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Divine Mercy Sunday

Dear Parishioners of St. Peter,

Our celebration of Easter should always remind us of our new life in Christ. We experience that new life in many ways, ranging from the extraordinary witness of those who entered the Church at Easter to the more ordinary witness of those who day-in-and-day-out remind us of the presence of the Risen Christ in the way in which they show us their care, concern, and compassion. One of those daily witnesses to the Risen Christ at St. Peter's has been your pastor, Father Ettore Ferrario. I have been enriched by his example and missionary spirit.

I write to share with you that Father Ettore, while very much committed to this parish, has asked to step down from his role as pastor, effective July 1, 2022, and I have agreed to his request. In dialogue with his Superiors, he has discerned that the Lord is calling him to dedicate himself more fully to the fields of faith formation and education. I fully support this decision and am delighted that Fr. Ettore will continue to work at St. Peter's, focusing on faith formation and teaching part-time in your excellent school. I wish him well in a ministry that promises to be life-giving for him and the parish.

I am pleased to announce that Fr. Ettore's community, the Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo, has presented another priest, Fr. José Cortes, to serve as pastor of St. Peter's. Portuguese by birth, Fr. José has been based in the United States, serving as a pastor at a parish in the Archdiocese of Washington and as chaplain at the Saint John Paul II Shrine in that same Archdiocese. I trust that you will welcome Fr. José as you have Frs. Ettore, Pietro, Stefano and Paolo, who will all be remaining here at Saint Peter's.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for your parish in this Easter Season.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis