



+April 24 - 25, 2021

*To the Parishioners of
Queen of Angels Parish, Port Angeles
St. Joseph Parish, Sequim
St. Anne Parish, Forks
St. Thomas the Apostle Mission, Clallam Bay*

Dear Friends,

I am happy today to greet all of you 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 parishes and mission will be coming together under one pastoral leader beginning July 1. As a result of this new configuration, sacramental and pastoral ministry needs for St. Thomas the Apostle Mission in Clallam Bay are currently being studied by the Strategic Planning Committee in communication with the Olympic Deanery. Reduction in ministry in Clallam Bay will most likely take place as part of this configuration. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Randy Guarino as your new Priest Administrator and Father Naresh Gali as your new Parochial Vicar. Presently, Father Guarino is the Priest Administrator at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Port Townsend. Father Gali, a priest of the Diocese of Nellore, India, is still in the process of receiving an R1 Visa to arrive in time for a July 1 start date.

Father Guraino and Father Gali are wonderful priests who will serve you and your parish with good faith and dedication. Be assured that they 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 Cathy Wiswell and Father Leonardo Pestaño for their wonderful service as your pastoral coordinator and parish priest. Consistent with her servant heart, Cathy is ready to move back into the role of regional administrator, which now extends to the west end. Father Leonardo will move forward in responding to God's call in his new assignment as Priest Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Vancouver. Finally, I want to personally thank Father Francis Arulappan, HGN, for his tremendous service these past four years to Grays Harbor, Forks and Clallam Bay.

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 Randy Guarino and Father Naresh Gali to your parishes.

In the Heart of Christ,

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