

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

As I approach my 8th year with you, I find myself reflective of our time together. I am thankful that we have accomplished much as a church family, and we have loved one another. We have worked thru our many ministries in the community and inside the church. During my sabbatical, beginning with my Credo, I asked hard questions about past, present, and future. I asked Lord, “why do I exist”? as I have asked you to do personally and as a parish. And I asked where do wish to use me in the days to come? The answer came back, with time and clarity, with wise counsel, that my future will rest on a fruitful and loving time with you and a transition to my origins and family in SC. I have spoken with the Bishop, Canons, and those in authority in making this decision, and shared with the Wardens recently and the Vestry even more recently. Now, my dear friends I announce to you that I will officially retire effective March 1st of this year, 2023. The Vestry has given formal consent to my resignation. I will work tirelessly for a smooth transition to your new leader, leaving things in goodly order. I will check off every list to make this time we have together as fruitful as possible and leave you with my love and thanks for your care, love, and devotion these past 8 years. Although I will, beginning March 1st, 2023, be unable to provide any pastoral or priestly support, a part of my heart will always be with you.

I pray for continued abundant blessings for you, the faithful people of Holy Trinity.

With love and thanksgiving,

Faithfully submitted on this 22nd day of January 2023

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