



May 13, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Parish of Saint Peter,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled (John 14:1).” Jesus’ first words in the Gospel for this Fifth Sunday of Easter are fitting as I share with you the news that as of July 1, the pastoral care of the Church of Saint Peter will be provided by the Priestly Fraternity of the Missionaries of Saint Charles Borromeo. The Fraternity – as it is known – is an international religious order of some 130 priests and dozens of seminarians, based in Italy. While the Fraternity will be serving you, your school and your community, Saint Peter will continue to be an important parish of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

While I am grateful to Father Deziel and Father Northenscold for their exceptional service and leadership here at Saint Peter, I am confident that the presence of the priests of the Fraternity will not only be a blessing to the Archdiocese but also greatly benefit your parish and help you continue your growth and outreach to your fellow parishioners and those in need in your community. You may find more information on the Fraternity by going to their website, [www.sancarolo.org/en](http://www.sancarolo.org/en).

You may wonder how and why this change came about. Some time ago, at the recommendation of Cardinal O’Malley, the Archbishop of Boston, the Fraternity contacted me to offer its help to this local Church. Bishop Cozzens and I were both familiar with the Fraternity when we were living in Rome and we were delighted by the possibility of welcoming such fine priests into the Archdiocese. They were looking for a stable parish with a commitment to both Catholic education and evangelization.

After consultation with the Archdiocesan Clergy Assignment Board, a few visits to the Archdiocese, and discussions with leaders at a number of parishes, there was agreement that St. Peter would be the best fit. I am thrilled that as of July 1, two priests from the Fraternity, Father Ettore Ferrario and Father Pietro Rossotti, will be working with your existing parish staff and leadership to provide for both the sacramental and administrative needs of your parish community. A third priest, Father Daniele Scorrano, will be arriving in the fall.

Father Ettore will serve as pastor and Father Pietro will serve as Superior of the Community. They are passionate men of prayer who have distinguished themselves in their commitment to bringing Christ to the modern world, and who are looking forward to accompanying each of you by sharing your struggles, joys and questions. In the United

States, Father Ettore has served at parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington and the Archdiocese of Denver, and has taught at a number of Catholic schools. Father Pietro has been a highly respected seminary professor at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Maryland. This will be Father Daniele's first assignment in the United States. All three are from Italy.

Because you may have questions and concerns about this change, a number of parish town hall meetings are being offered. Those times and locations are listed in this week's bulletin.

Please know of my prayers for you and your parish during this time of transition and my gratitude for your faithfulness to Christ and His Church. I hope that you will join me in showing your gratitude to Father Deziel and Father Northenscold, and I trust that you will welcome the priests of the Fraternity with the warmth that has always characterized the Church of St. Peter.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Bernard A. Hebda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis