



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

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Dear Parishioners of St Paul the Apostle Parish,

As many of you will be aware, Fr. Sebastian has found the last fourteen months particularly difficult and this has taken a toll upon his health. In recent weeks the struggle overwhelmed him and, in consultation with me, he took a step back from his responsibilities at St Paul's. With my support, he has begun to receive the help that he needs to deal with stress and the challenges that often accompany it. I am confident that you will join me in praying that he might soon return to a fruitful ministry that will be a source of grace and joy in his life.

Furthermore, in seeking to determine how best to support Fr. Sebastian, I have learned that there are issues in the parish that have been preventing it from flourishing in the way that we would all hope for. The financial concerns that you have at this time are a symptom of these deeper challenges.

For this reason, I have asked Fr. Tim Shea and Fr. Brian McNally, with the support of Fr. John Brennan, to look into these matters on my behalf. They have been given the task of conducting an in-depth review of the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of the parish, both historically and in the present. I ask that you cooperate fully with them so that the matters of concern might be properly diagnosed and treated, and that your community might return to good health.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston