



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
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Dear Father Grattaroti,

I write to congratulate you as you celebrate with your parishioners your 30th anniversary of serving as the Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Charlton. Congratulations!

During your priestly service at St. Joseph's Parish, you have, by your zealous and joyful priestly commitment to the Gospel and with the grace of God, built up a vibrant community of faith. Among your many accomplishments, supported by the generosity and devotion of your parishioners, is the construction of a beautiful church building and rectory to accommodate the growth of St. Joseph Church.

When brother priests of your age are enjoying the less demanding ministry during their retirement years, you have chosen to persevere in active pastoral ministry to your beloved parish. I have every confidence that your parishioners are profoundly grateful for your pastoral leadership.

Once, again, congratulations on this most festive occasion. May God bless and reward you for serving the People of God confided to your pastoral care with much happiness, good health and serenity of spirit.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester*