



Diocese of San Bernardino
Vicar General

Date: May 17, 2018
TO: Brother Priests
FM: Msgr. Lopez *SMI*
RE: Conferral of Pontifical Honor "Chaplain to His Holiness"

My Brothers:

At the request of Bishop Barnes, I am happy to send you this very joyful notification.

This is to let you know that Bishop Barnes on January 31st, 2018 made the request to Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to grant the conferral of the Pontifical Honor of "Chaplain to His Holiness," with the title of "Monsignor" to the following priests of the Diocese:

- *Reverend Thomas James Burdick*
- *Reverend Howard Abraham Lincoln*

I am happy to report that Our Holy Father granted this request through the Secretary of State of the Vatican on April 16th, 2018.

Bishop Barnes will present notice of this pontifical act to both brother priests tomorrow, May 18th, 2018 at 5:00 PM at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, San Bernardino at the 40th Anniversary Diocesan Awards Ceremony. You are kindly invited to attend as we congratulate both Monsignor Burdick and Monsignor Lincoln on this great blessing and recognition from Our Holy Father and Bishop Barnes. Thank you.

Msgr. Lopez