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Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 27, 2022

The Rev. Patrick Raymond  
The Church of the Ascension  
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Dear Patrick and Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you gather today to worship and to celebrate this season of ministry that you have shared, please know that you are all in my prayers.

I thank you, Patrick, for your ministry with and service to the people of The Church of the Ascension since 2016, first as Priest in Charge and then as Rector. I am so grateful for your faithful, loving and strong leadership and for all you have contributed to the life and mission of Ascension as well for your previous service as Rector of St. Michael's in Barrington and as Dean of the Chicago North Deanery for 3 years. You have blessed the Diocese of Chicago by sharing your gifts for ministry with us for over twenty years. As you prepare to retire from active ministry, you have much to celebrate and I join the Ascension community in having much for which to be grateful. May God bless you and Brooke richly as you begin this next chapter of life.

And to the people of Ascension, may God grant you wisdom, patience and courage as you plan for a new season of ministry. This transition time may bring anxiety and be assured that members of our staff are ready to assist and support you every step of the way. I pray that in this time of transition you will draw upon your strengths and live into a new sense of mission and ministry.

Yours in Christ,

*+Chilton R Knudsen*

The Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen  
Assisting Bishop