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*To the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist Parish, Covington*

Dear Friends,

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

As Archbishop, I have the important responsibility of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

At this time, I write to inform you that your parish will be entering a time of transition in pastoral leadership beginning July 1. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father William McKee as your new Pastor. Presently, Father McKee is the Pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Federal Way.

Father Bill is a wonderful priest who will serve you and your parish with good faith and dedication. Be assured that he will receive all of the support and assistance from the Archdiocese necessary to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish community. At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Jim Coyne for his wonderful service and leadership these last 19 years as your Pastor! I ask you to keep him in your prayers as he moves forward in this well-deserved time of senior priest status.

Times of transition are challenging as we prepare to say good-bye to a familiar presence and welcome a new pastoral leader. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Bill McKee to your parish.

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