

Dear Parishioners:

I bring you greetings from the Church of the Assumption in Bellingham, Washington. I am thrilled to be named as the new Pastor in the South Seattle cluster. I look forward to coming down and meeting all of you and being a part of your wonderful communities. I will be arriving July First and my first weekend in the parishes will be July 6 & 7. I will make every effort to celebrate as many masses as is feasible the first month I am with you so that I can meet as many people as possible.



Just a little bit about me. I grew up in Montana and Spokane, went to college at the University of Notre Dame, and came to Seattle upon graduation to be a part of the Channel program. I was a Youth Minister in Lakewood for four years and went to the seminary from there. I was ordained to the priesthood at St. James Cathedral on June 10, 1995. I was assigned to the cluster of parishes in Grays Harbor (1995-98), later I became Pastor of St. Rose in Longview (1998-2004), was honored to be asked to be the Founding Pastor of St. Teresa of Calcutta parish in Woodinville (2004-07), and have spent the last twelve years as Pastor of Assumption (2007-19). I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and minister with you.

I know it is always an adjustment for everyone when changes are made, and I know that there is a certain amount of fear and anxiety. As Jesus continues to tell His disciples, "Be not afraid," I need to remind myself and all of us to heed these words and look forward with hopeful anticipation to what God has in store for each of us. I want to thank Fr. Felino for his gracious words of welcome to me and for his many years of faithful service to all of you. He is a wonderful man and a great priest. I wish him only the best in this new chapter in his life. Blessings to you this Holy Season of Easter. I look forward to the new chapter each of us has in store. See you soon!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. K. Scott Connolly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. K. Scott Connolly
Pastor