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Priest for the People

I remain a committed member of the Sacred Catholic Church; however, a new way of being a priest has been revealed to me. Through a long and prayerful journey of discernment, I have come to understand that the Lord has led me through many forms of ministry (monk, religious, and priest in the Roman Catholic Church) with each one shaping and preparing me for this next chapter.

This next chapter seems to be pointing toward a priesthood rooted not in buildings or structures, but in presence, compassion, and availability to God's people wherever they are found. I sense a clear calling to become ever more a *priest for the people*.

While I deeply admire those who faithfully serve and worship within our church communities, I have become increasingly aware over the past several months that the Spirit has been drawing me outward to sacred encounters in hospice rooms, hospital bedsides, private homes, funerals, and visits with the sick etc.

There will always be a church building for those who are able to gather, and I will miss celebrating Mass and greeting the people there, but sadly there are many who cannot attend in person and still need spiritual care, prayer, and the sacraments.

This awareness has been deeply inspired by my work as a hospice chaplain.

More and more I have been called outside the church to private homes and care facilities, and too often I was unable to respond immediately because of church obligations. I no longer wish this to be an obstacle to the care of God's people.

Therefore, after much discernment, I will no longer be participating in brick-n-mortar parish duties but will instead go to the people when they are in need.

If you are one of those who is seeking spiritual guidance, sacramental care, or simply a compassionate presence, please feel free to reach out to me.

I am honored to walk with you.