

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (March/April Issue)
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Bishop Jaime Soto, in consultation with the Priests’ Personnel Board has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective January 1, 2019

Rev. Cleetus P. **Karakkat**, previously Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom.

Effective January 15, 2019

Rev. Guillermo **Hernandez**, while remaining Pastor of St. Rose Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Director of Vocations of the Diocese.

Rev. Jovito D. **Rata**, previously Director of Vocations of the Diocese, has been appointed Pastor of St. Peter and All Hallows Parish, Sacramento.

The following notice is also given:

DEACONS

Effective January 9, 2019

Dcn. John F. **Gisla**, previously assigned to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, has been granted permission to retire from active ministry.

Effective January 10, 2019

Dcn. Jim **McFadden**, previously assigned to St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom, has been granted permission to retire from active ministry.

PRIESTS

Effective November 30, 2018

Rev. Louis M. **Nhien**, CRM, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Pastor of Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento.

Effective December 13, 2018

Rev. Antony **Vadakara**, CMI, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Sacramento.

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Rev. Brian Joseph C. **Atienza**, a Member of the Tribunal Staff of the Diocese, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council as a representative of the Apostolic Work constituency.

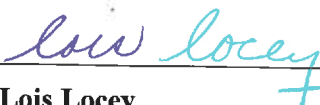
Rev. Raj R. **Derivera**, Parochial Vicar of St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council as a representative of the Less than 10 Years Ordained constituency.

Rev. Alexander A. **Estrella**, Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Dean of Southern Suburbs.

Rev. Michael D. **Ritter**, Parochial Administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council as a Bishop's Appointee.

In Memoriam

Rev. Ronan **Brennan**, died on October 26, 2018. He was born on August 23, 1926. Ordained to the priesthood on June 18, 1950, Fr. Brennan served as a priest of the Diocese of Sacramento for 68 years.



Dr. Lois Locey
Chancellor

