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My dear sisters and brothers,

After close to 12 years at Ann Parish and School, Bishop Barbarito asked me to consider moving to St. Joan of Arc Parish in Boca Raton. After discerning carefully, prayerfully, in obedience to our Bishop, and the needs of the Diocese, I will be leaving St. Ann Parish and School early February. However, my pastorate at St. Joan of Arc will officially begin on January 1, 2023.

Please know, that I will remain eternally grateful to God for giving me the honor and privilege to be able to serve this amazing and beautiful community. I have considered my time here a true blessing from God. Your support and love have made a big difference in my life and priesthood. I will miss you a lot. From the bottom of my heart, I sincerely thank you for everything you have done for St. Ann Parish, School and St. Ann Place.

While change is never easy, I believe that this is the best time to make this transition to a new parish. With your help, commitment, and stewardship, St. Ann Parish and School are in great shape financially, and in so many ways. The school has the highest enrollment in decades. I envision that the parish will continue to grow as more condos and apartments are built in our vicinity. It is and will be an exciting time for St. Ann Parish and School in downtown West Palm Beach.

I hope to share the name of the new incoming pastor very soon. The Bishop has assured me that it will be one of our finest priest. I ask you to support, encourage, and love him as you have done with me. For that, I will be eternally grateful.

Lastly, I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I prepare to venture into this new chapter in my life and move to St. Joan of Arc Parish. I believe it is not coincidental that it was there that my journey with the Church in the Diocese of Palm Beach began over 31 years ago. I was assigned to St. Joan of Arc as a seminarian and later as a deacon. It was there that I celebrated my first Mass as a priest. So, in a sense, I'm going back home.

I will continue to raise my prayers to heaven for you, my dear and beloved brothers and sisters. You have touched me profoundly. Again, thank you for these amazing 12 years. God Bless you and hold you in the palm of His hands.

With my love and gratitude in Christ,



Father Nestor Rodriguez

Pastor

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