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Dear Parishioners of St. Mary and St. Nicholas,

Thank you for your patience as you have awaited information about pastor placement since the announcement of your new parish structure in January. At this time, I ask for your continued patience as the Priests' Placement Board and I continue our collective discernment of the best candidate to recommend to Cardinal Cupich. The Board and I appreciated the information we received through the priest placement consultation process in early February when we met with members of your parish staffs and leadership. Our goal is to ensure the placement we will recommend to Cardinal Cupich will be fruitful for your uniting communities and for those who will serve your united parish.

Please know of my deep gratitude to Father Baldonieri and Father McCray for their leadership and generous service to your communities. Each has received a new assignment beginning July 1, 2022. Father Baldonieri will serve the united Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish in Morton Grove and Niles. Father McCray will serve St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills. Please pray for them as they continue to minister with you and prepare to transition to their new assignments on July 1.

Your communities remain in my prayer during these months of transition. Please also pray for me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark A. Bartosic'.

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