



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 6, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha Parish,

It is my prayer that the Peace and Blessings of Our Risen Lord reign within your hearts and in your homes during this Easter Season.

With this letter, I wish to announce the retirement of Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia S.A.C. Allow me to express my sincere and profound gratitude to Father Fausto for his service as Pastor for the past 31 years. Particularly, I am deeply appreciative of his pastoral attentiveness and spiritual care to all of the Faithful at St. Martha Parish and School. It is my prayer that Almighty God reward him for his good work in the Lord's Vineyard.

Father Fausto had requested to retire at an earlier date and only now, with a degree of hesitation, do I grant his request, effective May 14, 2022. Please join me in wishing Father Fausto a very happy and healthy retirement and know that he will continue to serve God's People as time permits. His easy smile and cheerful presence will indeed be missed by all.

In bidding farewell to Father Fausto, I am announcing the appointment of Father Jerzy (George) Suszko, S.A.C., as the new Pastor of St. Martha Parish, effective May 14, 2022. Father Suszko is a priest of Society of the Catholic Apostolate, (Pallottines), Annunciation Province in Poland. He was ordained to the Priesthood on May 6, 1989 and has extensive pastoral and missionary experience. Prior to his appointment at St. Martha Parish, he was Pastor of a parish in Scotland for the last 24 years. Father Suszko is a man of prayer and deep pastoral solicitude for the Faithful. I pray that he will continue to bring many blessings and spiritual care to the St. Martha Parish Community.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Society of the Catholic Apostolate community (Pallottines) for their continued commitment and dedicated service to St. Martha Parish.

Kindly welcome Father Suszko as your new Pastor and please keep him in prayer as he assumes his new responsibilities.

May God continue to grant us all His graces and to keep all in good health during the approaching summer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
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