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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Parishioners of Saint Joseph's Church in Rockville,

It has been over 20 years since the first Pauline Fathers came to this parish to share our charism of love of liturgy, preaching the Gospel, serving in the sacrament of penance and above all, the devotion to Our Lady of Czestochowa. During this period of over 20 years many things have changed. A few years ago the parish school was closed and we experienced demographic and ethnic changes. A recently conducted survey in the Parish shows that st. Joseph's church has changed its own character. Because of these changes the last Provincial Chapter of the Pauline Fathers obliged me to reexamine the terms of our service in the Parish of Saint Joseph. After analyzing the situation and discussions with the Provincial Council as well as the representatives of the Diocese of Norwich the decision has been made that we Pauline Fathers will withdraw our presence from the Parish. It is a very difficult decision for us but we believe it is necessary to preserve the future of the Parish.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners of Saint Joseph for your openness and collaboration during these years of the Pauline Fathers service in the parish. I know that our Fathers were always able to count on you.

I would also like to say thank you, to all of our Fathers serving in the parish in the past and especially to Fr. Bogdan Olzacki, the present Pastor as well as to Fr. Joseph Olczak, present Assistant but previously long time Pastor.

With the promise to continue my prayers before the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Fr. Tadeusz Lizińczyk - Provincial

