



DIocese of Superior
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Bishop Powers' announcement to the faithful of the parishes
of St. Joseph, Hayward & St. Ann, Cable.

May 8, 2019

Dear St. Joseph and St. Ann parishioners:

Blessed Easter season greetings to you!

As your Bishop, I have great concern for the health and well-being of all of the people entrusted to my care. On occasion, a member of our clergy recognizes a need for help, which I take seriously.

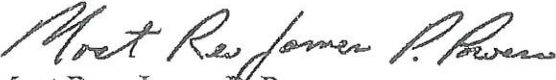
Recently, I have received some communications voicing concern for Fr. Willger. In meeting with him, I know that he loves his priestly ministry, but he feels that he needs some time to step back and evaluate his current well-being.

Fr. Willger has requested a leave of absence, which I have granted. He has agreed to an evaluation of his overall health and spiritual well-being. He has also expressed a willingness to cooperate with any treatment that is recommended. He has served our Diocese with great energy for many years. I am committed to provide Fr. Willger with the help he needs to return to active ministry.

Upon completion of his leave of absence, Fr. Willger will be considered for a new pastoral assignment. Please understand that he will not be returning to the Hayward – Cable cluster.

I ask that you respect Fr. Willger's privacy during this time. I also thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and assistance to the priests who will temporarily serve St. Joseph and St. Ann parishes. Please keep Fr. Willger in your prayers at this time. Also, please know that I hold each of you in my prayers in this time of transition.

With Paschal blessings, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Rev. James V. Powers
Bishop of Superior