



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

August 17, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St Paul the Apostle Parish,

Over the course of the past few months Father Brian McNally, Father Tim Shea, and Father John Brennan conducted a parish visitation of Saint Paul's on my behalf. They reviewed both the spiritual and temporal dimensions of the parish and spoke with many parishioners and staff. Their work is now completed, and I am grateful for their time and efforts.

St. Paul's is blessed with many gifts and graces, which include faith, hope and charity. Parishioners have a strong sense of belonging and there is a particularly deep regard for family life and, for the children and youth of the parish. Parishioners are actively engaged in the life and mission of their faith community.

Our efforts to worship God and build His Kingdom require unity and harmony. Charity must be the hallmark of our interaction with one another. The visitation team has recommended that internal communications and other matters need to be addressed in the future. Further details about their recommendations will be forthcoming.

I am deeply grateful to those who participated in this review. Also, I am grateful to the staff, committees and volunteers who have continued to provide service to the parish.

I wish to inform you that Father Sebastian Amato is doing very well. He is greatly appreciative of your faithful prayers. For the sake of his continued well-being, Father Amato has submitted a letter of resignation as Pastor of St Paul the Apostle Parish. Earlier today, I accepted his letter of resignation. I am grateful for his generous priestly service to your parish.

I have appointed Father John Hibbard as Pastor of St Paul the Apostle Parish. This appointment takes effect on September 14, 2021. Father Hibbard will bring many fine gifts and a deep faith to his ministry as your Pastor.

I have appointed Father Paul Mawalla as Associate Pastor. I wish to thank him for accepting the extra responsibilities over the past few months.

Until Father Hibbard takes up his assignment, oversight of the parish continues under the guidance of Father James Quirk and Mr. Ken Hall of the Chancery Office. If you have questions or need assistance, you may contact either one of them.

Please continue to pray for Father Amato, as well as for Father Hibbard and Father Mawalla.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your beloved parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston