



SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Dear People of God,

This should not be a surprise to you at all, after 30 years of being an active priest and very much enjoying my ministry in serving the people of God, both in India and in the United States. I have decided to step down from my active life as the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, here in Fresno. I gave a request to Bishop John Steinbock few weeks ago, asking him to grant me an early retirement due to health reasons. Bishop Steinbock knowing about my health condition has granted me permission to retire early. I have been in the United States for the past 18 years, and have served the people of God at Sacred Heart in Fresno, Our Lady of Mercy in Merced, St. Mary's & St. Francis in Rosamond/Mojave and back here again at Sacred Heart in Fresno. December 28th, 2006, will be my last day here at Sacred Heart Parish and in Fresno.

I thank you for touching my life, you have been a blessing to me and I appreciate your kindness and support that you have shown me. Life must go on and we must do whatever God wants us to do in our life. I have decided to go back to India and spend most of my time there. I will be visiting Fresno as much as I can and extend my help to Fresno Diocese where ever I am needed.

May the Lord, continue to bless you, and your family. I wish you all the best. May the Lord grant you all that you seek and desire. Please keep the joy of the Lord always with you as your strength and courage. Keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in my prayers.

With the assurance of my prayers,

In His love and service,

*Fr. Leslie F. Shenoy
Pastor*