

Thank you and Goodbye from Fr. Roger

My dear Parishioners,

I pen these lines with mixed feelings. Weekends were my joyful days at St. Therese. I thank the Lord for the good hearted people I encountered during the last four years. I look back and see what we have achieved during the last four years. It is not what I have done, but I realize it is what you have done to make the community grow the way God wants us to grow. Let us give thanks and praise to our gracious Lord.

I thank our Archbishop and Msgr. Dennis O'Donovan for the support they gave me. I am very grateful to Msgr. O'Donovan for being with me in my most critical times. When I was threatened with a law suit by a staff member, it was he who was a father, brother and friend who guided me.

Let me thank all the members of our councils and parish support groups. Pastoral councils and Knights of Columbus members were a great strength for me during my hard times. Thank you for your sacred vision you had in supporting St. Therese Parish. The members of our Liturgy Committee made my work very easy for me.

The support and encouragement I had from you made me work harder. My vision was to open the parish and its activities to all the parishioners. With your great support and participation, I accomplished my vision. A parish belongs to all the parishioners and not to any individual or any small group. Church is the place we all gather to celebrate and share God's mysteries, Holy Eucharist with love, a guidance to our lives, path for our children. I leave St. Therese Parish with lots of good memories. Thank you for appreciating my efforts for this parish. Please continue to support Fr. Steve Geer the new pastor. There will be a special welcome letter in the next bulletin.

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In this transition I move to St. Mary Our Lady of the Dunes with very good memories in my heart. You are always welcome in Florence. Let us be united with each other in prayer. Prayer keeps us together. When we are united with Our Lord He will keep us together.

Thank you and may the Good Lord Bless you,

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