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Facing Transitions and Relying on God's Wisdom.

Blessings and Peace to you dear parish family. It has been over a month since I have been formally journeying with you as your pastor and I thank each one of you for your support and care. I feel the warmth and affection from you all accepting and helping me to minister our parish community. Like we heard last Sunday in the gospel we are all "shepherding one another" as our "Good Shepherd". I can definitely say you are all good shepherds to me.

With all the nice feelings of coming to MPH I am also acknowledging the pain and anxiety we are all going through with our transition of becoming one site. Many of you have shared with me how saddened you are and how difficult it is, especially for our senior members to make this change. I thank you for sharing honestly your feelings and I want to assure you one of my primary tasks is to listen to those pains and journey with you through these difficult moments.

We are all familiar with transitions in life and we all know they are not easy. Any significant loss makes most people feel fearful and anxious and even angry. We live in a culture that has taught us to be very uncomfortable with uncertainty, so we are anxious when our lives are disrupted. On the positive side, these transitions give us a chance to learn about our strengths and to explore what really unites us. This time of reflection can result in a sense of renewal, stability, and a new sense of direction.

From a faith perspective I feel this is a time to rely more on the Lord than on our skills to navigate through this storm. I want to assure you that I am with you to move through these changes in the best way possible for the better future of our faith community. Let us pray together as a community. We have started praying at Mass the transition prayer which you will also find on the front cover of our bulletin.

Let us trust and hope that the Lord will guide us and make us stronger as a caring and witnessing community of believers. May our Mother of Perpetual Help intercede for us through these transitions.

Entrusting you all and all your intentions into the hands of our Provident Father,

Yours in Jesus Christ,

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