

From the Parson's Quill

From our Archives



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At this time I no longer write as temporary shepherd but as the permanent one, as long as God continues to call me to serve among you. It was in the month of November that the Bishop phoned to say that the selection committee had recommended that I be appointed the next parish priest for St. Michael and All Angels and that he was in agreement. Accepting the appointment, I was almost immediately filled with a sense of unspeakable gratitude.

Considering those who have gone before me, previous rectors of St. Michael's, who worked so hard to build up the kingdom of God in this place, I am also humbled as I become one who is numbered with them. I am thankful that God has seen fit to call me to continue this work among you. In one of the cards or greetings I received at the time of my induction I read something that said that God was preparing me for this place *and* that God was preparing this place for me. Although I have been thinking and praying about how God might be preparing me, to be reminded that God has also prepared the parish was an important detail to be conscious of. Of course, God has prepared us to work together on His mission and to fulfil His purpose. With great joy I look ahead to discerning further what we are being called to as a parish in this place, at this time.

My prayer is that The Lord will continue to perform His mighty works among us and shine his light through us. I write this on the day we commemorate Timothy and Titus, Paul's helpers and companions in the spreading of the good news about Jesus Christ. I contemplate the efforts of Paul in recognizing and choosing young leaders and training them to become leaders with him, building up the church, teaching the Gospel and offering guidance for Christian living. Our parish is strong in lay leadership. I hope to see more and more of our "elders", our more mature leaders, taking younger ones under their wing and helping to raise up more leaders among us. We must all continue from where we are now to grow and mature in faith. Let us each find our best ways of becoming involved according to our gifts and talents. And together in the strength of the joy of the Lord we will continue in ministry together.

May His light shine in your lives for these times.

With love in Our Lord's Service,

Rev. Michelle

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