

From Ron Ryan and Fr. Tony Bawyn

Dear Parishioners,

Earlier this year I [*Ron*] informed Archbishop Sartain that I would be resigning my appointment as Pastoral Coordinator as of June 30th. After thirteen years, I feel strongly that it is time for new leadership here at St. Anne and that the parish would benefit from someone with new vision, new ideas, and new energy. To avoid any rumors, I want to emphasize that my decision was not prompted by health concerns; my prognosis continues to be very good. Nor am I retiring. Beginning July 1, I will be working with the Archdiocese conducting retreats, leadership development and other programs.

With my resignation, Archbishop Sartain has chosen to appoint a Priest Administrator to lead St. Anne. The new Priest Administrator will be Fr. Colin Parrish who is currently Parochial Vicar at St. Luke Parish in Shoreline, and chaplain at Bishop Blanchet High School. Fr. Parrish's first weekend here will be July 6-7.

Ron's leaving and the appointment of Father Parrish means that, after six years, I [*Fr. Tony*] will also be leaving St. Anne. I will continue in my role as Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese, but will be assisting at other parishes for sacramental ministry. The archbishop has also granted me a sabbatical (the first in my 37 years of priesthood) beginning in September. During that time I will be studying at my alma mater, the Catholic University of Louvain in Leuven, Belgium. I will be sharing more information about my plans in the weeks ahead.

We [*Ron and Fr. Tony*] have both been blessed to minister here at St. Anne. Change is always difficult, but it also provides great opportunity for growth—for us as individuals and for the community. We are confident that God's presence and grace will be with St. Anne through this transition and into the future. Let's pray for one another, that these changes may bring us all to a deeper faith and trust in our Lord.

In Christ,
Ron Ryan

Fr. Tony Bawyn