

*Nativity Catholic Church*  
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*Indianapolis, Indiana 46239*

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Dear Parishioners of Nativity,

The past four weeks have been extremely difficult and emotional. Having consulted with trusted priests, good friends, and reliable advocates about this situation, I have come to the painful decision to resign as Pastor of Nativity. I submitted my resignation to Archbishop Thompson this past Thursday.

I know this decision brings shock and sadness to all of you and to our entire parish community. However, given everything that is involved, I believe it is the best decision.

Please accept my sincerest apology for the hurt and suffering that I have caused. I have loved being your Pastor for the past 13 years and will carry many joyful memories into my future.

Thank you for the support and prayers that you have offered me over the years, particularly during the past four weeks. You have carried me in a very challenging time. Please continue to pray for me as I will always pray for each of you.

Nativity is wonderful parish. In fact, I have told many priests that Nativity is an unknown "precious pearl" among all parishes in the Archdiocese. We have a talented and dedicated staff and I trust that you will continue to support them in their leadership responsibilities. And certainly we are blessed with an exceptional Catholic School that will remain a central ministry of Nativity in providing a strong Catholic education for our children. With the faith, commitment, and dedication that is the foundation of Nativity, I believe that you will embrace the future knowing that God's love will always be with you.

Thank you for allowing me to travel part of Nativity's journey with you. Know that my prayers will be with you as you fulfill the mission that God has given you. I look forward someday to walking into the beautifully renovated Church. May God bless you and hold you in the palm of His hand.

With the peace of Christ,

Fr. Pat