



ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners, Parish Staff, Ministry Leaders, School Staff,
Teachers and Parents:

Peace in Christ!

Diocesan priests' term of office for pastors is generally a fixed term of six years, renewable once for another six years. Some dioceses may have different policies, but this is a common practice. The bishop ultimately decides on the length of a pastor's term, including whether to renew it or not.

So, after seven years, our Bishop and his advisers discerned that I will be assigned to the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Concord, CA that needs my help and charism. Being a priest ordained for the Diocese of Oakland, I know that wherever the Bishop sends me, it is always for the good of the mission and of the diocese.

I am so grateful for your support to our school and parish. Always remember that priests come and go but Jesus remains. It has been a blessing to be at St. Michael's your love and care will never be forgotten.

I encourage you all to pray for me and for your next pastor, Rev. Bich Nguyen. He is a good and faithful priest. Please love and support him to be successful in his ministry.

As I part ways with you, I will do my best with Fr. Nguyen to finish my task in looking for a New Principal for our school and to organize for a smooth transition his meeting with our school staff and teachers, parish staff and parish councils and ministry leaders.

I am leaving St. Michael with a sense of fulfillment that I have given my best to make you closer to Jesus and to grow in your service and love of neighbor.

With my love and prayers!

Fr. Carl Arcosa

