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Appointed Administrator

As announced last week at the Masses, I have been officially appointed as “Parish Administrator” of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. As you remember, a few months ago, I arrived temporarily, but God’s plans were different, and He always surprises us. As they say: if you want God to laugh, tell Him your plans!

Also, as of July 1st another priest will be taking care of Our Lady of Refuge. I am very happy to know that I will be staying here with all of you. Since my arrival, I felt very welcome at this Parish. I desire to serve all of you and to pray with you and for you. Many of you have seen many pastors arrive and leave. Each one was different, with some talents or gifts, but also with shortcomings as we all have. My case will not be different!

When talking to people, many introduce themselves saying to me: “I know you are very busy.” In saying this, they intend to say that they feel sorry or think they are interrupting me. Please never think this way! I am here for you, and personal appointments and talking to you pastorally is my first duty and priority. That being said, yes, each priest in the parish has one day off, and as you may understand, the parish and our help to other ministries in the Archdiocese could take a good portion of my time. In summary, don’t ever avoid to come to me because you think that I am busy, rather I will get busy if I am not talking to you.

If you want to talk to me, the easiest way to get an appointment is to call the office and talk to the secretary. She has access to my calendar and can manage to schedule you at the moment which is most convenient for you. You can also ask me directly, and if I have my calendar with me, I will be happy to give you an appointment.

BUT, there is one exception! If you need a confession, just approach me at any time you see me. If I can’t hear your confession at that very moment, I promise to tell you when is my next available time.

Finally, please pray for me, and if you see something from me that you don’t like... tell me. I would prefer to hear it directly from you.

God bless,
Father José Félix