

It is very hard to part from my dearly beloved parish family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Albuquerque. What a joy it has been serving you as your pastor. It has been a time of learning and growth for me. I have truly fallen in love with you and I will miss you all very much!

I am forever grateful to Father Chris Zegger, my spiritual mentor and "a man after God's own heart". Thank you for being there for me in both joys and sorrows.

I thank my parents for the gift of life and my grandparents for the gift of faith.

I thank Almighty God for calling me to the priesthood.

As I start this new adventure in the name of the Lord and under the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos and our bishop-martyr Blessed Theodore Romzha, I open my heart to God's call "to put out into the deep" and I sing with King David, "I will love you O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my rock and my refuge."

Please, pray for me that I be a prudent and faithful steward of the flock entrusted to me by proclaiming the truth of the Catholic Church with love, preserving the Apostolic faith with the authority of the Risen Christ, and be the stronghold of unity and peace by serving the Eucharist and other sacraments.