

*St. Mary's Cathedral*  
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Dear Good People of St. Mary's,

I'll remain in continued thanksgiving for all the Gospel success and grace we enjoyed together. Serving with all of you has been the richest blessing not only for me but also for Anne and our children. Life at St. Mary's is a reminder that God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.

The leave-taking liturgy and celebration on Sunday, January 13, was brilliant and enriching. All the lavish affection poured out on the Andrews family is our treasure. The "purse" you all gave is so very generous, and the hugs we received will remain radiant in each of us indefinitely. My deepest thanksgiving to all those whose efforts made this festivity a launching pad. From St. Mary's, the Andrews family received far more than we could ever give.

Our goodbye has been blessed with a healthy start. Praise God! I have comfort in knowing you all will continue to thrive. We had the privilege of enjoying true partnership of priest and faithful people, and we are given the promise that this opportunity will arise for each of us again and again. The opportunity to share in common ministry with all of you has been a dream come true.

May we recognize the Holy Spirit closely with us as we take our separate paths, and may our eyes open wider to the magnificence of Divine Love. May we all remain spiritually grounded through our respective transitions, and may we have the sacred trust of knowing the best is yet to come. May we be willing to give our heart away to another stranger.

Yours in Hope,



The Rev. Andy Andrews