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My Dear Friends,

These past few months have been important moments for me on my journey through life.

On May 11, I gave thanks to God for 50 years of service as a priest. On December 11, I celebrated my 75th birthday and the following day my resignation as Archbishop of St. John's was accepted. On January 7, a special Mass of farewell was celebrated in the Basilica.

All of these occasions were very meaningful for me and at times, emotional.

At each of these events, along with this past Christmas, many people honoured me with cards and greetings and best wishes.

It became very difficult to respond to each person individually but I wish to express to each and every one of you my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your thoughtfulness towards me.

As I say "thank you and goodbye" I would like you to know that in spite of the many bumps along the road, I have felt your love and caring for me.

As I leave for Nova Scotia the first few days of February, be assured I will always remember you and have you in my prayers and in my heart.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Martin Currie