



+April 30 – May 1, 2022

*To the Parishioners of
St. Theresa Parish, Federal Way*

Dear Friends,

I am happy today to greet all of you at St. Theresa Parish in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Jay Bonete as your new Priest Administrator.

As you know, Father Jay is a wonderful priest who will serve you and your parish with good faith and dedication. Be assured that he will receive all the support and assistance from the Archdiocese necessary to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish community as your day-to-day pastoral leader. At the same time, I want to personally thank Linda DeMarce for her wonderful service and leadership these last 16 years as your pastoral coordinator. As I wrote to her in October when she expressed her wish to retire, I have profound esteem and gratitude for her servant leadership. I ask you to keep Linda in prayer as she moves forward in responding to God's call in new ways and focuses on her family.

Times of transition are challenging, as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome a new pastoral leader. However, given your familiarity with Father Jay Bonete, I am confident that this will be a time of immense blessing as you welcome him as your new priest administrator.

With prayerful best wishes, 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