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On July 31, 2006, I heard from the Lord, “Let it all go, and come and see.” I left my job, home, truck, and family to begin a new phase of life in the seminary.

Jesus' invitation to me was no different from the one he presented to his first disciples in John's Gospel, “Come and see” (John 1:39). His invitation began for them a new journey. A journey that ultimately led to joy, full communion with Christ. It is with His same invitation of “Com[ing] and see[ing]” that I invite you, the parishioners of Saint William, to return home to Mass, the sacraments, and the community.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been challenging for all of us in different ways. From the loss of loved ones, loss of work, loss of mobility, and loss of peace. But the Lord has not abandoned us (Matthew 28:20)! With confidence in God's faithfulness, I invite you to come and see what is happening at Saint William. You will see how Saint William has remained the same. But, you will also see how Saint William is changing for the better, enhancing parish life for the community, worship, and evangelization.

Some change was inevitable because of the pandemic, which has led to financial challenges, as we will be working with a considerably reduced budget. Many people still have not returned to Mass. Many volunteers and ministries are determining if, when, or how they will return to parish life. All this is okay, as I believe the Lord is working through all of this. There is hope in this change!

One of the things I have encountered from parishioners is the desire for spiritual healing. I will begin a series on healing in July that will be available to the whole parish in person or online. I desire that all of us encounter the Lord in deep and profound ways that alter our life for Christ! Jesus' “Come and see” invitation seems simple, but it led the disciples to a life transformation. They encountered the Lord in intimate ways that gave them the zeal to offer their lives for the Lord. Come and see what is happening at Saint William! May it lead you to a deep encounter with Christ!

Ad Jesum per Mariam,

Fr. Francisco Rodriguez III