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Dear friends – Peace of Christ!

I wish my schedule would allow me to be with you in person today, because I have some hard news to share.

As you may know, the number of Jesuits is declining, both worldwide and in our province. After much prayer and discussion, I have reached the difficult decision to withdraw Jesuits from St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish.

After June 30, 2023, St. Ignatius of Loyola will no longer be a Jesuit parish. The parish will continue but will no longer be a ministry of the Society of Jesus.

This is not an action I take lightly. This decision comes only after many years of discernment and conversations. The province created an apostolic plan in 2020 that calls for reducing the number of Jesuit parishes as one way of dealing with the twin realities of over-extension and smaller numbers. But still, this is a painful decision for us Jesuits, as I know it will be for you.

I want to thank my brother Jesuits who have ministered to you so well over the years, especially your current pastor, Fr. Dirk Dunfee and associate pastor, Fr. Pat Quinn. I know they care deeply about you and your community.

Thank you, too, to the staff and all the volunteers who contribute so much to making this the welcoming, faith-filled community that it is.

And, finally, I want to thank you for the ways you have supported the Jesuits. As we prepare to depart, please be assured that St. Ignatius Loyola Parish continues to hold a very special place in our hearts and in our prayers. We will do everything we can to support you during this time of transition. I pray that God will continue to bless each of you and your parish as you begin this new chapter.

In Christ,

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