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Dear Resurrection Parishioners and Friends,

For the past sixteen years it has been a singular privilege to serve as your Pastor. Together we have shared great joy and sorrow. You have allowed me into your lives at those special moments of engagement, marriage, and birth; during illness, anxiety, suffering and death. You have made me a better priest. Each weekend I would look out over the gathered assembly and recall those moments. It was like seeing life in review.

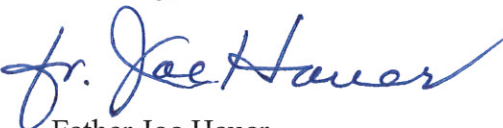
Many of the elementary students who served Mass when I arrived have now become adults and what a joy it has been to witness their many accomplishments and achievements.

On my first weekend in July, 2002, I made a promise that I would prepare what I had hoped to be meaningful homilies applying the message of the scriptures to our daily lives. I am sure I did not always measure up to everyone's expectations, but I remained committed to sharing a message of God's unending love for His people.

I ask you now to welcome Fr. Gibbs as you welcomed me so long ago. Fr. Gibbs will provide excellent pastoral leadership. Undoubtedly he will have his own ideas and goals. Embrace them as a new opportunity to keep Resurrection among the very best parishes in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

I promise each of you my continued prayerful support. I pray God will find other suitable ways to use my gifts and talents to further the Kingdom of God and Our Visible Presence in Dubuque.

Sincerely,

  
Father Joe Hauer