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4 August 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serving for five years in the Diocese of Fairbanks, the Bishop of Cuddapah, India has asked that Fr. Kumar Pasala return to India to be closer to his mother whose health is failing. Fr. Kumar's last day in the diocese will be Friday, 5 August 2022.

Fr. Kumar has served in Fairbanks, Nome, Kotzebue, Little Diomede, Teller, Saint Michael, Stebbins, and Unalakleet during his time in the diocese. I am grateful for his presence and the pastoral care he has faithfully provided since May 2017.

I would like to personally thank Fr. Kumar and his bishop for allowing him to minister in the Diocese of Fairbanks. I also want to thank the parish communities of the Seward Peninsula, where Fr. Kumar has spent most of his time, for the support they have provided to him.

Fr. Kumar's generosity in serving the people of God in the Diocese of Fairbanks has been a great blessing. Please keep Fr. Kumar and his family in your prayers as he returns to India.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski

Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Fairbanks

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