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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Dear friends,

As you just heard from Archbishop Etienne, today marks a milestone in the implementation of *Partners in the Gospel*. Similar letters are being read across the archdiocese as new priest assignments are made public. For our part, we look forward to welcoming Father Ross & Father Davis as pastor & vicar of this parish family.

Just before Holy Week I had the opportunity to speak with both Father Ross and Father Davis, who are both looking forward to ministry here in parish family 12. I am excited for you to meet them and to get to know them. What I know of them, I am happy to share with you here. As you heard, Father Ross is currently pastor at [Sacred Heart in Bellingham](#). A relatively young man (my age, so I'm biased), he was ordained a priest in 2016 for the archdiocese - our parish family will be his second pastorship. You can read a bit about him in [the Northwest Catholic write-up from his ordination](#). Father Davis is currently pastor at [Saint Barbara in Black Diamond](#). Originally ordained for the Archdiocese of Cape Coast in Ghana (Africa) in 1985, he has served in our archdiocese since 2008. You can read [his reflections in his current parish bulletins online](#). Those of you hearing this at Mass or reading in the bulletin can visit our online bulletin for links.



I know that everyone will be eagerly learning about our parish family priests over the coming hours & days, but let us be sure to focus foremost on what is most important: entrusting ourselves and our communities to the will & care of Jesus. Let us lay our hopes & anxieties, sorrows & joys at the altar of sacrifice – especially at Mass together.

Please also pray for me as I prepare for my new role as pastor of the five communities in Jefferson county and Clallum Bay. Though I am not with you this weekend, know that you have been in my prayers this entire last week and will be throughout the days to come. Together in the Lord, let us look forward in anticipation of all that He has in store for us, confident that He wills all good things.

yours in Christ,
Father Jacob Maurer