

# Letter from Deacon Dan

There are a few things in life that are always certain. Most important is God's unconditional love for each of us; another is God's divine plan for all our lives if we follow His will; and another certainty is the fact that change happens.

With all three of these in mind, I wanted to let you all know that I've decided to move to Callahan, Florida, just northwest of Jacksonville, to be near my daughter, Niki, son-in-law, Chad, and my three grandchildren, Ryan, Avery, and Beau. I had been discerning this move over the past year, seeking God's will for my future. As I discerned, a huge assistance in this time was my participation in the Archdiocesan program "Retreat in Daily Life" that we hosted here at SJN and attended by a handful of our parishioners. Based on St. Ignatius practices and discernment, it's an excellent way to enhance your prayer life and, most importantly, help discern God's will in your life. I know our Parish plans to host another session this coming fall, so if you are inclined, keep an eye out for more info.

As far as the move and the Diaconate, I have spoken with Fr. Arnold, Archbishop Coakley, and the head of the Permanent Diaconate, Deacon Max Schwarz. All three were very supportive to help with the transfer of my faculties to continue my services as an Ordained Deacon in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

Currently, my plan is to head to Florida mid-July, as soon as I complete the sale of my home. I have a 1.5 acre lot purchased in my daughter's neighborhood and look to build a home on it soon. In the meantime, I will be staying with my daughter and family in Callahan.

I am so grateful and honored to be a part of our great Parish and Archdiocese since moving to Oklahoma in 2003. Suzan and I planned this as our last move after traveling the world during our 30 years in the USAF. Moving to the Yukon community and being a part of SJN was our very best move. But, as you all know, change happens, and with Suzan's passing and Niki's perseverance to have me closer to her and her family, God's will and His plan became more apparent to me over this past year.

I will keep you all in my prayers. It's too tough to say goodbye, so I'll just say I'll see you sometime. May our Lord Jesus, keep you all in the palms of His Hands and send you all His blessings forever!

With love,



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