

**To be read at only at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, immediately after the general letter is read.**

March 2, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle,

Peace and blessings to you.

In addition to the letter you just received, I want to publicly thank Fr. Mark Cote for his dedication and service as Pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Parish. I also express my gratitude for his collaboration throughout this restructuring process.

In consultation with the Priest Personnel Board and after prayerful discernment, beginning July 1, 2024, I have officially assigned Fr. Cote as the new pastor of St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge.

Please join me in thanking Fr. Cote for his pastoral leadership at St. Paul the Apostle and in congratulating him on his new assignment. Let's continue to pray for him and each other during this transition.

May God bless you always.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet