



Dear Friends of the Palisades:

Four years have passed very swiftly since the time when Archbishop Alex Brunett asked me to become the Director of Spirituality for the then, Palisades Retreat and Faith Formation Center. This was a new challenge and yet one that was not totally unfamiliar to me. Providing retreats and days of reflection and prayer brought me to the retreat center often over many years.

"The pearl of great price" and the treasure have been mine. My life and my spirit have been enriched and blessed by Deacon Dave Jones and all the members of the staff here at the now Archbishop Alex Brunett Retreat and Faith Formation Center. Many new stories of faith and trust in God have been shared by retreatants and spiritual directees and I am grateful for the privilege and the joy of my ministry here.

Now it is time to move on to continue furthering the ministries of Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue and the relationships with the men and women religious who live and serve in the Church in Western Washington. I will continue to be the Director for these efforts at the direction of Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, and step back from the position of Spiritual Director at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat and Faith Formation Center. I will, however, continue to offer retreats and days of prayer both at the retreat center and in parishes together with spiritual direction for those who seek this area for growth in their spirituality. I will also look forward to future experiences of taking that turn into 4700 Dash Point Road where I will once again join countless others who have been enriched and empowered here by the Presence of God's blessings in their spiritual journey.

Joy, Peace & Prayer,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Joyce M. Cox BVM." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Sister Joyce M. Cox, BVM