

# St. Louis Catholic Church

Joe Byrnes

January 7, 2014

Dear Joe,

The St. Louis Pastoral Council wishes to express its deepest thanks and gratitude for your faithful service and steadfast commitment to St. Louis Parish and the sick and poor of Howard County.

During your many years at St. Louis you have been a faith-filled dedicated parishioner and disciple of Christ. Everything you do is based on the foundation of your deep Catholic Faith and your unconditional willingness to do what Jesus asked us to do: to love and to serve our neighbors.

For the past several decades, you have beautifully integrated your life and witness with Christ's teachings by faithfully attending daily Mass – often aiding as Mass Sacristan and EMHC – and by devotedly serving our Parish and community. Your leadership within the Funeral Sacristans' Ministry as coordinator, trainer, and recruiter, serving the sick as a Good Samaritan, serving the poor through your contributions to the Franciscan Center, and your involvement with the Apostleship of the Sea service all have been exemplary and greatly appreciated.

***“Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’”***

*(Matthew 25:34-36)*

We again thank you for all you have done for St. Louis and the numerous ministries that you have supported over the years, and for all the many gifts you have shared. May God abundantly bless you and those you love.

*With sincerest appreciation  
St. Louis Pastoral Council*

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*Charles Peddicord  
President  
St. Louis Pastoral Council*

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