



Dear St. Christopher Community,

I give thanks to God for leading me to be here with you. I completely believe and trust that God always leads me to be where He wants me to be, so I am happy to be here. I am also grateful to Archbishop Jose Gomez for appointing me the Pastor of St. Christopher Church. I look forward to get to know all of you and work with you in building up our parish community at St. Christopher.

The following is a brief background about me. I came to US in October 1980 as a refugee from Vietnam and settled in Oklahoma City. I graduated from the University of Oklahoma (OU) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I entered St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, CA in 1993 and was ordained May 30th, 1998. Prior coming to St. Christopher, I was the Pastor of St. Martin of Tours in Brentwood (LA) for 12 years. It may sound strange, but I never wish to be at any parish in the Archdiocese simply because I believe God will lead me to where I need to be. Wherever I am I will totally dedicate myself to serve that community, and in this case, St. Christopher.

I am planning to have a townhall meeting with all of you sometime in October, if it is feasible, to present to you my vision including the organizational structure for the parish.

We will have a brand-new website soon. In the meantime, please visit our current website www.Sccwestcovina.net for all updates in our parish community.

I also wish to communicate with you frequently to inform you all necessary information, but I need your updated email address. Soon, you will be able to do that on our website. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this matter.

I warmly welcome Fr. Josph Dadiri, SMA (Society of Missionary to Africa) who will serve our parish. He is originally from Congo and has been serving in the Archdiocese for the last 4 years. He has good personality and I am happy to have him here with us.

I pray that you are safe and healthy during this Covid-19 pandemic. Please continue to pray that God will deliver our world from this terrible condition. We must pray unceasingly and full of confidence that God will lead us through this pandemic.

Fr. Ben