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Dear Friends,

As you know I've been hospitalized for the last few weeks and have been fighting against cancer for nearly three years. In that time, I've learned many lessons of humility and gratitude. I thank you for the patience that you have shown me and the prayers and kindnesses that you have given. If it weren't for the hard work of Fr Wolfe and Fr Tim, I could never have handled what was placed before me.

As time goes on, seasons change, and cooler winds begin to blow. The tasks that I was once able to manage have become increasingly difficult, and the leadership that the parish needs has slowly become too demanding. I have seen this change in myself, and I feel strongly that it's time for a change for the good of St. Edward's.

I have asked the bishop for permission to step back from active ministry at this time for rest and recuperation. He was most gracious and supportive. While I will remain as Pastor of St. Edward's, I will be living with my family rather than in the rectory. While I love serving with you, being away does allow me the peace of mind I need at this time.

Regarding the everyday operations of the parish, I am pleased to announce the Fr. Robert Wolfe will be named as administrator on July 1. I have known Fr. Wolfe for many years, and he has my full confidence in his ability to lead St. Edward's.

I can't thank you enough for your continued prayers and good wishes. And while this is not the way I envisioned our goodbye, thank you for all you have done to help during my years of service to St. Edward's parish.

Sincerely,

Fr. Nick Cirillo

Pastor