



September 2, 2022

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Santosh K. Marray
Bishop of Easton
314 North Street
Easton, MD 21601

Dear Bishop Marray,

Greetings from the Vestry of St. Mary Anne's. As the Senior Warden of that body, I want to communicate to you our desire for your advice and dialogue on the matter of the continuation of our Rector's service. As you are aware, Fr. Schaeffer submitted his resignation as required by the Canons of the Church and the requirements of the pension program. As we understand it, this necessitates a change of status and title with your approval to a "Priest in Charge". It is on this point that we solicit your favorable consideration and discussion regarding future plans.

By this letter, I want to inform you of the Vestry's previous consideration of this request and the unanimous support for Father John's continued ministry at St. Mary Anne's. As you are aware, his vigor and enthusiasm for the job have raised the spirits of the congregation to new levels and we see his willingness and interest in continuing the work as undiminished.

In that light, we also understand that this designation is by your approval on a year-to-year basis and look forward to your thoughts and guidance when we have the opportunity to speak. As usual, we appreciate the time and help you will provide as we move to this new arrangement.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Pugh
Senior Warden