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Dear Priests and Parishioners of Divine Savior, St. Eugene, and Our Lady Mother of the Church,

Thank you for your patience as you've awaited information about pastor placement since the parish structure announcement on January 26, 2022. Since January 26, the Archdiocesan Priests' Placement Board met with your parish staffs and parish leadership and also reviewed individual responses submitted by parishioners to be better positioned to make a recommendation to Cardinal Cupich.

After reviewing the information gathered by the Priests' Placement Board, Cardinal Cupich has now approved the appointment of Father Richard Yanos to be pastor of the new parish your communities will form on July 1, 2022. Please know of my deep gratitude to Father Andrzej Bartosz for his many years of leadership at Our Lady Mother of the Church and to Father James Blazek for his support and generous service at Divine Savior.

Your communities remain in my prayer during these moments of transition, and I look forward to visiting with you soon. Please also pray for me. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Birmingham".

Most Reverend Kevin Birmingham
Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate IV