

From the Pastor



A couple of weeks ago I went to see our bishop of Joliet to talk to him about my health issues and personal matters that I am going through. I shared with him how they have recently affected my dedication and effectiveness of my work as a pastor. I explained the challenges I have been trying to face and how they negatively influenced the wellbeing of my body and spirit. He agreed that their impact has been severe; therefore my situation needs immediate adjustment.

He offered me help which I definitely need in order to continue to be a good leader as well as being able to manage stress in a healthy way. I was offered an opportunity to take some time off and go on medical leave until I get back fully on my feet. As much as I hate to leave St. Boniface Parish for a couple of months, I am so grateful for this opportunity.

I am going, then, on a medical leave to let the specialists in healing of body and spirit take care of my health in order for me to return stronger and better prepared to face various challenges of life - professional and personal.

In the meantime, St. Boniface and St. Paul's are not going to be left without a leader. Bishop Conlon appointed Fr. Tomy Chellehandalhil, CMI, to be a temporary administrator of both parishes effective this Monday, January 29th. Please welcome him with open hearts as he generously accepted this assignment.

I don't know exactly how long my medical leave will take, but I hope to be back soon to active ministry. Please, pray for me as I look forward to my healing.

+ Father Roger