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Reverend Lonachan W. Arouje, Pastor  
St. Stanislaus Catholic Community  
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Dear Father Arouje:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 3, 2007, in which you submit your resignation as Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish. I want to thank you for the effort you have put forth in serving as Pastor of St. Stanislaus for this past year. I appreciate the demands of a large parish, even more so when a major construction is taking place. I further understand well why you have made the decision that you feel it best for someone else to accept the administrative responsibilities of St. Stanislaus.

As we discussed in the meeting your assignment in the parish will come to an end on Monday, December 10, 2007 at noon.

I would ask you to inform the people that Monsignor Robert Silva will be appointed Administrator for the parish beginning on Monday, December 10, 2007 at noon and continuing for the next eighteen months.

Father John Lindsay will be designated as the Senior Parochial Vicar. In this capacity Father Lindsay will be responsible for the ordinary pastoral care of the parish. This will be an important responsibility since Monsignor Silva will not be relinquishing his other responsibilities in the diocese for leadership training of the clergy and laity. However he will adjust his schedule so as to give the necessary time required for the administration of the parish.

Again I thank you for accepting the responsibility as Pastor of St. Stanislaus. I look forward to your continued service in another capacity in our diocese. With every good wish, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire  
Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton

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cc: Reverend Monsignor Robert Silva  
Reverend John Lindsay  
Mr. Ross Lee