

May 14, 2017

Dear St. John Vianney Parishioners,

I look forward to my arrival on July 12<sup>th</sup> as your new Pastor. I know it is a big change for the parish community and I look forward to continuing the great work and ministry your parish is doing for the Kingdom.

I thought I would give you a brief introduction of who I am. I grew up in Bowie, MD attending Sacred Heart Church. After high school, I went to the University of Maryland, College Park, and received a bachelor's degree in Economics. My career started with working at the White House in the Information Technology field, and then did similar work in a research arm of the U.S. Congress, while I completed a master's degree in Accounting at Strayer University. I then went on to work at the accounting firm Arthur Andersen in NYC, primarily working with clients on Wall Street doing mergers and acquisitions and other management consulting work. I would later return to Washington with the firm working with government clients. After Arthur Andersen shut its doors, I went to the firm Urbach Hacker Young and after a couple years I was offered partnership in the firm; however, God had other plans for me.

In 2005, my call to the priesthood started to grow louder within me, which I had first heard when I was 13 years old. I entered seminary at the age of 38, attending Theological College Seminary at Catholic University for six years and was ordained in 2012. I spent my first three years of priesthood as the Parochial Vicar at St. Pius X Church in Bowie. I then moved to Holy Redeemer Church in College Park working part-time as Parochial Vicar and part-time for Cardinal Wuerl and Bishop Knestout at the Pastoral Center. Within a few months, I starting working full-time for the Cardinal and Bishop, as well as moving to Our Lady of Victory Church in Washington. Most recently, I have been the Temporary Administrator of St. Francis Xavier Church in Newtowne. As you can see, God called me to go where needed and move around. However, I'm now thrilled to become your Pastor and settle in at St. John Vianney.

I am blessed with a wonderful family. I have two sisters, a brother, ten nieces and nephews, and one great niece. As to hobbies, I love reading, going to the beach and swimming. Most of all, I love life as a priest, walking with people in their journey of faith and seeing how God manifests Himself in all of His creation.

I look forward to getting to know you and serving you as your Pastor. May God always bless you in your lives and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Dan Carson

P.S. – On the back of this letter is the article from the Catholic Standard published five years ago just before my priesthood ordination in 2012.