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The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you with gratitude and hope as we continue to walk together in faith as a diocesan family.

I am deeply thankful for the faithful service of Father John Kleinwachter and the many ways he has ministered to you with dedication and pastoral care. Please join me in offering prayers of thanksgiving for his priestly service.

Looking ahead, I wish to share that your new pastor, effective July 1, will be Father Xavier Ilango, who is currently ministering in Warren, Euclid, and Oslo. I am grateful for Father Ilango's willingness to serve and ask you to keep him in your prayers as he prepares to join you.

May the Lord continue to bless your parishes, and may the Holy Spirit guide you during this time of transition. Please know of my prayers for you.

Sincerely, in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "+ Andrew H. Cozzens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small cross symbol preceding the name.

The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D. D.
Bishop of Crookston