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Dear Reverend Harste,

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I write to you on behalf of the saints in Rogue River to express our gratitude for your faithful service to Christ's flock during your time here. As you reach the milestone of retirement from the Office of Holy Ministry, we give thanks to our gracious God for the work He accomplished through you in our midst.

You were the first to take up the call to shepherd the flock of God here, to sow the seed of God's Word among us, and to steward the mysteries for our benefit. You planted, others have watered, and God has continued to give the growth.

Now as you lay down the yoke of parish ministry, we pray that you do so in the peace which our crucified and risen the Lord granted to the Apostles on that first day of Easter. Though your time of public ministry draws to a close, the Word that you have preached will endure forever.

Please accept our thanks and congratulations at your retirement. May the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of the Church, who used your voice and hands in His service all these years, grant you rest and peace in His name.

Peace be with you,

Rev. Jonah Laws

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