

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (September /October Issue)
Date: July 30, 2021

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Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective July 1, 2021

Rev. Nnaemeka Paschal **Ajuka**, a priest from Diocese of Umuahia, Nigeria has been hired by UC Davis Health, Sacramento, and has been granted faculties in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Effective July 12, 2021

Rev. Thomas Luu Duc **Vu**, C.R.M., previously Parochial Vicar of Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento, has been recalled by his religious order and has left the diocese.

Effective July 16, 2021

Rev. Kenneth J. **Liuzzi**, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Denver, has been granted faculties to serve in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Effective July 23, 2021

Rev. John Eudes Vu Tien **Cao**, C.R.M., having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento.

Effective August 1, 2021

Rev. Paolo D. **Dorrego**, P.E.S., previously Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony Parish, Walnut Grove and St. Therese Parish, Isleton, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Rev. Carlos A. **Farfan**, P.E.S., previously Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Walnut Grove and St. Therese, Isleton, has been recalled by his order.

Rev. Graham S. **Latimer**, F.S.S.P., previously Parochial Vicar of St. Stephen the First Martyr Parish, Sacramento has been recalled by his order and has left the diocese.

Rev. Juan Carlos **Villavicencio**, P.E.S., previously Parochial Vicar of St. Lawrence Parish, North Highlands, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony Parish, Walnut Grove and St. Therese Parish, Isleton.

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Bishop Jaime Soto, in consultation with the Priests' Personnel Board has made the following canonical appointments:

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Rev. George J. **Thadathil**, C.M.I., previously Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed half-time Parochial Vicar of the same and half-time Chaplain of St. Francis High School, Sacramento.

July 13, 2021

Rev. Alex **Estrella**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick, Grass Valley, St. Canice Parish, Nevada City, Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville and St. Thomas Mission, Sierra City, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Rev. Victor **Gutierrez**, previously Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Maxwell and the Missions of Annunciation, Williams and Holy Cross, Arbuckle, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Rev. Francisco **Velazquez**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Philomene Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

DEACONS

Effective May 14, 2021

Dcn. Joaquin **Lara**, previously assigned to St. Monica Parish, Willows, has been granted a Leave of Absence.

Effective June 28, 2021

Dcn. Michael **Joyce**, O.Carm., of the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, has been granted diaconal faculties during his stay at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Fairfield.

Dcn. Rich **Valles**, previously assigned to Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson, has been granted permission to retire.

Effective July 15, 2021

Dcn. Barry S. **Johnson**, previously assigned to St. St. Joseph Parish, Marysville, has relocated outside the Diocese.

Effective July 22, 2021

Dcn. Jaime **Garcia**, previously assigned to St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Martell, has been granted permission to retire.

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Dcn. Patrick **Kearns**, previously assigned to St. Joseph Parish, Marysville, has relocated outside the Diocese.

Effective October 31, 2021

Dcn. Michael **Tateishi**, previously assigned to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Carmichael, has been granted permission to retire.

In Memoriam

Rev. Boleslaw B. **Wdowiak**, died on July 13, 2021. He was born on August 8, 1929 and ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1965. Father Wdowiak served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 13 years before retiring.

Rev. Joseph (Huong) X. **Nguyen**, died on July 17, 2021. He was born on October 22, 1946 and ordained to the priesthood on October 5, 1985. Father Nguyen served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 35 years.

Deacon Joseph R. **Symkowick** died on July 24, 2021. He was born on December 19, 1946. Ordained to the diaconate on June 1, 1985. Deacon Symkowick served in the Diocese of Sacramento for 31 years before retiring.



Uli Schmitt
Chancellor

