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Dear Mary, Mother of the Church parishioners,

When I last wrote to you June 29, I promised to provide future updates regarding the status of your pastor, Father Aaron Kuhn. Father Kuhn has now entered a professional assessment/evaluation program to focus on his spiritual and personal renewal. I expect that he will spend about two weeks in the program, but this timeframe is flexible depending on needs. I will wait to see what recommendations emerge from his care team before Father Aaron and I meet to determine his future ministry. I ask you to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide this process for the good of everyone impacted.

Please know that I have been receiving reports from the Diocesan Response Team's members as they work to share information with you in a timely manner and answer your questions and concerns. I also want to acknowledge the good work of your dedicated and gifted ACC staff in collaboration with Father Tim Baltes, whom I appointed to serve as parochial administrator. I am grateful for all they are doing during this difficult time.

Last, I know many of you desire to send cards and messages to Father Kuhn during his absence. Please mail them to Father Aaron Kuhn, c/o Chancery, Diocese of Saint Cloud, 214 Third Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301. We will be sure that he receives them.

I continue to hold all of you in my prayers.

May the peace of Christ be with you,

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