



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of
Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds
St. Thomas More Parish, Lynnwood*

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 Matthew O'Leary as your pastor and Father Stephen Okumu as your parochial vicar. Presently, Father O'Leary is the pastor of Holy Rosary Parish and Father Okumu is the pastor of St. Thomas More Parish.

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.

Times of transition can be challenging. 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 O'Leary and Father Okumu 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