



April 26, 2018

Reverend Richard S. Jones, M.Div., M.A.
Saint Joseph Parish
1304 4th Avenue
Coraopolis, PA 15108-1690
Dear Father Jones:

Just as the Apostles were called in their day, so are we called to carry out the life-giving mission of Jesus in our own day.

For three years, we as the Church of Pittsburgh have been praying, studying, collaborating, working together, striving to know the direction in which the Holy Spirit wishes to take us, discovering how we can best meet the spiritual needs of our faithful as we advance the true mission of Jesus. This work has brought us to a new chapter in the 175-year history of our diocese. Now is the time for us to take the next important step to advance *On Mission for the Church Alive!*—embracing our particular call to serve the faithful of the Church of Pittsburgh.

Following on the consultation with the Clergy Personnel Board and the Vicars, I am pleased to appoint you, effective Tuesday, May 29, 2018, as **Institutional Chaplain of UPMC Mercy Hospital**.

At the same time, I relieve you of your responsibilities as Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Coraopolis.

I understand that UPMC Mercy Hospital will provide you with a residence.

In giving you this appointment, I also extend my sincere gratitude for your fidelity to the priesthood and your share in my ministry to the faithful of the Church of Pittsburgh. Given your many talents, coupled with your love for the Church, you truly enjoy my full trust and confidence. I can never thank you enough for who you are as my brother and for how you so selflessly serve our faithful.

Finally, I ask that you give special attention to promoting and praying for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life in our diocese.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for the Church Alive!*, and for our belief that “Nothing is Impossible with God,” I am

Your brother in Christ,

+ David A. Zubik

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh