

# **FAREWELL MESSAGE TO FATHER LASZLO...**

## ***With Grateful Hearts - Farewell to Our Pastor***

After 18 years of faithful service to our parish community, next week we bid farewell to Fr. László with hearts filled with gratitude, love & prayer.

What began as your first parish assignment as pastor became far more than a place of ministry: it became a spiritual home where lives were touched and transformed through your guidance and dedication.

Through the years you have lovingly challenged us to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ, and with one another, through inspiring homilies & growth opportunities like Alpha, faith formation & small groups.

You not only undertook revitalizing the sanctuary and guiding the bold expansion of our building facilities, but you revitalized us and leave behind a parish community strengthened in faith, generosity, hearts for service and clarity of mission.

You always thanked parents for bringing their children to Mass- supporting programs to nurture the faith in our youth and seeing in them hope for the future of the Church. You baptized, celebrated first communion and confirmed many of those children. You have been part of the fabric of our parish community so long that you have even married some of those same children.

You have spent countless hours visiting with parishioners in their homes, always willing to immerse yourself in our lives and enjoy a meal and fellowship. You have counseled and guided families through the peaks & valleys of life. You walked beside many of us in moments of grief and loss. You have stood faithfully at the bedside of the sick and dying.

Through every season of parish life - in times of celebration, uncertainty, and sorrow - your steady hand always pointed us toward Jesus. You have led us with vision, perseverance and trust in God and taken us from maintenance to mission.

Thank you Fr. László, for your compassion, your joy, your pastoral care, and your faithful witness to Christ over these past 18 years. While we will miss you, we trust that God is continuing to lead you in your priestly ministry, just as you have faithfully led us.

May God bless you abundantly for the countless ways you have blessed our parish community.

*Your Parish Staff*

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