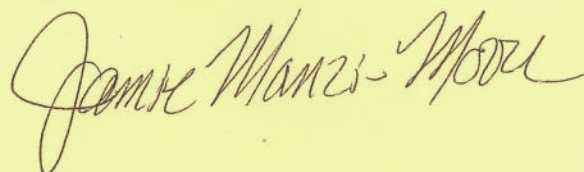


To the incredible, loving, supportive parish family of St. Victoria:

As most of you are well aware by now, Archbishop John Nienstedt has asked for my resignation from St. Victoria because I married my long-time loving partner Garrett this past Saturday, September 20, in an incredibly beautiful ceremony at my parents' home with 160 friends and family in attendance. I am so thankful to all who participated and attended for helping to make the day so wonderful. I am so very sorry and deeply saddened that I won't be able to continue to do the work and ministry that I've been so passionate about for so many years with a parish family that I love very deeply. I will miss all of you so much.

I can't thank you enough for the love and support you've shown me over the past 17.5 years. What an incredible journey it has been. I've learned so much from all of you, and have countless times been blown away by the example that you all set for each other, for me, and for our world. You are truly the face and hands of Jesus Christ. I've never been part of a parish that works harder to promote love than St. Victoria.

One of my favorite hymns, "All Are Welcome" which also happens to be part of our parish mission statement, is a message that I still feel St. Victoria can proclaim loudly and proudly. While there are some who don't welcome everyone into the greater Catholic Church, I know that the vast majority of people at St. Victoria live lives that are truly examples of the way Christ would live; free of judgment, filled with love.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Manz-Moore". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.