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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace!

I want to share with you some important information. Let me begin by explaining the governance structure of the Archdiocese of Newark:

- The Archdiocese of Newark is headed by the Archbishop.
- The Archdiocese is divided into four (4) counties supervised by Regional Bishops.
- The Archdiocese is further divided into 27 clusters of parishes called Deaneries and supervised by a Dean.

St. Teresa of Avila is part of Deanery 22, of which I am the Dean.

The role of the Dean is to do an official visit of the parishes once a year and to step in should the pastor be incapacitated for any reason. As Msgr. Meyer will be on an approved sabbatical from 1 September 2026 until 28 February 2027, it is my responsibility to become the temporary administrator of the parish.

This temporary assignment has no effect on my role as pastor of our family home. I will continue as pastor for at least the next five years.

I want to ask you for your prayers as I assume this additional leadership role.

Your brother in Christ,

*Fr. Larry*