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To the Parishioners of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale NJ

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

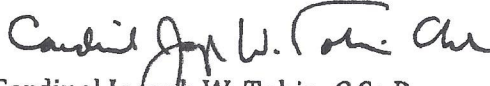
Serving as Archbishop of Newark offers abundant blessings. One privileged moment is visiting parishes and engaging with the people. When I visited Guardian Angel Parish in March of this year, I saw the signs of a great community and noted your love for your pastor, Father Charlie Pinyan as well as the other priests who serve you. That love is certainly mutual, for the grace conveyed in the Sacrament of Holy Orders allows a priest to enter into a unique and deeply loving relationship with the people he serves. Your unmistakable affection for Father Charlie gave witness to the grace of Holy Orders as it is lived out each day by your pastor.

After prayerful consideration and consultation, I have asked Father Charlie assume a new service in the Archdiocese as my Vicar for Clergy. Father will work closely with me and others to support the ministry and life of priests in the Archdiocese. For such crucial mission, I looked for a priest with a pastor's heart, who loves his vocation, understands parish life, and can support his brothers in ministry. Father Charlie fit that description perfectly.

One of the most traumatic experiences that can happen to a parish is a change in leadership. I understand your sorrow at the transfer of your long-serving pastor. I also recognize the grief felt by Father Charlie, since I too have had to leave communities that I loved in order to assume a new responsibility in the Church. I hope the members of your parish will commission Father Charlie like the first Christian did with missionaries like Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13, 1-3) and assure him of the support of your prayer.

I have your spiritual wellbeing in my heart as we provide for a new pastor. Be assured of my prayers for you and all the people of Guardian Angel Parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,


Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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