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Dear Friends,

May the blessings of the Advent/Christmas season be upon each one of you and your loved ones.

I am writing to personally tell you that I will be retiring effective 1 January 2021. I will still be around, however, with a new title, Pastor Emeritus (a fancy way of saying, "old priest").

Over the past thirty years, it has been an honor to be among you, first as a brother, and, second as a pastor.

St. Joseph Parish/Old Mission San Jose is a wonderful, gifted parish community. In so many ways, I have witnessed how you fulfill your Baptismal calling to be as Christ to one another. I pray and am confident you will continue to do so.

I am more than pleased to inform you that Fr. Anthony Le, our former Parochial Vicar, will take on the privileged responsibilities as Pastor. As we all know, Fr. Anthony has the energy and gifts to move our parish forward. I trust you will welcome and support him as he takes on his role as Pastor.

Please know you will always have a special place in my Masses and prayers. Please keep me in yours.

Peace and love,

Fr. Manny