



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 3, 2019

Reverend Bruce Powers
Church of Saint Kilian
485 Conklin Street
Farmingdale, New York 11735

Dear Father Powers:

This will confirm your retirement from active priestly ministry and pastor of the Church of Saint Kilian in Farmingdale effective June 26, 2019.

Reverend Monsignor Thomas C. Costa, Vicar for Senior Priests, will be in contact with you to discuss your plans. I have also asked Ms. Patricia Kerner, Director of Human Resources, to inform you of the retirement benefits to which you are entitled under our Diocesan Plan. I trust that these benefits will assist you to continue to live the ongoing years of your priesthood in the dignity and with the respect to which you are entitled.

You have served the Church generously for 46 years. Priestly goodness and dedication have marked your service to the Diocese of Rockville Centre as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip; Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park; Saint Anthony of Padua, East Northport; Saint Rose of Lima, Massapequa; Associate Chaplain and Chaplain for the Suffolk County Police; Pastor of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville; Saint Patrick, Bay Shore; Ss. Peter and Paul, Manorville and Saint Kilian Farmingdale.

May Christ the Good Shepherd continue to fill you with zeal for priestly service. I pray that the Lord will bless you with health and peace in your retirement.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

cc: Most Reverend Richard G. Henning
Reverend Edward Sheridan
Reverend Monsignor Thomas C. Costa
Ms. Patricia Kerner