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## **Pastor's Perspective**

**April 1, 2018**

**My Dear Friends,**

A Very Happy Easter to you. May the light of the risen Christ shining on the empty tomb dispel all darkness from your homes this Easter Season and all of your days. We are united as one family in the name of Christ the Living One and we rejoice with the psalmist as we sing, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

It has been a special privilege and distinct blessing from God to have the Redemptorist Fathers serve our parish since 1970. We have seen many priests come and go and we've experienced the Hand of God at work in guiding us on our Spiritual Journey towards the land of the living. The time has arrived for the Redemptorists to take difficult decisions due to decreasing numbers of priests in Religious orders and dioceses around the world. It is with great pain that the Redemptorists have decided to return the administration of Our Lady of Lourdes, Seaford, to the Diocese as of August 2019.

This news will raise many questions in our hearts. Some of us may be anxious like Mary Magdalene and say, "They have taken the Redemptorists out of Seaford, and we do not know who will replace them." Others might be curious like Peter and other disciples and wonder what our future will look like. Christ, the risen Lord gives us the answer. He will not leave his sheep unattended. He will continue to lead the Church to the land of the living.

The Provincial of the Redemptorists, Very Rev. Paul J. Borowski. C.Ss.R., will be visiting us the week-end of May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to speak and to answer our questions and assure us of continuity and a smooth transition. Father Borowski's visit will be followed by visits from the vicar general or his representative from the Diocese. The Bishop and his team are aware of the needs of our parish for a new office building and easier access to the Church and classrooms. We hope and pray together that these and other plans for enhanced functioning of the parish will be completed without delay in spite of the transition scheduled to take place next year.

*Your Pastor*

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