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St. Mary the Virgin

TO THE CLERGY AND LAY LEADERS:
Beloved in the Lord,

It is with both joy and sadness that we receive Bishop Henry's news. I and we will miss him immensely.

Henry's heart for mission and his love for his family drive his decision to re-locate to this exciting new work. The Diocese of Pittsburgh has a long history of giving away its best for the spread of the good news of Jesus Christ. Henry and Catherine's passion for things Spanish make his call to head-up Europe's efforts in South America and the Southern Cone a "natural."

Among other things, we will miss Henry's grace and humor, his international insights, his leadership of our diocesan networks, and his pastoral caring.

Henry is committed to our re-alignment and to helping us through this fall's decisions, as well as to serving us in the first months after our vote on October 4.

There will be many things to work through as we face Bishop Henry's departure at the New Year. Nevertheless, St. Paul's teaching and our conviction that "God works all things together for good with those who love him, who are called according to His purpose" [Rom.8:28] is an assurance for all of us in the days ahead. Like Jesus' assurance to and rescue of Peter in last Sunday's gospel, all we need to do is keep our eyes focused on the One who calms even the storm, the sea and the wind.

We will plan a great send-off for Henry and Catherine early in Advent, but that will wait until we do a number of other important things together in the months ahead.

Faithfully in Christ,

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