

To my Church family,

I will be retiring as of December 1. This is not the way I had hoped to say goodbye and to express my gratitude, but for your safety and mine it will have to do. I have been blessed to serve at the Church of St. Catharine for the past 10 years and although I will leave a piece of my heart with my “family” at St. Catharine’s, I will take many good memories with me.

I will be forever grateful for my relationship with our faithful priests and clergy, the deeply committed staff members, the dedicated members and leaders of our parish ministries, the 9 o’clockers and the Bible Study family. I am beyond grateful to the youth group members, their parents, and especially those who served as Adult Advisers. You have taught me so much, kept me young, and brought me much happiness!

Thank you for demonstrating how to love and care for one another, for opening your hearts to me and allowing me to walk with you, especially in times of pain and times of joy.

You have shaped me and helped me grow more than I could have imagined 10 years ago. My heart is filled with joy and hope for the future, because of each of you! I promise to pray for you, that your relationship with the Lord, and your connection with our beloved Church will continue and grow. Our Church needs you, now more than ever!

As a parting gift, I ask you to spend time in prayer for my family and me as we transition. Please pray that God will lead us, and that we listen carefully and respond to His plan for the next chapter of our lives.

In God’s Love,  
Kathy McBurnie

P.S. When I come back to visit in the summer, I look forward to many hugs!