

Dear Parishioners,

I write this farewell letter with a heavy heart but also a joyful one!

It's heavy because for eight years St. Julie's has been my home and you my family. It's joyful because I have been blessed to be part of this wonderful community and to have celebrated the goodness of God and our faith together.

I was so happy in 2012 to be assigned "back home" as well as Stang's Chaplain after graduating from there in 1967. I have enjoyed every moment of my time here as your pastor, striving to work with you to continue the charism of our patroness, Julie Billiart. She used the Sunflower to demonstrate that just as the flower follows the SUN in its daily arch, we must follow the SON and be His loving and caring presence in the world today. I'd like to think that as a parish we are doing just that!

Some highlights for me have been our participation in the 350th Anniversary of Dartmouth with our "Roots of Faith" exhibit and parade float. I was so happy and proud to be with you for our 50th Anniversary last year. Thank you for helping us celebrate together, to renovate our building, and do acts of kindness in the community.

I am so grateful to our parish staff: Paula Gendreau our Pastoral Associate, Teri Gumkowski and Rhonda Senra in the office, Kathy and Gene Kosinski our Directors of Faith Formation for Grades 1-5, Joe Martino for directing the upper grades and taking on the additional position of buildings manager and Mike Tellier our Director of Music. We have so many Catechists, Guild members, St. Vincent de Paul members, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Servers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Greeters and other volunteers who help to make our parish vibrant! Thank you, you are all amazing!

I will be living nearby in Sagamore Beach and ready to help whenever needed. Please know of my love and prayers for you and your new parish priests.

God Bless!

Father Roy

