



+April 30 – May 1, 2022

*To the Parishioners of
St. Lawrence Parish, Raymond
St. Mary Parish, Seaview
St. Joseph Parish at Holy Family, Frances
McGowan Station, Seaview*

Dear Friends,

I am happy today to greet all of you in the Pacific County Catholic Parishes in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

As Archbishop, I have the important responsibility of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

At this time, I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Vinner Raj Simeon Raj, H.G.N., as your new Priest Administrator. Presently, Father Vinner Raj is in India, serving at the Divine Mercy School. He was a parochial vicar in Grays Harbor as well as a priest administrator in Tacoma between 2016 and 2021. The transition will take place when Father Vinner has completed the religious worker visa application, probably sometime in August or September.

Father Vinner Raj is a wonderful priest who will serve you and your parishes with good faith and dedication. Be assured that he will receive all the support and assistance from the Archdiocese necessary to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish community. At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Zevier Arockiam, H.G.N., for his wonderful service, zeal, and leadership these last five years as your priest administrator. I ask you to keep him in your prayers as he moves forward in responding to God's call in his new assignment with the Heralds of the Good News.

Times of transition are challenging as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome a new pastoral leader. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Vinner Raj to your parish.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Paul D. Etienne'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle