

Dear Quad Parish Parishioners,

I hope you are doing well! I am sure that by now many of you are beginning to get stir crazy. I know that I am, and I can't wait to be with you in person again soon. Thank you to those of you who have reached out to offer prayers and support as we are all longing for our churches to reopen, and thank you to those of you who have tuned in to our virtual Masses and other virtual opportunities. We will continue to reach out in any way that we can until we can all be back together in person.

It is with very mixed emotions that I write to inform you that I am being transferred to a new parish on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We tried very hard to be able to make this announcement in person, but unfortunately that was not possible. As an Associate Pastor, I expected this day to come, and I know that many of you did as well. However, it is hard to believe that the time has already come.

I cannot begin to express how much I have loved my time at the Quad Parishes. My deepest gratitude goes out to Fr. Dave, the amazing Quad Parish Staff Members with whom I have been privileged to serve, and, of course, to all of you. To put it simply, I have been blown away by all of you time and time again. Your desire to grow closer to Our Lord, your care for one another as a parish family, your dedication and willingness to serve our parishes, and your prayers and support (and patience) as I have learned and grown in my first years of priesthood are just a few examples.

It will be very hard for me to leave, but I am also excited for what is ahead. The details of the new assignment that Bishop Ricken has given me are not yet finalized, but I will share them with you as soon as I can. My replacement at the Quad Parishes will be a very carefully chosen international priest. There is a long history of priests starting out their priesthoods at the Quad Parishes. You have been so good to all of us, and I know that this will continue.

I know that it is never easy to change priests, but of course we still have two-and-a-half months together! As always, I am available by phone and email, which are both on the parish website and in the bulletin, but I am also very hopeful that I will be able to see all of you in person again before I go. I love you all and will treasure the time I have been privileged to spend with you. Know always of my prayers, and most importantly know that God is spending every second of every day trying to tell you how much He loves you. Never stop trying to love Him back!

God bless you all,

Fr. Greg Parent