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Dear Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul,

Greetings in Christ Jesus our Savior.

I am writing to you today with great joy. Let me begin by thanking Fr. Doug Grandon for his service to your parish as the temporary administrator. With the resignation of Fr. Andrew before the school year began, Fr. Doug stepped in to ensure the proper functioning of the parish.

During these months, I have been praying and consulting with the deans of the Archdiocese about who to send as the stable pastor of St. Vincent de Paul. Having reached peace in my selection, I called the priest, who was in the midst of an assignment in the mountains and asked him to pray about moving back to Denver for this important role. After a week, he too found peace and graciously accept my request.

Thus, I am happy to inform you that, beginning the first Sunday of Advent this year, Fr. John Hilton will become the next pastor of St. Vincent Paul. Fr. Hilton brings a wealth of experience from his 37 years of priesthood, including the competent administration of a parish school in three different assignments. I am hopeful for your parish.

That said, Fr. Hilton will be undergoing heart surgery in November to repair a valve. It is anticipated that he will take over the administration of the parish after his recovery in January. Fr. Doug will remain as the temporary administrator until then, at which point he will return to his responsibilities as the parochial vicar. I anticipate that you will receive your new pastor with great charity and enthusiasm.

May the Lord Bless you as you follow him on the way to eternal life.

Yours in Christ,

Archbishop Samuel Aquila