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Dear Father Kummerer, *Rein*

Prayerful greetings in the Lord! This comes to extend my sincere appreciation to you, and all those associated with All Saints Parish, New Riegel and SS. Patrick and Andrew Parish, Bascom for the warm welcome I received on the occasion of my canonical visit to both parishes Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 12, 13 and 14, 2018. It was a great joy to preside and preach at all the weekend Masses with your parishioners.

Hope you know how grateful I am for the gracious overnight hospitality you extended to me. I very much enjoyed my time with you. Thank you for arranging the private visits I was able to have with you, Deacon John Walter, DRE-Cindy Brickner, Pastoral Associate-Sr. Marcia Boes, OSF/T from SS. Patrick & Andrew Parish; Secretary-Regina Wagner, DRE & Director of Youth and Adult Formation-Kathy Reinhart, Business Manager-Lorrie Seiple from All Saints Parish, and for arranging the Saturday meeting and lunch with the combined finance and pastoral councils.

I so appreciated the staff lunch you provided on Friday and the “re-arranged” supper with Kyle Ink and yourself. Many thanks for arranging the delightful supper and gathering of parishioners from SS. Patrick & Andrew Parish on Saturday evening, as well as the wonderful soup and salad brunch with the parishioners from All Saints Parish on Sunday morning. What wonderful opportunities to spend time with the faithful.

The welcoming and “family” spirit of both parishes was quite evident to me. The parishioners clearly have pride in their parish and respect and appreciation for their parish priest. You are to be commended for your prudent leadership, for the worthily celebrated weekend liturgies, for your good stewardship of parish resources, and for all you continue to do to attend to the pastoral, spiritual and financial needs of the flock entrusted to your care. In particular, please know of my gratitude for what you have done thus far and encouragement for what you will continue to do in the “unification” process. This pastoral work is not at all easy but altogether necessary.

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Once again, I am most grateful for all your kindness, your priestly ministry and your response to my personal encouragement. Know that I appreciated our frank and fraternal time shared together and am thankful that despite the cold and snow, we were able to "forge ahead" with what was a wonderful canonical visit. All Saints Parish and SS. Patrick & Andrew Parish will have a special remembrance in my thoughts and prayers. May Our Lord bless you and your parishioners.

Fraternally yours in Christ Jesus,

+Daniel E. Thomas

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo

as you "lean in" to the work ahead, be sure of my prayers & support