



DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 6, 2021

Reverend Matthew J. Zirnheld
St. Andrew Parish
1525 Sheridan Drive
Kenmore, NY 14217

Dear Father Zirnheld,

On September 1, 2020, your first term as Pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Kenmore, NY, concluded in accord with the provisions of canon law and diocesan policy. I am grateful for you remaining in your role during the time of *sede vacante* of the Diocese of Buffalo. In light of your ministerial review and consultation with of the Priests' Personnel Board, I am pleased to reappoint you.

For the glory of God and the well-being of Christ's holy Church, I reappoint you Pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Kenmore, NY. This appointment is effective April 6, 2021 for a term of six (6) years or until you receive a subsequent assignment. As of the effective date, I declare you canonically installed as Pastor with all the rights and responsibilities attached to that office.

As you prepare to begin your second term as Pastor of St. Andrew Parish, I ask that you present this letter and the accompanying decree to Very Reverend Msgr. Robert E. Zapfel, V.F., Vicar Forane of the Northern Erie Vicariate. Since you are already serving as Pastor of St. Andrew Parish, it is not necessary to have a liturgical or ceremonial installation but I ask you to publish in an appropriate manner the fact of your reappointment so that your parishioners may both be informed of it and rejoice with you.

As I entrust to you the pastoral care of a portion of God's people, I ask that in your generosity and zeal you love and serve them. Please know of my sincere gratitude and confidence in your priestly leadership. Continue to see that Word of God in its entirety is announced to those living in your parish and that the Eucharist through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is the center of the parish life. You are to work to see that the Christian faithful are nourished through a devout celebration of the sacraments and especially with a frequent approach to the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I also ask that you make a special effort to pray and work in support of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

With the prayer that God continue to bless your ministry and efforts on behalf of the Church of Buffalo and with every personal good wish, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

cc: Sr. Regina Murphy, SSMN, Chancellor
Rev. Joseph S. Rogliano, Coordinator, Priests' Personnel