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A Welcome Message to New Employees

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As a new employee of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, you are now joining a joyful community of disciples who proclaim the Good News and invite all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

You have accepted much more than a job. You have accepted a ministry and a mission that is centered on a life of faith aligned with the Catholic Church.

Shortly after I was installed as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg in 2017, I was asked about my vision for our Diocese. I held listening sessions and collected surveys and I heard common themes emerge about what we are doing well, areas where we need to improve, and about additional ministerial opportunities.

This feedback has helped to shape our mutually-shared vision, Courageously Living the Gospel. This vision unites us throughout Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties, for this is our "mission territory." To learn more visit, www.dosp.org/courageouslyliving.

I welcome you to the Diocese of St. Petersburg and pray that you will embrace our vision of Courageously Living the Gospel and inspire others to do the same!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory Parkes

Bishop of St. Petersburg

