

FROM FR. DEO

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Our Parish, My Home and Family!



Dear Sisters and Brothers,
God is good, all the time...All the time, God is good!

On this 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, I will be installed as pastor of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. I am filled with gratitude, humility, and hope. The installation of a pastor is an ecclesial moment: the Bishop entrusts a community to the pastoral care of a priest, called to serve, shepherd, and walk with God's people. I thank God for the privilege of serving this parish and I thank you for welcoming me into this parish family.

When Bishop Siemianowski first asked me to come here, I did not know the parish, but I soon saw gentle signs of God's providence. I had just completed my doctoral dissertation on the Trinity and forgiveness, and I was being sent to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Then I discovered that the parish supported a school in my home country, Rwanda. I arrived to a welcoming community, and through parish and school activities and, by simply sharing life together, this parish became my home, and you became my family.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a wedding banquet and invites us, "Come to the feast." For us, this invitation comes alive in the Eucharist, where Christ gathers us at His table and makes us one family. As we share in His Body and Blood, we are united with Christ and with one another and sent forth to live that communion in our parish and family life.

Today, I receive this responsibility not simply as a privilege, but as a call to serve Christ by serving His people. When I think about our shared identity and mission, I recall St. Augustine's words: "For you, I am a bishop; with you, I am a Christian." As your pastor, I am first of all your brother in faith and a fellow disciple of Christ. We are walking together toward the same Lord. My role is to serve, listen, pray, and walk with you as we build a parish where Christ is at the center and where we truly live as one parish family.

Our parish has experienced moments of change and difficulty, but I also see God's grace and the work of the Holy Spirit among us. I see hope in the faith and resilience of our longtime parishioners, in the joy of our children and families, and in your generosity and support of the Generation-to-Generation Campaign, the Trinity Gala, and many other parish activities.

As we continue our journey together, I am filled with gratitude and hope for what God can do in and through our parish family. I believe He is inviting us to ask, "What is God calling us to build together?" May St. Elizabeth of the Trinity continue to grow as a vibrant parish family rooted in Christ—a true dwelling place of God, where His presence is felt, His love is shared, and His mercy is experienced.

I thank each one of you for your support, generosity, and love for our parish. I ask for your prayers, your trust, and your participation. I promise you my prayers, my presence, and my caring and faithful service.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo

