Following up on the announcement last week of the upcoming collaboration between the parishes of Saint Theresa of Avila and Saint John Chrysostom here in West Roxbury, we have some news to share regarding the assignment of Priests serving the Parishes and the Collaborative.

We were officially informed earlier this week that Cardinal Sean has granted Saint Theresa's long-time Parochial Vicar, Father Richard S. Bradford, Senior Priest/Retirement status. For more than twenty-two years, Father Bradford has generously and faithfully served our Parish Family with dedication and distinction, and we are so very grateful to him for the exemplary manner in which he has lived out his vocation to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our midst. Father Bradford will continue to serve us here on an as needed basis as he will remain our West Roxbury neighbor while he continues to serve the Congregation of Saint Athanasius. Please join me in assuring both Father Bradford and his dear wife, Judy, of our ongoing prayers and best wishes at this moment of transition in their lives and ministry. We will, at an opportune time in the coming months, provide everyone with the opportunity to thank Father Bradford in person as he celebrates a special Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the end of his formal assignment here at Saint Theresa of Avila.

We also were informed that Cardinal Sean has appointed Father Charles J. Higgins to serve as Parochial Vicar at Saint Theresa of Avila Parish and Saint John Chrysostom Parish as they move into formal operation as a Collaborative as outlined in the Archdiocesan plan for evangelization, "Disciples in Mission". Father Higgins will be coming to us in West Roxbury from his assignments as Pastor of both Saint Albert the Great and Saint Francis Xavier Parishes in Weymouth. We look forward both to welcoming Father Higgins to our community and getting to know him better in the months ahead.

The effective date of both of these actions will be September 1, 2020.

Reverend John J. Connolly, Jr.

August 1, 2020