



# LOYOLA ACADEMY

REV. PATRICK E. MCGRATH, S.J. | PRESIDENT

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Dear Old St. Pat's Friends,

The Old St. Patrick's community has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Being church with all of you has shaped me as a companion of Jesus and as a priest. I was ordained at St. Pat's back in 2006, served my Diaconate here and have been a presider for 15 years. Throughout the years, I would never have imagined serving you as pastor one day but when the Cardinal raised the possibility, I consulted with my Jesuit provincial and prayed with the question. I am humbled to accept the appointment.

We have been so blessed by the leadership, care and friendship of Fr. Tom Hurley. As shepherd of our community, Tom has given his all to Old St. Pat's. For fourteen years as pastor, Tom helped us become a better Catholic community and continually has challenged us to deepen our lived commitment to our shared faith and mission. Our affection and respect for Tom run deep and we continue to hold him in our prayers.

As the Cardinal says in his message to our community, Fr. Ken Simpson will continue to serve as Administrator of Old St. Pat's until I complete my service at Loyola Academy. We are so blessed by Fr. Ken's leadership and compassionate pastoring. He and I will certainly continue to be in communication in the days to come as we work toward a smooth transition in July 2022.

Let's continue to pray for each other.

In Christ,

*Pat McGrath, S.J.*  
Rev. Patrick E. McGrath, S.J.