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THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



June 13, 2020  
Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
1000 Tinker Road  
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd:

May the peace of Christ be with each and all of you.

It is difficult to believe that almost six months have passed since your beloved and dear pastor, Father Richard Eldredge, T.O.R. entered eternity. Throughout these months, amid the pandemic of COVID-19 and recent and civil unrest, we have prayed that God would provide a pastor for your parish community.

After much consultation and prayer, I am very pleased to accept the proposal of the Provincial Superior of the Sacred Heart Province of the Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular, Father Joseph Lehman, T.O.R., and appoint **the Reverend Father Michael Higgins, T.O.R.** as the Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Colleyville to take effect on August 1, 2020. I am very grateful for the proposal of Father Lehman and for the acceptance of this assignment by Father Higgins who comes to our diocese with a vast amount of pastoral experience including having served as the Minister General of their Order in Rome. Please pray for him.

I am also very happy to announce that upon the recommendation of Father Lehman that I have appointed **Father John Mark Klaus, T.O.R.** as parochial vicar of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Colleyville, Texas to take effect on August 1, 2020. As you well know, Father John Mark is a faithful friar and good priest with a generous and apostolic heart formed by the example of Saint Francis. I wish to thank him publicly for his generous and faithful leadership during the past six months as your pastoral administrator and for the ministry and witness that he has provided.

Please pray for these good men along with Father Ron Mohnickey, T.O.R. and Deacon Zachary Burns, T.O.R. who serve your parish as consecrated religious clergy. Thank you for support for them and for your ongoing prayers for religious and priestly vocations. With prayers for you and every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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