

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

***"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'"***

***This week I have been reading a lot of the messages of our Patron Saint as my installation as your new pastor arrived. Of all of them, this one gave me a lot of peace and I kept rereading it over and over. Many times during this year as Administrator, I felt that many situations were beyond my reach and ability; and to read this saying of our saint brought a lot of peace to my soul. It is a reminder that the one who called me, as St. Paul said, is the one who will finish the job. I am very grateful to God for His call in my life and for many times NOT listening to me but giving me the best for my happiness and life; as many of you know, the only request I had made last year when they started talking about a change was to please NOT make me a pastor. Also, grateful to Cardinal Tobin, our Archbishop, who is visiting us for this installation and to celebrate our 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. And sincerely grateful to all of you parishioners of St. Francis de Sales who welcomed me with open arms and helped me to navigate this first year. I have to mention our two Felician Sisters whose support has sustained me so many times. May God accompany us in this new journey.***

***Saint Francis de Sales Pray for us!***