



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One month ago, I met with our Pastor, Fr. Mike Grisolano, followed by a discussion with the Vicar of Deacons for the Archdiocese of Chicago. After prayerful consultation, I will be leaving St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish planning to move on to a new assignment here in the Archdiocese.

I'm considering a number of personal factors and a variety of possibilities in the direction my diaconate ministry may lead me as I leave St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. I turn 75 at the end of the month so I'm well aware of my physical limitations that come with the aging process.

I've discussed a part-time position in a Chaplaincy along with a number of other suggestions that will offer me more free time to improve my golf game, while retaining a shorter but active ministerial schedule.

As I leave St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, I'm truly aware that our staff and our parishioners have sought several long range and short range positive goals to blend St. Cornelius, St. Thecla, and St. Tarcissus parishes into a new and vibrant parish community.

Clearly we've celebrated our accomplishments as we've searched for new solutions to meet our future challenges during this transition.

I'm very proud of my service the past three years shared with our staff and you, our parishioners. I'm grateful for your words of support, your positive suggestions, and your kindness so often expressed at parish gatherings.

This time of year many families commemorate a variety of new beginnings. This May 26th I'll be celebrating the 21st anniversary of my Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. I know all of you will recall your own special family blessings as springtime rolls into the joys of summer.

In closing, I want to assure you of my prayers as I ask you to include me in your prayers. I'm certainly looking forward to greeting many of you as I conclude my term of parish service as we gather after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June. 4th.

May our Lord's generous love and mercy continue to fill your homes and hearts, as much as you have shared these same gifts, so often with me! God bless +

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Deacon John X. Rottman

THANK YOU
Deacon John Rottman ©LPI

Everyone is invited to a farewell reception for Deacon John Rottman **after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday June 4th in the school auditorium.** Please come and express your appreciation for all of the service Deacon John

has given over the years to the people of God at St. Thecla, St. Cornelius, and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.