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Dear Friends,

Yesterday, I celebrated my one-year anniversary of arriving here at Mary, Queen of Peace to be your priest! This year has been full of many blessings, challenges, and surprises. The Holy Spirit couldn't have sent me to a better parish in which to experience all these!

I'm grateful for how warmly you welcomed me, and for all the prayers, support, and encouragement—as well as the patience and understanding—you've given me as I learn how to be a pastor. *Thank you!*

I'll be away on vacation next week. I'm grateful that my friend, Fr. Stephen Rowan, will be here to offer Masses in my absence. Many of you will remember him well from his previous years of ministry at MQP as a weekend assistant priest.

I'm also grateful that Fr. Lyle Konen—whom we've gotten to know well this year—will also be here to help with a few Masses next week. Fr. Lyle just celebrated his 59th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 29th. *Congratulations, Fr. Lyle!*

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Chad Green