

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



It was no secret that my twelve years as Pastor here were due to conclude at the end of June this year.

I would have liked to stay on, but found out this past Tuesday, March 21st, that I will be moving from Our Lady Mother of the Church. The Lord must have a sense of humor, because March 21st is the feast day of St. Cambiagio, which means change.

My phone and inbox have blown up since Tuesday, as many of you reached out to me, here are some of the messages:

“Oh no, what a sad day for OLMC”

“I heard the news; I can’t believe it”

“I am so sorry to hear of your transfer, it upsets me, is there nothing we can do?”

“Heart breaking, we are praying for you”

“I’m so sad and devastated, my husband said when u leave, he’s not going to church anymore, he’s sooo angry”

“Very upset, this whole thing sux”

“We need to revolt”

But the truth, and we all know it, is that our Faith acts at a deeper level than our feelings. Our faith tells us that our life does not belong to us, that we are not in control, that we are pilgrims, called not to hold on to our desires and wishes, but to follow the footsteps of Christ.

My priesthood does not belong to me, our life is not our own. As hard as it is humanly speaking, there is a spiritual dimension which allows us to be in peace, and not only accept, but embrace the will of God.

Let’s work together these last few that remain to continue to build the future for our wonderful parish. As you know, Bishop Michael Saporito will be here this Saturday 25th for the 5:30pm Mass. Let’s not pelt him with tomatoes, but welcome him. Let’s put down our swords and pick up our ploughshares.