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Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
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Dear Father Chris and Parishioners of the South London Catholic Family of Parishes,

I recently received a letter from Father Mario Cabal, S.J., informing me of his decision not to continue parish ministry in the Diocese of London so that he can pursue Doctoral Studies. He has received the approval of his Jesuit Superior from Colombia, Father Herman Rodríguez, S.J. As of 11 September 2022, therefore, Father Mario will no longer be your Associate Pastor.

I was saddened to hear the news of Father Mario's decision to leave parish ministry in our diocese. Father Mario has served well as a priest in our diocese over the past three years. His ministry among us has been excellent. I join with you and your parishioners in thanking Father Mario. As he leaves us, we support him with our good wishes, and we pray that God will bless him abundantly as he pursues further studies so as to serve the people of God.

At this time, we are seeking to find a priest who speaks Spanish fluently to replace Father Mario. Until we find such a priest, our plan is to support your Family of Parishes with the help of retired priests from our diocese and other priests who are able to serve the parishioners, particularly the Hispanic community in their language.

I want to assure you, Father Chris, of my prayers and my gratitude for your generous service to our people as pastor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London

c: Rev. Mario Cabal, S.J.