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Following is a letter to St. Peter parishioners from pastor Jarmoluk regarding his "State of the Parish Address" and his planned sabbatical.

During his homily the weekend this letter was printed, he compared himself to a military commander who is defending his troops from the constant attacks of the enemy.

In the letter, he also announces his 3-month "sabbatical" to Australia for which he would be leaving the following week.

In 2004, he had a planned sabbatical postponed after being subpoenaed by the Kane County State's Attorney's Office during the criminal investigation of Fr. Mark Campobello.

When he announced in 2004 the postponement of his sabbatical to parishioners, he mentioned nothing of his subpoena and, instead, explained that he postponed it because parishioners told them the parish would be lost without him, so he said.

Some parishioners went around blaming parishioner Frank Bochte as the reason Jarmoluk's 2004 vacation was cancelled. It is unknown exactly how that ridiculous conclusion or connection was made or spread or why otherwise intelligent parishioners were accepting and spreading it without question.

Welcome To

St. Peter Church

Geneva, Illinois

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2005

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

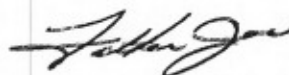
For many years now, I have delivered my State of the Parish Address which coincides with our president giving his State of the Union Address. As a community of faith, it's good to periodically think about our life together and the character of our parish. It's good to reflect on how we met formidable challenges during the past year, and it's even better to establish direction and new goals for our future. And how wonderful it would be if, as a result of such reflection, more parishioners experienced a deeper conversion of heart. If that were the case, St. Peter Parish would inevitably be taking another step closer to the Kingdom!

St. Peter Parish possesses a huge reservoir of goodwill, Christian charity, and kindness! I continue to be amazed at the creativity of so many gifted parishioners who eagerly give of their time and God-given talents. And still, our faith community needs the generous efforts of all parishioners to realize its full potential. After all, the work of the Church is not the task of a few but rather, the responsibility of everyone who is baptized. Our lived-out discipleship in our actions and words is as much an expression of our spirituality as are our precious, quiet moments in the Panis Angelicus Chapel.

I am proud to be your pastor and I love you very much. This week, I leave on the sabbatical which I had planned to take last year, but which I postponed. I have heard the rumors and innuendoes that I am using this sabbatical to make a quiet exit from St. Peter Parish and that I will not be returning. I never deserted you during the most difficult times and I will certainly not leave you now. Be assured that not only is my ticket round-trip, but that after my prayerful reflection, I am eagerly looking forward to returning to work with and for you as your pastor until my second term is complete in five more years.

In the meantime, I leave you in the best of care under the pastoral leadership of Father Max and the best parish staff on earth! Pray for me as I do for you!

In Christ's love,



Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Jarmoluk
Pastor