



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
*of Calgary*

## **CLERGY PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 6, 2021**

### **RETIREMENT of EPISCOPAL VICARS**

- **Fr. Ray Lowing:** We appreciate and thank Fr. Lowing for serving in the capacity of Vicar for Retired Priests. Fr. Lowing will retire from this appointment effective December 31, 2020.
- **Fr. John Schuster:** We appreciate and thank Fr. Schuster for serving in the capacity of Vicar General. Fr. Schuster will retire from this appointment effective December 31, 2020.

### **PRIEST LEAVING THE DIOCESE**

- **Fr. Michel Kassas,** currently on sabbatical leave from the Eparchy of St. Maron while residing in the Diocese of Calgary, has been appointed Pastor of St. Anthony the Great Parish, Leamington, Ontario.

The Diocese of Calgary is grateful for their many years of dedicated priestly service, and I wish them our prayers and best wishes.

Yours in Christ,

+William T. McGrattan  
Bishop of Calgary

### **PRIEST PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS**

- **Fr. Philip Van Tinh Le,** currently Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Claresholm, has been appointed Pastor of St. Augustine's Parish, Taber, effective March 1, 2021.
- **Fr. Elio Canete,** currently Pastor of St. Augustine's Parish, Taber, has been appointed Pastor of St. James' Parish, Calgary, March 1, 2021.
- **Fr. Dominic Nguyen,** currently Pastor of St James' Parish, Calgary has been appointed Administrator of Christ the King Parish, Claresholm, effective March 1, 2021.

## PRIEST APPOINTMENTS

- **Fr. Pilmaiken Lezano**, in addition to being the Associate Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, has been appointed the Spiritual Advisor to the Catholic Women's League effective January 1, 2021.
- **Fr. Jonathan Gibson**, in addition to being the Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, has been appointed the Chair of the Spiritual Discernment Committee effective January 1, 2021.
- **Fr. Adrian Martens**, in addition to being the Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Coordinator, and Vicar for Lay Associations, has been appointed the Ordained District Chaplain of the Calgary Catholic School District effective February 1, 2021.
- **Fr. James Hagel**, in addition to being the Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, has been appointed Vicar for Retired Priests and Collegial Judge of the Marriage Tribunal effective January 1, 2021.
- **Fr. Kevin Tumback**, in addition to being the Pastor of All Saints Parish and Dean of the Lethbridge Pastoral Zone, has been appointed Vicar General effective January 1, 2021. Fr. Kevin joins Fr. Wilbert Chin Jon as Vicars General of the Diocese of Calgary.

## DEACON APPOINTMENTS

The following deacons have been appointed to the expanded Diocesan Diaconal Council effective January 1, 2021.

- **Deacon Dan Deck** of St. Pius X Parish, Calgary
- **Deacon Dennis Foraie** of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary
- **Deacon Ron Fortier** of St. Mary's Parish, Cochrane.

The new members, who have been appointed to a renewable three-year term, join the following existing members:

- **Deacon Ron Nowell** of St. Anthony's, Calgary (Council Chair)
- **Deacon Brian West** of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore
- **Deacon Michael Thomson** of Sacred Heart, Calgary
- **Fr. Julian Studden**, Vicar for the Permanent Diaconate.

The Council, which reports to the Vicar for the Permanent Diaconate and the Bishop, provides leadership in the recruitment, selection and formation of men for the permanent diaconate. It is also responsible for directing the ongoing formation of permanent deacons and for advising the Bishop on matters affecting the diaconal ministry and outreach within the Diocese.

Ongoing formation is being co-ordinated by Deacon Michael Thomson and Deacon Dennis Forai.

Formation of deacon candidates is being coordinated by Deacon John Walsh of St. Albert the Great, Calgary (a former member of the council), Huy Nguyen (Director of Pastoral Ministry) and Fr. Julian Studden.