

I would like to say today that after a long time of prayer and reflection, and in consultation with my spiritual director, counselor and provincial, I will be stepping down as pastor at the end of July. With the support of the Vincentians, I will be taking an extended leave to reflect upon my next steps and to discern where the Holy Spirit is calling me.

This is my own voluntary decision which was difficult to make, and which has weighed on me, but it is necessary for me to step back to more clearly understand where God is calling me to grow personally and professionally, without the many demands of active ministry.

One of the hardest parts of this decision is that I would be leaving all of you. I have been so blessed to walk with you during these eight years, in the good and the bad, the joys and the sorrows. I thank you so much for welcoming me and supporting me, and helping me to grow. Although I'm sad to say goodbye, I am consoled that my prayer and heart tells me this is the right decision for me.

I have the utmost confidence that you will continue to make this community even more dynamic and welcoming than it is today. You will continue to serve the poor and marginalized with great zeal and love. This is a wonderful community and I have been so lucky to have spent this time with you. I am so grateful for all of our wonderful staff whose gifts and talent help bring to bear our mission. None of what we do here would be possible without them as well. May God continue to bless you.