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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

You may be aware that I turned seventy-five last December. I submitted my letter for retirement and, consequently, will be retiring on July 5. I will find myself adjusting to a new circumstance and will miss the familiarity of Saint John the Baptist.

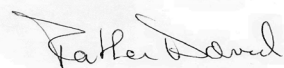
I want to thank the volunteers who have assisted in our Parish School as well as the teachers, aides, Principals, support staff, HSA, and School Board. My gratitude goes also to those who have dedicated themselves to our Faith Formation Program: support staff, teachers, aides, parents, and volunteers. Appreciation is given to those who helped in our Adult Faith enrichment programs, especially our Scriptural study group. I am grateful for the legacy dedicated to matters of Social Justice in our educational, volunteerism, and supportive activities for the poor especially our Food Bank, our Haiti Committee, and our parishioners' sustained generosity to the Community Fund. I appreciate the volunteers who have enriched our Athletic Ministry, Scouting Programs, and Youth Ministry. I express thanks for the many who have served on the Pastoral and Finance Councils and must acknowledge in a distinct way the dedication of our musicians (individuals and groups) in the Ministry of Music.

The Sacrifice of the Mass requires dedicated ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and our devoted Head Sacristan, with occasional additional support to help decorate the Church, clean the Altar Linens, assist with funerals (Arimatheans), and keep the spaces pristine (cleaning staff). I am grateful to each of you. Also, many thanks to members of our Sodality and the Knights of Columbus who have fostered works of charity and service in the Parish.

Our secretaries, bookkeepers, Directors of Faith Formation, Liturgy, Social Concerns, and our Supervisor of Building and Maintenance have my appreciation. Over the last 12 years, these areas of service have seen personnel and parishioners transfer or move away for distinct reasons; others have retired, and some have gone home to the Lord. Please remember them in prayer with gratitude for their generosity to our parish.

Finally, I ask for your prayers and assure you that Saint John the Baptist Parish will continue to hold a special place in my heart. May our patron saint continue to inspire us "to decrease and let the Lord increase."

With profound thanks and prayers,



Rev. Y. David Brault

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