



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Vicariate for Clergy and Consecrated Life

March 22, 2019

Dear St. Catherine parishioners,

In the Diocese of Metuchen, pastors are appointed for six year terms renewable at the Bishop's discretion. In making a decision about whether to reappoint a pastor for a second six year term, the Bishop prayerfully takes into account the views of the pastor in question, the suggestions and recommendations of the Priest Personnel Board and his other advisors, and also the hopes and opinions of the members of the parish community.

You are receiving this letter today because Father Zalubski is coming to the end of his first six year term as your pastor. Father has indicated his desire to remain for another term, and Bishop Checchio is now seeking your advice about the current status of your parish community, your future hopes, as well as Father's well-being and leadership.

To gather your advice, you will have the opportunity to participate in a survey which asks you to express your thoughts about some important aspects of parish life. We will be very grateful for your prayerful, honest, and thoughtful replies. Please think of this as an important chance for you to help Bishop Checchio, Father Zalubski, and others develop goals which will lead your parish to an even more faithful, inspiring, and Christ-centered future over the next six years.

You can participate in this survey in one of two ways: (1) you can take the survey on line (preferred) by clicking the link on your parish website or by typing the following address into your web browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StCatherinePittstown> or (2) you can complete a printed survey form which will be available both in your church and parish office. In order to proceed with this important decision in a timely fashion, all survey responses must reach the diocese no later than **April 10, 2019**. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to contact the diocesan Office of Priest Personnel at 732-562-2457. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important process.

God Bless,

Rev. Msgr. John Fell
Director of Priest Personnel