



# The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul

The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa

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Dear Friends and Members of the Cathedral Congregation,

I am writing to you today to both say "Thank you" for the enormous outpouring of love and support that I have received since I was diagnosed with Parkinson's and to reassure you that, though there will naturally be some modifications in the way that I am able to function in my everyday life and in our ministries together, I do not expect that the diagnosis will curtail in any significant way how we share in our common life and ministries.

I have every confidence in my doctors, who assure me that we should have many years together as dean and congregation.

I have every confidence in each of you that we will continue to discover together what are the riches of God's blessings and the many ways that the Holy Spirit will call upon us all to discover new gifts for ministry and to be empowered as disciples of Jesus Christ as we fulfill our calling to preach and live the Gospel in our community.

I have also every confidence in the members of the Staff, Chapter, and the Bishop for help, support, and guidance us as we joyfully continue this pilgrimage of faith together.

Enclosed with this letter is a letter from the Bishop and the Senior Warden, please read it.

Ever yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Troy+

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