



DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

OFFICE OF PRIEST PERSONNEL

“Filling Lives with Hope”

Date: May 15, 2018

TO: Brother Priests
Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Coordinators
Parish, School and Pastoral Center Staff

FM: Rev. Erik Esparza, JCL *EE*

RE: Personnel News

Bishop Barnes wishes to share the following information:

I. PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

The following priests are being appointed as Pastor or Administrator:

- Rev. Briccio Tamoro, SVD, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena, Rialto for a term of six (6) years beginning on July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2024. We welcome Father Briccio back to full time ministry in the Diocese. Current pastor, Rev. Richard Casillas, SVD will be reassigned as Parochial Vicar of the parish as he continues to recover from recent health issues.
- Rev. Remigius Owuamanam, SMMM, Pastor of St. Joseph, Barstow and St. Philip Neri, Lenwood for a term of six (6) years beginning on July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2024. Father Remigius is new to the Diocese and is the American Regional Superior for the Congregation of Sons of Mary Mother Mercy. As superior he will assume leadership of the parish. Current Pastor, Rev. Gabriel Eze, SMMM will be reassigned as Parochial Vicar of the two parishes. Additionally, Rev. Celestine Agwu, SMMM, current Parochial Vicar will be reassigned by his community for another missionary apostolate beginning July 1, 2018.
- Rev. Stanley Onwuegbule, Administrator of San Secondo d’Asti, Guasti for a term of three (3) years beginning on July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. Father Stanley had been assisting Fr. Marx with sacramental needs at the parish over the last few years.
- Rev. Clarence Saldua, MS, Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes, Montclair for a term of three (3) years beginning on July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. Father Clarence is currently Parochial Vicar at St. Vincent Ferrer in Menifee. We thank Rev. Jacob Thomas Vettathu, MS for his leadership of the parish. Father Jacob will receive a new assignment in the Diocese.
- Rev. Neil Fuller, SVD, Administrator of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Crestline for a term of three (3) years beginning on July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. Father Neil will arrive August 1, 2018. Rev. Joseph Scott, SVD will provide sacramental needs for the month of July.

After successfully completing an extensive review of pastoral ministry, the following are being reappointed as Pastor:

- Rev. Frederick Costales, MS, Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer, Menifee for a term of six (6) years beginning on July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2024.

II. PAROCHIAL VICAR/PRIEST MINISTER/ CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENT

- Rev. Gregory Elder, Priest Minister of St. Martha, Murrieta for an additional three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.
- Rev. Javier Escobar, Priest Minister of St. Martha, Murrieta for an additional three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.
- Rev. Joseph Ellison, Priest Minister of St. Martha, Murrieta for an additional three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. Also, Father Joseph continues to serve as Hospital Chaplain at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Murrieta for the same term.
- Rev. Gabriel Eze, SMMM, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph, Barstow and St. Philip Neri, Lenwood for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.
- Rev. Anthony Ibegbunam, Parochial Vicar of St. Louis, Cathedral City for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We welcome Father Anthony back to the Diocese.
- Rev. Johnny Dang, Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick, Moreno Valley for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.
- Rev. Tomas Guillen, Parochial Vicar of St. John XXIII, Fontana/Rialto for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We thank Rev. Carlos Villasano, CS for his service to the Diocese.
- Rev. Jacob Thomas Vettathu, MS, Parochial Vicar of St. John XXIII, Fontana/Rialto for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.
- Rev. Athanasius Ezealla, Parochial Vicar of St. Mel, Norco for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. This will be Father Athanasius' first assignment in the Diocese. Current Parochial Vicar at St. Mel's, Father Romanus Ike, will soon receive another assignment in the Diocese.
- Rev. James Gibson, CR, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Desert, Apple Valley for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. With the recent return of Father James to the Diocese he is able to assist Rev. Delywn Haroldson, CR and the Congregation of the Resurrection community with leadership at the parish. We thank Rev. Suresh Manickam, HGN for his recent service to the community.
- Rev. Adalberto Jeronimo-Garcia, Parochial Vicar of Holy Family, Hesperia for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.
- Rev. Reginald Ibe, Parochial Vicar of Holy Family, Hesperia for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We welcome Father Reginald to the Diocese for his first assignment.
- Rev. Richard Casillas SVD, Parochial Vicar of St. Catherine of Siena, Rialto for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.
- Rev. Suresh Manickam, HGN, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary, Fontana for three (3) years beginning June 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.
- Rev. Le Binh Quang, SVD, Parochial Vicar of St. George, Ontario for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We welcome Father Le to the Diocese for his first assignment.

- Rev. Rizal Pedro Acosta, Jr, MS, Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent Ferrer, Menifee for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We welcome Father Rizal to the Diocese for his first assignment.
- Rev. Antonio Abuan, MS, Parochial Vicar of St. Christopher, Moreno Valley for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We welcome Father Antonio back to ministry in the Diocese.
- Rev. Basil Toan Quan Doan, CRM, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Corona and Vice Director of the Shrine of the Presentation of the Lord, Corona for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We welcome Father Basil to ministry in the Diocese.
- Rev. Felix Luan Viet Dinh, CRM, Director of Shrine of the Presentation of the Lord, Corona for six (6) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We welcome Father Basil to ministry in the Diocese.
- Rev. James Onyenani, Chaplain at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. We welcome Father James to ministry in the Diocese.

III. SABBATICAL

The following priests have granted a sabbatical and will be away from the Diocese:

- Rev. Javier Gonzalez Cabrera will be studying Missiology at the Pontifical University Urbaniana in Rome, Italy. Father Javier will be leaving his ministry at the Office of Vocations and departing for his study sabbatical in June 2018.
- Rev. Tyler Tripp will be studying Canon Law at St. Paul Pontifical University in Ottawa, Canada. Father Tyler concludes his ministry as Parochial Vicar at St. John XXIII Fontana/Rialto on June 30, 2018 and will begin his study program in September 2018.
- Very Rev. Msgr. Tom Wallace will be taking time for very much deserved rest and renewal from August 2018 until October 2018. Monsignor Wallace will return to his Diocesan ministries in November 2018.
- Rev. Henry Sseriiso, Pastor of St. Peter & St. Paul, Alta Loma will be taking a brief sabbatical to participate in a Spanish immersion language program from July 13 until October 14 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Father Henry will return back to the parish upon the completion of his immersion program and while he is absent additional priest support will be provided for the parish.

IV. IMPORTANT DATES

- A priest study day is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 1:00pm to 8:30pm at the Pastoral Center in San Bernardino**. The topic will be: "Ministry with Divorced Catholics." Deacons and Pastoral Coordinators are most welcome. Registration begins at 12:30pm and the program commences at 1:00pm. **Please RSVP by May 23, 2018** to ensure sufficient study materials and dinner for all participants. There is no cost, but please register today.
Lay ministers who work in this area of ministry can also register for the program which includes dinner and an evening session. Again registration is very important. For more information on this event please contact the Office of Continuing Formation for Priests at (909) 475-5163.