

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (September/October Issue)
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BISHOPS

Effective May 31, 2024:

The Most Reverend Rey B. **Bersabal**, Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento, having been named Titular Bishop of Balecio and Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento by Pope Francis on April 20, 2024, was ordained to the Episcopacy by Bishop Jaime Soto with Bishop Emeritus William K. Weigand and Archbishop Jose A Cabantan of Cagayan de Oro as consecrators, and is appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Sacramento.

Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective May 17, 2024

Rev. Raj R. **Derivera**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson, has been placed on a temporary Leave of Absence.

Effective May 20, 2024

Rev. Philip J. **Wells**, a retired priest, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *Pro-tem* of Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson.

Effective June 27, 2024

Rev. Bernardin **Mugabo**, while remaining Pastor of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sacramento, has been duly elected to serve on the Priest Personnel Board, representing the Middle Age Group.

Effective July 1, 2024

Rev. Bony **Arackal**, previously Parochial Administrator of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Rocklin, has been appointed Priest-In-Residence at Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Sacramento.

Rev. Brian **Crawford**, OSJ, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Marelllo Parish, Granite Bay.

Rev. Antonio A. **Gutierrez**, FM, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Pastor of St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova.

Rev. Brandon Armando **Meza**, FM, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova.

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Rev. Devassikutty Koottala **Joseph**, a priest from Diocese of Irinjalakuda, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley, St. Canice Parish, Nevada City, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville.

Rev. Reji **Joseph**, CMI, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Anthony Parish, Mount Shasta, has been appointed Dean of Siskiyou Deanery.

Rev. Michael D. **Ritter**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Robert Parish, Sacramento, has been assigned to doctoral studies in psychology at Southern California University and St. Luke Institute, Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Jossy G. **Vattothu**, CMI, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento, from July 1 through September 30, 2024.

Effective July 2, 2024

Most Rev. Rey B. **Bersabal** has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Cirilo G. **Cervantes**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors and appointed Dean of Shasta Deanery.

Rev. Dean J. **Marshall**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Yreka, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Very Rev. Michael **O'Reilly**, while remaining Rector of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Arnold P. **Parungao**, while remaining Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Vicente C. **Teneza**, while remaining Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills, has been appointed Dean of Gold Country Deanery.

Effective July 6, 2024

Rev. Joseph **Moons**, C.P., while remaining Director of Christ the King Retreat Center, Citrus Heights, has been appointed Dean of West Placer Deanery.

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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. Enrique **Alvarez**, previously Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights, has been appointed Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo.

Rev. J. Michael B. **Baricuatro**, previously Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Roseville, has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff.

Rev. Jose A. **Campos**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Holy Cross Parish, Tulelake.

Rev. Pepin W. **Dandou**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Holy Family Parish, Weed, and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Dunsmuir.

Rev. Paolo **Dorrego**, PES, previously Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Walnut Grove, and St. Therese Parish, Isleton, in accordance with an agreement with the order, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights.

Rev. Jhay B. **Galeon**, previously Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, West Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Roseville.

Rev. Giovanni B. **Gamas**, previously Pastor of St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova, has been appointed Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom.

Rev. Edgardo J. **Garcia**, previously Parochial Administrator of Holy Cross Parish, Tulelake, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Anthony Parish, Walnut Grove, and St. Therese Parish, Isleton.

Rev. Reji **Joseph**, CMI, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Anthony Parish, Mount Shasta, and St. Joseph Parish, McCloud.

Rev. Charles P. **Kelly**, previously Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff, has been appointed Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Paradise.

Rev. Lester **Menor**, previously Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Mount Shasta, and St. Joseph Parish, McCloud, has been appointed Pastor of St. Robert Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Arnold **Parungao**, previously Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville, has been appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, West Sacramento

Rev. Erik **Pereira**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. James Parish, Davis.

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Rev. Manuel A. **Rodriguez**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville.

Rev. Renier C. **Siva**, previously Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom, has been appointed Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Rocklin.

Rev. Vicente C. **Teneza**, previously Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo, has been appointed Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills.

TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Bishop Jaime Soto ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 29, 2024:

Deacon Edgar Yair **Lozano Cuevas**

DEACONS

Effective June 17, 2024

Deacon Patrick **Mahan**, remaining Deacon of St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln, has been temporarily assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento, to assist with administrative oversight.

The following notice is also given:

Effective May 21, 2024

Rev. Philp **Masseti**, OSJ, has reached the end of his term as Pastor of St. Joseph Marello Parish, Granite Bay; but will remain In-Residence at Mount St. Joseph, Loomis

Rev. Ruban J. **Thannickal**, previously Pastor at Infant Jesus Syro-Malabar Catholic Church and a supply priest for the Diocese of Sacramento, has left the Diocese.

Effective June 30, 2024

Rev. J. Guadalupe **Vazquez-Gonzalez**, previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Rosary Parish, Woodland, has left the Diocese.

Effective July 1, 2024

Rev. Mario **Valmorida**, having been granted permission to retire, has been named Pastor Emeritus of Holy Family Parish, Weed.

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In Memoriam

Rev. Daniel J. **Casey** died May 23, 2024, at the age of 89. Fr. Casey served the Diocese of Sacramento for 66 years.

Rev. Rodney L. **Hall** died May 6, 2024, at the age of 85. Fr. Hall served the Diocese of Sacramento for 33 years.

Rev. Arthur J. **Wehr**, SJ, died July 4, 2024, at the age of 68. Fr. Wehr served the Diocese of Sacramento for 19 years.



Uli Schmitt
Chancellor

