



June 15, 2022

2022 LETTER OF PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Dear Friends,

By decision of Most Rev. Albert LeGatt, Archbishop of Saint Boniface, after consultation with the College of Consultors, the following are the assignments of Priests, Parish Life Directors, Permanent Deacons and Seminarians in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface for the current year. Unless otherwise agreed upon with those concerned, the appointments will be effective **Wednesday, August 3, 2022**. The assignments of Priests and Parish Life Directors are listed according to deaneries.

NOTE

The term Pastor is applied only to priests who are incardinated within the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. The term Parochial Administrator is applied to those priests having the same responsibilities as a Pastor but who are either secular clergy incardinated in another diocese or a member of a religious congregation.

The term Priest Moderator is applied to those priests responsible for liturgical celebrations in a parish where the pastoral responsibilities have been assigned to a Parish Life Director. The term Parish Life Director refers to the lay person or the religious who is responsible for the pastoral aspects of the parish.

FRENCH URBAN DEANERY

1. PRÉCIEUX-SANG

Fr. Eider Augusto Ortiz Tamayo is appointed parochial administrator for one year, while continuing as parochial administrator of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción parish. As Précieux-Sang will close as a parish on August 1, 2023, the coming year will be a year of transition with both parish communities functioning out of the same building, i.e., church, hall, and office of Précieux-Sang.

2. ST. KIZITO

Br. Germain Kpakafi, OFM Cap., is appointed parochial administrator of the African Catholic Community of St. Kizito for one year.



SOUTH URBAN ENGLISH DEANERY

1. HOLY FAMILY / SAINTE-FAMILLE

With the approval of the Provincial Superior of the Lacombe Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI, **Fr. Armand Le Gal** is reappointed Parochial Administrator for another year, with the possibility of further reappointments to a total of three years.

2. ST. BERNADETTE

Fr. Chukwuemeka Francis Okafor, Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (M.Ss.Cc.), having arrived from Nigeria and having exercised ministry during a period of mentorship, is now appointed Parochial Administrator for a mandate of six years. This is effective July 1, 2022.

KILCONA DEANERY

1. ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Sr. Charlotte Leake, SNJM, Parish Life Director, and **Fr. Lawrence Agorchukwu**, Priest-Moderator, are asked to continue their ministry as we await the eventual arrival and then the two-month mentorship period of **Fr. Michael Agazie Uchechukwu, (M.Ss.Cc.)**, arriving from Nigeria. He will be named Parochial Administrator following his mentorship period.

WINNIPEG RIVER DEANERY

1. POWERVIEW-PINE FALLS (Notre-Dame-du-Laus) / ST. GEORGES

Fr. Sebastian Emeka Ejie, on loan from the Diocese of Awka in Nigeria, is reappointed as Parochial Administrator for a further two-year term. His bishop, Most Reverend Paulinus C. Ezeokafor, has granted him a further two years to his sabbatical leave.

2. LAC DU BONNET (NOTRE-DAME-DU-LAC) / PINAWA (ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI)

Fr. Luke Chika Nwoko, M.Ss.Cc., having arrived on October 18, 2021, and having exercised his ministry during his two-month mentorship period, was then appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate. This became effective January 15, 2022.



RED RIVER DEANERY

1. **SAINT-PIERRE / OTTERBURNE (Saint-Viateur)**
Fr. Paulin Akpapupu is appointed Parochial Administrator for a mandate of six years. This is with the approval of his bishop, the most Reverend Emmanuel Fianu, SVD (Society of the Divine Word), of the Diocese of Ho in Ghana.
2. **ST. MALO / BLESSED MARGARET POLL**
Fr. Paul Hung Tuan Nguyen, recently ordained, is appointed Pastor for a six-year mandate.
3. **SAINT-JOSEPH / SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE**
Fr. Alain Guenou is appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate. This is with the approval of his bishop, the Most Reverend Gabriel Kumordji, SVD, of the Diocese of Keta-Akatsi in Ghana.

SEINE RIVER DEANERY

1. **LA BROQUERIE (SAINT-JOACHIM) / ST. LABRE (ST. BENOIT LABRE) / WOODRIDGE (SAINT-ALEXANDRE)**
Fr. Serge Buissé, to be ordained on July 8, is appointed Pastor for a six-year mandate.

MOUNTAIN DEANERY

1. **NOTRE-DAME-DE-LOURDES / RATHWELL (SAINTE-MONIQUE)**
Fr. Francis Koudzovi Adzakor is appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate.
2. **SOMERSET (NOTRE-DAME-DE-LA-NATIVITÉ)**
Fr. Marcel Carrière is appointed Pastor for a six-year mandate.

SEMINARIANS

Peter Tran, diocesan seminarian, will begin a pastoral internship year at St. Emile Parish on September 15, 2022.



OTHERS

Fr. Charles Fillion is appointed Vicar General. This became effective May 1, 2022.

Fr. Carl Tarnopolski, having attained the age of 75 has resigned from the role of Vicar General, a service to the Archbishops and the Archdiocese that he has carried out since 2001. We thank him for his devoted, wise, and ever-faithful ministry towards all the clergy and faithful of our diocese.

He will continue to carry out the responsibilities of Chancellor for the Archdiocese for another two years, aided by Fr. Vincent Lusty, Vice-Chancellor.

PRIESTS LEAVING OUR DIOCESE

Fr. Robert Laroche, OMI, having provided ministry as a Parochial Administrator for the last two years, is being re-assigned to a parish in Ottawa by his superiors of the Province of Lacombe of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. We wish to thank Fr. Robert for this generous and inspired leadership to the parishioners of St. Pierre and Otterburne (St. Viateur), as well as numerous services to the neighbouring parish in St. Malo.

SINCERE THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the priests, permanent deacons and parish life directors for their generosity in accomplishing their pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface.

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