

Dear Parish Family,

I am grateful for your commitment to our mission. Your faith is what makes our Eucharist possible, your faith makes us a community.

I want to provide some clarity around Fr. Zac's status as Associate Pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.

Archbishop Carlson loves Fr. Zac. He knows Fr. Zac is a dedicated, talented and faithful servant of the Gospel. He wants only for Fr. Zac to be the best man he can be, to be joyful and free as a disciple of Christ. To that end, he has asked Fr. Zac to take a break from ministry to do some meaningful soul work so that the rest of his life as a priest, God willing, can be lived in health and freedom.

Archbishop Carlson also loves you and cares deeply about the mission of our parish. It is important to trust that Archbishop Carlson has made this decision regarding Fr. Zac's assignment based on observations which extend, in time and space, well beyond his service to Assumption Parish.

If you have heard anything other than what I have just said, then what you have heard likely qualifies as slanderous gossip, which serves no useful purpose on earth. Please remember God's love for you. Please pray for Fr. Zac. I invite you to gather for a Holy Hour, Monday evening, in Chapel from 7:00-8:00. It will be an opportunity, through adoration, song and devotion to lift up Fr. Zac in prayer and to pray for the mission of our parish. Thank you again for your deep faith. God bless you.

Fr. Mitch