim and support Lorrie in this new role. I keep you in my daily prayers. I am counting on your prayers as well.

As always, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,

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