



June 15, 2021

2021 LETTER OF PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Dear Friends,

By decision of Most Rev. Albert LeGatt, Archbishop of Saint Boniface, after consultation with the College of Consultors, the following are the assignments of Priests, Parish Life Directors, Permanent Deacons, and Seminarians in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface for the current year. Unless otherwise agreed upon with those concerned, the appointments will be effective **August 4, 2021**. Priest and Parish Life Director assignments are listed according to deaneries.

NOTE

The term Pastor is applied only to priests who are incardinated within the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. The term Parochial Administrator is applied to those priests having the same responsibilities as a Pastor but who are either secular clergy incardinated in another diocese or a member of a religious congregation.

The term Priest Moderator is applied to those priests responsible for liturgical celebrations in a parish where the pastoral responsibilities have been assigned to a Parish Life Director. The term Parish Life Director refers to the lay person or the religious who is responsible for the pastoral aspects of the parish.

FRENCH URBAN DEANERY

1. CATHÉDRALE SAINT-BONIFACE

Fr. Germain Kpakafi, OFM Cap., is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year mandate.

2. SAINTS-MARTYRS-CANADIENS

Newly ordained **Fr. Christian Ilunga Mutombo** is appointed pastor for a six-year mandate.



SOUTH URBAN ENGLISH DEANERY

1. HOLY CROSS

Fr. Anthony (Ani) Muthu Xavier, OFM Cap., who will be arriving from India as soon as flights resume, is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year mandate.

2. ST. BERNADETTE

Fr. Chukweumka Francis Okafor, M.Ss.Cc., is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year mandate. He will be arriving from Nigeria.

3. ST. PHILIP MINH VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Fr. Phạm Phi (Jean-Baptiste) Vũ, on loan from the Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam, is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year mandate, beginning July 1, 2021. He arrived in March 2021 and is under Fr. Hai's mentorship since then.

4. ST. THOMAS MORE KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Fr. Lee John Dae-Soo, on loan from the Archdiocese of Seoul in South Korea, was named parochial administrator for a five-year mandate as of August 1, 2020. He arrived in February 2021.

KILCONA DEANERY

1. HOLY REDEEMER

Fr. Anthony Austin, on loan from the Diocese of Obuasi in Ghana, West Africa is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year mandate.

Sr. Maria Ciccarelli, SNJM, will continue ensuring the leadership of the parish as Parish Life Director until his arrival in the parish.

2. ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Sr. Charlotte Leake, SNJM, is appointed Parish Life Director for another one-year mandate. We are looking for someone to appoint as priest-moderator; in the meantime, the liturgical and sacramental services will be assured by replacement priests.

WINNIPEG RIVER DEANERY

1. POWERVIEW-PINE FALLS (Notre-Dame-du-Laus) / SAINT-GEORGES

Fr. Sebastian Emeka Ejie, on loan from the Diocese of Awka in Nigeria, is appointed parochial administrator for a one-year mandate; his



bishop, Most Reverend Paulinus C. Ezeokafor has granted him a sabbatical year. He arrived on June 13, 2021.

2. **LAC DU BONNET** (Notre-Dame-du-Lac) / **PINAWA** (St. Francis of Assisi)
Fr. Luke Chika Nwoko, M.Ss.Cc., is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year mandate. He will be arriving from Nigeria.

RED RIVER DEANERY

1. **SAINT-PIERRE / OTTERBURNE** (Saint-Viateur)
Fr. Robert Laroche, OMI, is appointed parochial administrator for a second year, with the assent of his Provincial Superior, Fr. Ken Thorson. The Lacombe Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate will then appoint him to another ministry.
2. **SAINT-JOSEPH / SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE**
Fr. Dominic La Fleur is appointed pastor for a six-year mandate.
3. **SAINT-MALO / BLESSED MARGARET POLL**
Archbishop Albert LeGatt will assume the role of priest-moderator himself for one year, celebrating Sunday Masses and a portion of the baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Fr. Robert Laroche, OMI, will assist His Grace with the latter and with weekday Masses. **Mrs. Marie-Lynne Catellier** and **Mr. Joël Fouasse** are appointed co-Parish Life Directors for all pastoral activities, in collaboration with the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). **Mr. Léo Roch** and **Mr. Marc Hamonic** are named co-Parish Life Directors for all financial and temporal administration, in collaboration with the Parish Finance Council. These appointments are for a one-year mandate, ending July 31, 2022.

MOUNTAIN DEANERY

1. **MORRIS** (St. Maurice) / **EMERSON** (Sacred Heart of Jesus) / **SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA** (Altona)
Fr. Roque (Jojo) Anquintero, having completed his six-year mandate, is appointed parochial administrator for another three years in these three communities.

SEMINARIANS

1. **JEAN-MARCEL KABONGO**, diocesan seminarian, will begin a pastoral internship year at St. Emile Parish on August 1, 2021.



OTHERS

1. **FR. MARCEL CARRIÈRE** is taking a sabbatical year. Thereafter, he will be appointed once again to a six-year mandate as pastor, as of August 1, 2022.
2. **FR. PHIL DALEY** is retiring from full-time parish pastoral ministry. After a time of rest and reflection, he will be appointed to other pastoral duties in service to the diocese.
3. **SR. MARIA CICCARELLI, SNJM**, will be retiring once Fr. Anthony Austin begins his ministry as parochial administrator of Holy Redeemer. She has served as Parish Life Director at Christ the King for two years, followed by one year at Holy Redeemer. A sincere thanks to Sr. Maria for her generosity and fidelity.

PRIESTS LEAVING OUR DIOCESE

1. **FR. PATRICE KASONGA TSHIOSHA** will be retiring from parish ministry and will be returning to his home country, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), following 17 years of service in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface.

He has served as parochial administrator in the following parishes: Saint-Pie (Letellier); St. Maurice (Morris); Sacred Heart of Jesus (Emerson); Roseau River; Saint Joseph; Saint-Pierre-Jolys; Saint-Viateur (Otterburne); and since 2018, Saint-Jean-Baptiste and Saint-Joseph once more.

He was also a member of the Diocesan Council of Priests, representing the international priests among us. We thank him for his faithful and generous ministry; we will always remember his joviality. We wish him a good and long retirement, filled with God's many blessings.

2. **FR. JAMES APPIAH**, having completed nine years of ministry within the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, will be rejoining his diocese of Obuasi in Ghana, in accordance with the *fidei donum* agreement concluded between the two dioceses. We thank him for the pastoral services he generously and kindly provided.
3. **FR. HAI DUY NGUYỄN**, priest from the diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam, has been on *fidei donum* loan to us since 2014 to assure ministry in the Vietnamese parish, St. Philip Minh. This summer, he will be leaving us in August to attend the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, to study for a year to complete his bachelor's degree in English. He will then return to his diocese of Xuan Loc, in accordance with the *fidei donum* agreement between the two dioceses. We thank him for his great generosity that has allowed the parish to continue flourishing.



SINCERE THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the priests, permanent deacons, and Parish Life Directors for their generosity in accomplishing their pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface.

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