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From: Office of the Bishop  
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**“Official”**

**Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:**

DEACONS

**Effective August 1, 2019**

Dcn. Paul L. **DeVito**, a deacon of the Diocese of Las Cruces, CA, has been appointed to serve at St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln

Dcn. Donald **Galli**, previously assigned to St. Lawrence Parish, North Highlands, has been appointed Deacon of Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights.

**Effective August 15, 2019**

Dcn. Thomas E. **O’Connell**, previously assigned to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Oroville, has been granted permission to retire.

**Effective September 3, 2019**

Dcn. Anthony **Pescetti**, previously assigned to St. Mel Parish, Fair Oaks, has been appointed Deacon of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento.

**Effective September 5, 2019**

Dcn. Rudolph A. **Fernandes**, a deacon from the Diocese of St. Petersburg, currently assigned to St. Rose Parish, Sacramento, has been granted a leave from his parish duties, concluding on December 31, 2019.

PRIESTS

**Effective September 1, 2019**

Rev. Bernardin **Mugabo**, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as a representative of the American River constituency. He replaces Fr. Martin J. Ramat who now belongs to the Sutter Buttes Deanery.

Rev. Carlo Paul G. **Tejano**, Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Auburn, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as a representative of the Mother Lode and Gold Country constituencies. He replaces Fr. Lawrence J. Beck who resigned.

**Effective September 3, 2019**

Rev. Mauricio **Hurtado**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Theresa Parish, South Lake Tahoe, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

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**In Memoriam**

Rev. Benedict S. **DeLeon**, died on August 18, 2019. He was born on January 21, 1954. Ordained to the priesthood on March 22, 1980. Father DeLeon served the Diocese of Sacramento for 39 years.



**Kathy Conner**  
Chancellor

