



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

April 15, 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge what you may have already heard. If you have not heard, it has been mutually decided upon by me and Fr. Rob Irwin that he would benefit from taking some time away to enhance his pastoral leadership skills. Unfortunately, the time to do so is never perfect, but the opportunity has now availed itself. Fr. Rob has many gifts, as well as some challenges with his leadership skills.

I want you to know how impressed I am with Fr. Rob's self-awareness. He realizes he would do well to attend an out of state center which addresses pastoral leadership. The length of his time there will be based on the assessment of his pastoral leadership skills that need further development.

Fr. Rob has mentioned on numerous occasions the support and care you have offered him these past few months. I am also grateful to you as well. Meanwhile, I have asked Fr. Mark Uhlenkott to see to the daily operations of the parish. Please hold both priests in prayer. I remain grateful to your Deacons, your parish staff and to you parishioners because you are committed to living your faith at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen  
Bishop of the Diocese of Boise