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Dear Parishioners,

As you know, I have been undergoing treatments since February for Stage Four Gastric Cancer. This present set of treatments will extend through the end of August, 2019. At that time, an evaluation will be made as to the future course of care.

I have served Sacred Heart for these past 32 years and will be blessed to celebrate on May 3 my 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Thinking about my age and the future treatments that I will have to undergo, I have made the decision to retire on June 30, 2019. I will, however, be remaining in residence at Sacred Heart Rectory with the permission of the Archbishop.

A new pastor will be named shortly to assume the leadership of the parish as of July 1, 2019. I know that the Archbishop is seeking to appoint an able and gifted priest to pastor this parish, and I look forward to working with him in this period of transition.

I will be celebrating a final Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 19, 2019 with a luncheon reception following in the Parish Hall. I hope that you will be able to attend.

I thank you for the many good memories of these past 32 years, your prayerful support, and the many ways in which you have sought to share your faith in building up this parish community.

May God bless you and continue to bring to completion the good work he has begun in you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Lloyd E. Aiken

Pastor