



CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

June 21, 2021

Dear CCHS Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff,

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Peter Jugis has appointed Father Juan Miguel Sanchez and Father Jonathan D. Torres to Charlotte Catholic High School as Assistant Chaplains for the 2021-22 school year. Both will also be serving as parochial vicars of St. Matthew Catholic Church. Father Sanchez and Father Torres will work with Father Timothy Reid, who joined us last year as Chaplain and will remain in that role. Father Reid oversees matters of faith and worship at CCHS, serving as Theology Department head and Director of Campus Ministry.

Fr. Sanchez was ordained June 19, 2021 at St. Mark Church. Originally from Guadalajara, Mexico, he is one of 14 children whose home parish is St. Francis of Assisi in Lenoir. Fr. Sanchez was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Charlotte in 2013. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Philosophy at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and then completed his theological studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Fr. Torres is originally from New York City and was raised in Charlotte as one of nine children whose home parish is St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlotte. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature at Belmont Abbey College. He completed his studies and theological studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus Ohio, and was ordained a priest in July 2020.

Fr. Reid, our returning Chaplain, is also Vicar of Education for the Diocese of Charlotte and pastor of St. Ann in Charlotte. Originally from Martinsville, Indiana, he was raised Methodist but converted to Catholicism during his senior year of college. He graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in Marketing, and was working at a large marketing firm when he felt called by God to pursue the priesthood. He entered seminary at Theological College at The Catholic University of America, where he earned a Master's degree in Philosophy. After four years of formation, Fr. Reid left the seminary to further discern his vocation. He accepted a job with the Migration and Refugee Services of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, where he worked for five years before returning to studies at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY. There, he earned a M.A. in Theology and a Master of Divinity. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Charlotte in 2004.

Father Reid was named Vicar of Education for the Diocese of Charlotte last year. In this role, he supports and promotes Catholic education throughout the Diocese of Charlotte's 19 schools, sharing his faith and love for working with young people.

I look forward to continuing to work with Fr. Reid and welcoming Fr. Sanchez and Fr. Torres as together we work as a team toward our shared vision: to inspire Christ-filled lives nourished by prayer, charity and the sacraments, as well as a commitment to social justice and the dignity of all life, always recognizing the pursuit of academics as the revelation of God's truth. United in communion with our Diocese and Church's leadership and teaching, we will continue to nourish and grow an intentional faith among our faculty, staff and students.

Fr. Sanchez and Fr. Torres will each be on campus two days per week during the school year, sharing the responsibilities of the Assistant Chaplain.

We will also welcome Mr. Noe Sifuentes, a student at St. Joseph College Seminary, who will replace Mr. Robbie Bauman as Assistant to the Chaplain. Mr. Bauman returns to full-time studies and we wish him well. Mr. Sifuentes comes to us from Sacred Heart Parish in Salisbury. He will work closely with Fr. Reid in guiding our students along their faith journey.

As always, please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Prayerfully yours,

W. Kurt Telford, Principal

Cc: Fr. Timothy Reid, Vicar of Education and CCHS Chaplain
Dr. Greg Monroe, Superintendent of Schools