

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (May/June Issue)
Date: March 11, 2025

“Official”

Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

Effective February 3, 2025

Sr. Gracie **Chuman**, P.E.S., has been appointed Delegate for Religious in the Diocese of Sacramento.

PRIESTS

Effective January 17, 2025

Rev. Cirilo G. **Cervantes**, previously Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Rev. German E. **Ramos**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Oroville, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Effective January 22, 2025

Rev. Joshua V. **Sia**, previously Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Snows Parish, Lake Almanor, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Effective February 1, 2025

Rev. Raj R. **Derivera**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has resumed the office Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson.

Rev. Guillermo **Hernandez**, previously Priest-in-Charge *pro tem* of Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *pro tem* of Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico.

Rev. Martin **Ramat**, previously Pastor of Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico, has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Alturas.

Rev. Shaji P. **Xavier**, a priest of the Diocese of Alleppey, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills.

Effective February 17, 2025

Rev. Guillermo **Hernandez**, previously Priest-in-Charge *pro tem* of Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico, has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville.

Rev. Joshy **Mathew**, previously Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville, has been appointed Pastor of Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico.

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Rev. Amer **Awad**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed to the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

Effective February 21, 2025

Rev. Orlando **Gomez**, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning, has been granted a Leave of Absence.

Rev. Steven J. **Wood**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick Parish, Weaverville, has been appointed Spiritual Director to the Shasta Curia of the Legion of Mary.

Effective February 26, 2025

Rev. Rene **Jauregui**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Dominic Parish, Orland, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *pro-tem* of Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning.

Effective March 1, 2025

Rev. Giovanni **Gamas**, while remaining Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as representative of the Gold Country Deanery constituency.

Rev. Antonio B. **Racela**, while remaining Pastor of St. James Parish, Davis, has been appointed Dean of Yolo Deanery.

DEACONS

Effective April 30, 2025

Deacon David **Kraatz**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has been appointed Deacon of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico.

The following notice is also given:

Effective February 1, 2025

Rev. Ashok A. **Stephen**, OMI, previously Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Alturas, has left the diocese.

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In Memoriam

Dcn. Stan **Rudger** entered eternal life on February 13, 2025, at the age of 79. Deacon Stan served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 31 years.



Uli Schmitt
Chancellor

