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Dear Friends and Companions in Ministry,

Many of you know that my Dad, David, and my Stepmom, Zita, live in New Mexico. For a couple of years, I have been wrestling with a sense of call to be physically close to them. I now have clarity that it is time for me to answer that call. In a few months, I will move to New Mexico, the Diocese of the Rio Grande, which also includes west Texas.

Leaving you is not easy. Holy Comforter is a community of justice, inclusion, and place where questions and mystery are valued. You are the community I dreamed of serving as a priest when I was discerning a call to ordained ministry. I have loved sharing ministry with you. Thank you for sharing your lives with me. You will always have a place in my heart and in my prayers.

I will be with you through Lent, and we will celebrate Easter Sunday together. My last Sunday with you will be the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 27. The timing touches me as emblematic of our life together. When I came to HoCo in July of 2013, people told me that they hoped I would bring joy with me to help them move on from a time of struggle as a parish. We prayed, worked, and lived in the light of Christ's Resurrection and in the power of the Spirit. For one last time, together, we will move through Lent and Holy Week and into Easter Hope, Resurrection Joy, knowing that new life, a transformed life, is God's promise to us.

Wishing you every blessing, peace, and joy, now and always,

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