

Office of the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

Calgary Diocese Clergy Personnel Announcements

June 23, 2017

A Word of Appreciation

I want to acknowledge and thank Fr. Myles Gaffney for his many years of service as the Diocesan Vocation Director and Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program. He returns on August 1, 2017 from a one year sabbatical which marked his 25th anniversary of priesthood and will receive a new pastoral appointment.

I also want to recognize and thank Fr. Kevin Tumback for his many years of service as the Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. With more pastoral responsibilities within the parish of Lethbridge this ministry of collaboration in helping to plan and celebrate major diocesan liturgies will be assumed by the appointment of new priests.

I invite the Diocese to join with me in expressing our appreciation of Fr. Gaffney and Fr. Tumback for their leadership over many years in these two diocesan roles of ministry.

Retirements

Fr. Andrew Pyon, currently the Pastor of St. Mary's Cochrane will retire August 1, 2017.

Fr. Raul Ranola currently the Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish will retire August 1, 2017.

Fr. Stefan Ganowicz currently priest hospital chaplain at Peter Lougheed Hospital will retire December 1, 2017.

The Diocese of Calgary is grateful for the many years of dedicated priestly service offered by these priests and we wish them our prayers and best wishes in their retirement.

Sabbaticals

Fr. Julian Studden, the pastor of St. Albert the Great Parish, has been granted a three-month sabbatical from April 2018 to July 1, 2018.

Fr. Canh Vu, OP, who has served the parish of St. Vincent Liem for 8 years requested a year sabbatical which he was granted by his Dominican Order, effective August 1, 2017

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Priests Departing from the Diocese

Fr. Karol Twarowski, SChr the parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Calgary is being transferred to St. Anthony Parish in Regina, SK, effective September 1, 2017.

Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, L.C., who was in residence at Sacred Heart Parish and who oversees the Regnum Christi schools in the Territory of North America and was ministering to the Regnum Christi adults in Calgary has been moved to Atlanta.

Fr. An Dang, OP, who has served as Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish for 8 years will receive a new assignment within the Vicariate.

Fr. Vijay Martin, OCD, who has been assisting at St. Mark's Parish is being withdrawn and assigned to one of the Carmelite communities or parishes, effective June 30, 2017.

New Priests Arriving in the Diocese

Fr. Marcin Binkowski, SChr, is appointed as the new parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish effective September 1, 2017.

Fr. Alejandro Mijangos, L.C., serving in the Diocese of Gary is being assigned as a chaplain to Clear Water Academy.

Fr. Dennis Vaverk OFM who is completing a sabbatical year is being appointed as Administrator of St. Mary's Parish Cochrane, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Vidya Sagar Bathineni has been appointed Associated Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Vuong Duc Nguyen, OP, has been appointed Pastor of St. Vincent Liem, effective August 1, 2017.

Diocesan Appointments

Fr. Bogdan Sianozecki, currently the Pastor of St. Gerard's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Pastor Corpus Christi Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Ignatius Tran, currently the Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Pastor of St. Gerard's Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. David Meadows, currently the Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish, has been appointed Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

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Fr. Colin O'Rourke, currently acting Diocesan Vocation Director and Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program has been appointed Pastor of St. Bonaventure's Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Rodel Abanto currently Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Thomas Mallavarapu CMF currently Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish has been appointed Associate Pastor St. Mark's Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Freddy Valdivia currently Associate Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Cristino Bouvette currently Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish has been appointed Diocesan Vocation Director, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Pilmaiken Lezano currently Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish has been appointed Associate Pastor St. Michael's Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Eleuterio Gubiana currently Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish has been appointed Associate Pastor St. Michael's Parish., effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Anthony Pudota, Judicial Vicar of the Marriage Tribunal has been appointed to Ascension Parish for weekend sacramental ministry, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Ed Hospet currently Administrator of St. Mark's Parish has been appointed Pastor of St. Mark's Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Liem Cong Pham, OP, currently holding a ministry within the Vicariate has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Vincent Liem Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Minh Binh Doan, OP, currently chaplain to the Catholics at the University of Calgary has been appointed as Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Fr. Ha Vinh Tran, OP, currently holding a ministry within the Vicariate has been appointed Chaplain at the University of Calgary, effective August 1, 2017.

Diocesan Deacon Appointments

Deacon Adrian Martens when ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 2017 in Houston, Texas will be appointed as Parochial Administrator of St. John the Evangelist Parish, The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, on July 1st, 2017. He will continue as Chancellor of the Diocese of Calgary.

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Deacon Alex Jaime Martinez-Lievano currently assigned to Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish has been appointed to Holy Spirit Parish, effective August 1, 2017.

Seminarian Internship Placement

Mr. Shane Lambert has been assigned to Holy Spirit Parish and Priest Supervisor Fr. David Meadows, effective July 1, 2017.

Mr. Troy Nuygen has been assigned to St. Peter's Parish and Priest Supervisor Fr. Jerome Lavigne, effective July 1, 2017.

Diocesan Appointments

Fr. Cristino Bouvette is appointed Diocesan Vocation Director, effective July 1, 2017.

Fr. Nathan Siray is appointed Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, effective July 1, 2017.

Fr. A.J. Abanto is appointed Cathedral Master of Ceremonies, effective July 1, 2017.

Fr. Jerome Lavigne is appointed Vicar for Catholic Education, effective July 1, 2017.

Fr. Ray Lowing is appointed Vicar for Retired Priests, effective July 1, 2017.

Fr. Jack Periera is appointed Vicar for the Religious, effective July 1, 2017.

Fr. Anthony Pudota is appointed Vicar for International Priests, effective July 1, 2017.

Fr. Julian Studden is appointed Vicar for the Permanent Diaconate, effective July 1, 2017.

* Fr. Adrian Martens is appointed Vicar for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs and Vicar for Lay Associations, effective July 1, 2017.