



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST
Living the Truth in Charity

FROM THE PROVINCIAL

Dear Faithful of St. Paul's,

On behalf of Monsignor Gilles Wach, the Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, I express heartfelt appreciation to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester, for his gracious invitation to begin a new Oratory at historic Saint Paul's Church in Warren. We in the Institute deeply appreciate the helpful support of the Diocesan Vicar General, Monsignor Richard Reidy, and look forward to continuing this fruitful collaboration at Saint Paul's under Bishop McManus' paternal direction for many years to come. Profound thanks are also due to the faithful volunteers of St. Paul's who have worked with tireless dedication and energetic labors to prepare the rectory home for the arrival of the Institute clergy.

Our Prior General is sending you a fine shepherd in the person of the Oratory Rector, Canon Pierre Dumain. A native of France, Canon Dumain was ordained in 2015 by Cardinal Burke. After serving at our Institute's bilingual international Catholic school in Brussels, Belgium, for three years, Canon Dumain has assisted at our Institute's Oratory in Saint Louis, Missouri, for the past five years. Canon Dumain is now looking forward with grateful and glad anticipation to getting to know all of you, dear faithful, and to serving in Warren with his zealous priestly heart and energy. Assisting Canon Dumain is Abbé Kevin Kerscher, an ordained subdeacon who has served as a clerical oblate in the Institute for over 25 years. Abbé Kevin is on loan from St. Patrick's Oratory in Waterbury, Connecticut, for the time being so that Canon Dumain has the support of community life and prayer which are essential characteristics of the Institute's priests as secular canons with a missionary charism. I thank you in advance for welcoming them both with legendary New England hospitality. As provincial, I will be visiting our clergy from time to time and joyfully anticipate getting to know you as well.

Thanking you for your many prayers and sacrifices which have prepared the way for the birth of this new Oratory, as well as offering our sincere thankfulness to Father Becker and to the other Diocesan priests who have spiritually fathered the St. Paul's community over the years, I assure you of the steadfast commitment and pastoral solicitude of the Institute's clergy to carry on these important traditions and entrust to your daily prayers our work in this special portion of the Church's vineyard. Happy to be with you today and looking forward to accompanying you on this new spiritual journey at St. Paul's, I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Canon Matthew L. Talarico
Provincial Superior in the United States