



+ April 24 – 25, 2021

*To the Parishioners of
St. Anthony Parish, Renton*

Dear Friends,

I am happy today to greet all of you at St. Anthony 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.

I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Tom Belleque as your new Pastor, effective July 1. Presently, Father Belleque is the Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Vancouver.

Father Belleque 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 Jack Shrum for his wonderful service and leadership these last six years as your Pastor. I ask you to keep him in your prayers as he moves forward in responding to God's call to the monastic life by entering Mount Angel Abbey later this summer. He has given himself faithfully since his ordination 13 years ago and will continue to have a family of faith and support here in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Additionally, I want to extend my appreciation to Father Xavier Bazil, HGN, who I have asked to remain another year as your Parochial Vicar.

Times of transition are challenging, as we prepare to say goodbye 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 Tom Belleque to your parish.

In the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle