



Divine Mercy Parish

St. Ann
Grantsville, MD

St. Joseph
Midland, MD

St. Michael
Frostburg, MD

St. Peter
Westernport, MD

October 5, 2022

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

I am writing to you today to share some important news for me and for Divine Mercy Parish. I have written Archbishop Lori requesting retirement and he has granted my request. The effective date for my retirement will be June 30, 2023, just eight months from now. My reasons for requesting retirement are that I will be 72 years old in June of 2023 and I will have been pastor here for 11 years. I believe we – you and I – have accomplished much in these 11 years. I also believe it is time for a new pastor to come in with fresh ideas and a new perspective, someone who can lead us into the next 10 years. It continues to be a blessing for me to be your pastor! You have been and are my family and I am grateful for your presence in my life. I would like at this point in my life to have some time to slow down and enjoy life a little more!

It is my plan to stay in the area and help with Masses in our 4 churches on a regular basis. I am certainly willing to assist our new pastor as he gets acclimated to our parish. When I hear more from the Archdiocese about the next steps in assigning us a new pastor, I will let you know what they are.

In the meantime, we still have a lot to accomplish to continue to make Divine Mercy Parish a wonderful spiritual home for the people in our area!

Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I begin to move into a new phase of my life and ministry! You are always in my thoughts and prayers as well. I pray that God will guide all of us as we begin this important transition in the life of our parish.

May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward S. Hendricks

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