



May 22, 2015

Dear Parishioners of Saint Patrick Parish Fallowfield:

As you are aware, the weeks surrounding the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost—the birth of the Church—mark the occasion when the Archdiocese of Ottawa announces the pastoral assignment of priests, deacons and seminarians to parishes.

Typically, priests are assigned to a parish for a six-year term with the possibility of an extension upon consultation and mutual agreement between the archbishop and the pastor. In the normal course of events, this year of 2015 marks the time when your pastor, Father Stephen Amesse, would be eligible for an extension of his appointment or a new assignment.

While Father Amesse is eager to return to the parish, because of the unanticipated long delay in bringing this situation to a conclusion, I believe that the parish needs to be served by a resident, full-time pastor. The announcement of new pastoral appointments is forthcoming.

We all hope that the proceedings against Father Amesse will be resolved in the near future, enabling him to be considered for a new pastoral assignment.

Thank you for your understanding, support and prayers during this difficult time at the parish for all concerned.

May the Holy Spirit breathe abundant life and spiritual vigour into your hearts, families and parish community this Pentecost.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa