



PAUL DENNIS ETIENNE  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND  
THE AUTHORITY OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE  
ARCHBISHOP OF SEATTLE

DECREE OF APPOINTMENT

To my Brother in Christ

TUAN V. NGUYEN

Greetings in the Lord!

Wishing to provide more fully for the good of the People of God in the Archdiocese of Seattle, with confidence in your qualifications and character, and after consulting with the Priest Personnel Board, I do hereby appoint you in accord with canon 519 of the *Code of Canon Law*

PASTOR  
of  
VISITATION PARISH IN TACOMA

in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

You possess all the faculties required for the implementation of this office. You are expected to assume the duties and responsibilities, as well as to enjoy the rights and privileges of this office, in accordance with the universal law of the Church, local statutes, and approved customs. Further, to all whom it may concern, we recommend that they recognize you as Pastor and give you all necessary assistance. You are to make special note of the Safe Environment Policies and the Pastoral and Sacramental Policies entitled *Many Gifts, One Spirit* and abide by the requirements set forth therein.

Your term of office as Pastor takes effect on July 1, 2021, and ceases on June 30, 2027, or prior to that time through other provisions of law (canons 184, ff.).

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery  
of the Archdiocese of Seattle  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May  
in the year of our Lord, 2021.

Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle

Benjamin Altenhofen  
Vice Chancellor

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Rev. Tuan V. Nguyen  
St. Ann Parish  
7025 S. Park Ave.  
Tacoma, WA 98408

Dear Father Nguyen:

With this letter, I am officially appointing you Pastor of Visitation Parish in Tacoma, while continuing to serve as Pastor of St. Ann Parish and St. John of the Woods Parish in Tacoma, effective July 1, 2021, and in accord with canon 519 of the *Code of Canon Law* (document enclosed).

Father Tuan, I am grateful for your commitment and your willingness to serve in this new assignment. I know that you will provide outstanding leadership to the people of God. It is my hope that this appointment will help to facilitate the ongoing conversation with parish and school families to help them make a good transition into the new parish community we envision with St. Ann.

Be assured that the resources of the Chancery and in particular those of my office and the Office of the Vicar for Clergy are always available to you. May this assignment bring you and the people you serve God's renewing grace and peace.

In the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, D.D., S.T.L.  
Archbishop of Seattle

Enclosures