

Dear Friends of St. Patrick, Holy Cross, and St. Rita of Cascia,

It is hard for me to believe that it has been a little over 10 years since I first began working at Saint Patrick Parish and School. The parish and school, our country, and our world have been through so much during that time. But the one constant for me has always been the joy of working and worshipping with the wonderful people we call St. Patrick Church and School, and most recently St. Rita of Cascia and Holy Cross.

But nothing lasts forever, and I'm not getting any younger. I feel it is time for me to move on from this position. At this stage of my life, I am ready for new and different experiences and challenges as I look to the remaining 5-10 years of my work-life. I think some of you might be able to relate to that feeling.

As I prepare to move on, I just want you to know that the life experiences and events of my time at St. Pats have been remarkable and quite life-changing for me. I'm a different person than I was when I first took this job.

"Church Ministry" is very rewarding work, but it can be very demanding as well. So let me take this opportunity to thank my family - Lisa, Sarah, Joe, Hannah, and Dan - who have borne the brunt of me working many evenings and weekends. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve this community of people.

I treasure the deep friendships and connections I've made here at St. Pats and Holy Cross and St. Rita of Cascia. The nature of this kind of work lends itself to the sharing of very personal experiences, and I am truly grateful to everyone who was trusting enough to share their feelings with me, and in return, were willing to lend me an ear when I needed to share what happened to be on my mind.

Leaving during this pandemic is less than ideal. I'm not a big fan of virtual hugs . . . but virtual hugs, and some heartfelt prayers and good wishes, will have to do. I will always have a home in my heart for the parishioners and students and school families, and faculty and staff of St. Patrick Church and School and Holy Cross and St. Rita of Cascia. I can't thank you enough for your awesome support and prayers these past 10 years. God's grace and peace to all of you.

Saint Patrick – Pray For Us.

Kevin Lovejoy