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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish,

On September 5, 2015, Bishop Gary formally installed me as pastor of our Parish community. During that ceremony, he posed three questions to me that correspond to the three-fold ministry of the priesthood and the mission of the Church: Charity (service), Word (witness and proclamation), and Sacrament. As your Pastor, I am a collaborator with the Bishop's mission to witness to Christ in our own Parish. This mission is something that I am humbled to accept. To paraphrase the words of St Augustine: For you I am a priest, with you I am a Christian.

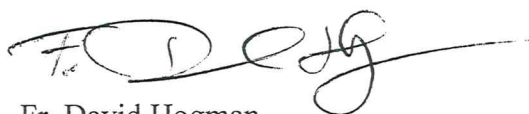
Just as the Bishop requires priestly collaborators for the many needs of the Diocese, so I have been continually edified by the collaboration of the faithful here at Sacred Heart. As a participator in the ministry of the Bishop, during the Sunday liturgies on September 26/27th, I will be commissioning all of the ministers in our Parish to share in this threefold ministry of Charity, Word, and Sacrament.

This commissioning for the sake of ministry is deeply embedded in the Jewish and Christian experience of faith. They are representing our Parish within and outside our community as models of Christian life and faith. Not only do they bring their own personalities and experiences to their ministry, they are an occasion whereby others can encounter God's transcending love. Such a lofty call requires the prayers of the Church.

On the reverse side of this letter you can find the arrangement of the blessings according to the various ministries. Because our mission is one in Christ, some of the ministries have an overlap to them. This is one of the reasons why all ministers will be blessed on the same day to signify this unity in mission. Generally speaking, the ministry of Charity involves service and administration of the Parish's temporal goods, the ministry of the Word involves proclaiming and teaching, and the ministry of Sacrament generally involves those who handle the Sacraments and sacred vessels.

I simply could not fulfill my role as pastor without the prayers, insight, and assistance of these parishioners. They are a living sign to us all of the Gospel truth that it is better to give than to receive. If there is someone whom you believe to have the qualities of such a minister, please refer them to me.

With you and for you in the Lord Jesus Christ



Fr. David Hogman
Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish

Commissioning Sunday – Sat, Sept 26 & Sun, Sept 27 2015
Liturgies of Word, Sacrament and Charity

Word

Catechists: Faith Formation / Sacramental Prep / Sunday Liturgy
Christian Meditation
CCO – Bible Faith Studies
Music Ministry
Prayer Line
Proclaimers
RCIA / RCIC
Spanish Rosary
Youth

Sacrament

Adult Altar Servers
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Pastoral Care Ministry
Sacristans: Altar sacristans / Arts & Environment

Charity

Appeals Team
Bereavement Support
Christian Charities
Craft Group
Development & Peace / Social Justice
Finance Committee
Funeral Reception
Maintenance and Building & Grounds Committees
Parish Pastoral Council
Pro-Life
St Vincent de Paul
Ushers
Weekend counters