

## **A NOTE OF THANKS FROM FATHER JOZEF**

As I leave you I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your love, prayers, friendship, support and encouragement you so graciously offered me over the 12 and half years I spent with you. I do not have any biological family nearby, yet I felt that by your love, acceptance, warmth, and welcome you made me part of your families and made Saint Matthew Parish my true home. I will never forget it and will always be deeply thankful for it. I hope you will always remember and know that I sought to give my very best in serving you. I am thankful to our good and gracious God for the opportunity to serve your spiritual needs. I enjoyed my ministry at Saint Matthew Parish very much. You opened your homes to me and allowed me to be a part of the moments of joy but also of sadness and pain. It helped me to grow as a priest and as a person. I love you and I will miss you. I am looking forward to the new chapter of my life and future challenges in my new assignment.

I humbly ask you: Please, please keep me in your prayers so my priestly life may be authentic and fruitful. Of course, I will remember you in my prayers, so as Jesus' followers you may be willing to **RISE** and **SHINE**. As I leave this faith community, I want to wish you nothing but the best, especially an abundance of faith, hope, love, and peace and all the blessings you have given me. May you continue to grow and become the people God intends you to be. Thank you very much for so many beautiful memories and for sharing this part of my life journey with me.

*Father Jozef*