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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish,

I wish you all good during this Lenten season.

First, it is with sadness that I must announce that Miriam Podmoroff, our sacramental preparation coordinator, will resign from her position at the end of this sacramental preparation cycle. Miriam was hired by Fr. Al some years ago and has provided stability and competence for our children during our years of change. I also offer Miriam my personal thanks for her years of service and for providing us with ample time to search for a successor.

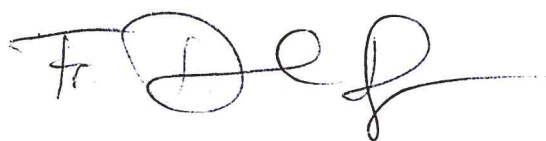
With that, we will begin to post for a new sacramental preparation coordinator very shortly. I ask you for your prayers as we begin to discern how to best help our parents raise their children in our Catholic faith. Above all, we seek someone who carries a contagious and joyous faith.

As many of you know, I am also chaplain and Bishop's delegate to Saint Andrew's Regional High School. A few months ago, we displayed the plans for the renovated and renewed school building. This project will continue very soon into mid-2019. Our parking lot will be affected during this time and your future patience is appreciated. This will affect our weekday functions more than our Sunday ones, but the exact extent of the impact remains to be seen. I also ask for your prayers in this matter.

All that being said, I ask all of our parishioners with school age children and grandchildren to consider our Island Catholic Schools. As a school chaplain, it is always my goal to emphasize AWE in or Catholic schools: Authenticity, Witness, and Excellence. As Catholics, we believe that God is the source and goal of both faith and reason and it is the goal of our schools to allow our students to excel in both. Additionally, it is much easier to foster a Catholic environment in our schools when our parishioners support our Catholic schools as much as they support our Parishes. I understand that there is a cost involved and that times can be tight. However, arrangements can be made and discounts are available.

Finally, with Lent, we also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a community on the 27th at 7pm. Many of my brother priests from all over the city have agreed to come and celebrate the mercy of God at Sacred Heart. I will also be going to assist the other Parishes as we are all a Catholic family. Check the bulletin for Reconciliation services around the city.

May God bless every one of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr David Hogman'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Fr David Hogman

Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish

Bishop's delegate to Saint Andrew's Regional High School