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Dearest Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

As we celebrate the feasts of the Sacred Heart and the Apostles, Peter and Paul, as well as my sixth anniversary and my last Sunday as your pastor, I am experiencing every human reality from grief to gratitude. In a way, grief and gratitude must accompany each other as they are expressions of God's love for us and it is love that is at the centre of our Catholic faith.

Just over four years ago, Bishop Gary called me to serve as pastor of Sacred Heart. I knew very little about the Parish or her people, but I made the choice to love you as my own self. For a priest, the primary means of sanctification is to be a joyful participant in the Bishop's pastoral ministry. I am happy to say that my time with you has not been without fruit and that being a pastor here has been incomparably fulfilling. Thank you!

I would like to thank all those who came to and participated in this weekend's festivities. Thank you to the planners and organizers, cooks and bartenders, musicians and ministers. I would also like to thank all those who gave of their time and themselves over the years in making this Parish a strong and faithful community.

I offer a big thank you to Fr Alfredo. Thank you for accepting the difficult challenge of pastoring two communities. I am certain that you will grow to love the people of Sacred Heart as I have.

I would also like to thank my family for fostering my vocation. They taught me to value service, hard work, generosity, care, community, the poor, and God above all. This has been the best life I can imagine and it would not have been possible without your guidance and influence.

For any other thank yous, I leave them before God in the secret of my heart. I will pray for you always.

God bless

Fr David Hogman
Outgoing Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish