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Statement from the Catholic Diocese of Charleston regarding the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province

We are saddened to learn that several members of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province will be leaving the Catholic Diocese of Charleston this summer after 81 years in our Diocese, specifically those friars at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Greenville and St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Anderson. However, we are grateful that the Order's friars will continue to serve at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Clemson.

The Franciscan friars have played a vital role in evangelizing and ministering to the Catholic faithful in the Upstate, specifically the African American and Hispanic Catholic communities. They will be missed, but their ministry will continue.

The Diocese will now start making appropriate plans as they prepare to assume ministerial and administrative duties at the two parishes later this year. In the meantime, both parishes will have ample time to find the right way to thank the Franciscans for their many decades of service to their respective communities.

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