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Fr. Andy Moore, Pastor, Infant Jesus, Lumberton,
St. Mark, Silsbee, and Holy Spirit Mission, Kountze

Fr. Ross Waggoner, Pastor, Our Lady of Victory,
Sour Lake

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RE: Transfer of Kountze Mission

Dear Fr. Andy and Fr. Ross,

For about a year, you have been discussing the feasibility of transferring the pastoral care and governance of Holy Spirit Mission, Kountze, from Infant Jesus Parish in Lumberton to Our Lady of Victory Parish in Sour Lake. The Mission is equidistant from the two parishes (about 15 minutes), and there are about 100 people attending Sunday Mass there.

There was recently some consideration of combining the two Sunday Masses at Our Lady of Victory Parish. Given that there are a total of 7 weekend Masses between the Lumberton and Silsbee parishes, and two more with the Mission included, the time the priests have available for pastoral care of the people is limited. Thus, the transfer of the Mission to Our Lady of Victory Parish is a prudent change.

You have already informed the parishioners at each location of the proposal you made to me. Although some may be a little reluctant about an adjustment to the Mass schedules, it is my hope that all the parishioners will appreciate the need to re-distribute the responsibilities of providing effective pastoral care, so one pastor will not be overly burdened.

Your proposal was presented to the Presbyteral Council during its May 17, 2018 meeting, and the members unanimously recommended that I make the transfer. I am in full agreement.

Therefore, effective July 2, 2018, the pastoral care and governance of Holy Spirit Mission are transferred to Our Lady of Victory Parish, Sour Lake, as well as the assets, liabilities, temporal goods, and property of the Mission.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., D.D.
Bishop of Beaumont

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