Today, there are fewer than 30 active priests, and the diocese predicts it will fall to 20 by 2029.

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doris' retirement prompted a linkage with nearby SS. Anthony and Rose of Lima Parish in Dunmore. Cappelloni became pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, while the diocese predicts it will fall to 20 by 2029.

"Just keep as positive as possible," Doris said. "Paul lived and breathed for God, our Lord, directing his church with the deepest respect for the liturgy, and as one who was truly a man of prayer.

"I wish you all the best, and may you have all the help and support you need," he concluded.