

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (July/August Issue)
Date: May 15, 2025

“Official”

Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective April 4, 2025

Rev. Juan Ignacio **Sandoval**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, has been appointed half-time Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield, and half-time student at UC Davis.

Effective April 21, 2025

Rev. Apolonio **Catada**, previously Parochial Vicar at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo, has been appointed Parochial Vicar *pro tem* at Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning.

Rev. Mario **Valmorida**, a retired priest of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar *pro tem* at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo.

Effective April 22, 2025

Rev. Paul **McNamee**, Chaplain at Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, has been granted a Leave of Absence.

Effective April 25, 2025

Rev. Jibi Pongapara **James**, a priest of St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Chicago, has been granted faculties as a Supply Priest.

Effective April 30, 2025

Rev. Chandra S. **Potnuru**, MSFS, previously Pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael, has been granted faculties as a Supply Priest.

Effective May 1, 2025

Rev. Apolonio **Catada**, previously Parochial Vicar *pro tem* at Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning, has been appointed Parochial Administrator *pro-tem* at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael.

Rev. Eugenio **Lopez**, a retired priest of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar *pro tem* at Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning.

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The following notice is also given:

Effective March 20, 2025

Rev. Ghattas B. **Khoury**, previously Pastor at Our Lady of the Rosary Maronite Church, Carmichael, has left the diocese.

Rev. Timothy M. **Nondorf**, previously an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been incardinated in the Diocese of Monterey.

DEACONS

Effective June 9, 2025

Deacon Paul **Friedrich**, previously Deacon at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Carmichael, has been appointed Deacon at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sacramento.

In Memoriam

Rev. Vincent P. **O'Reilly** entered eternal life on March 22, 2025, at the age of 88. Father. O'Reilly served the diocese for 62 years.

Rev. Msgr. Robert P. **Walton** entered eternal life on March 18, 2025, at the age of 76. Msgr. Walton served the diocese for 51 years.

Dcn. Michael **Evans** entered eternal life on April 2, 2025, at the age of 82. Deacon Evans was ordained in 1983 in Chico and served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 34 years.



Uli Schmitt
Chancellor

