



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
*of Calgary*

## PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

August 15, 2024

### PRIESTS LEAVING THE DIOCESE

- **Rev. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel, CFIC**, Associate Pastor of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Calgary, has been appointed by his Superior to the Archdiocese of Toronto, effective July 29, 2024.
- **Rev. Anthony Griffin**, a priest of Opus Dei currently assigned in the Diocese of Calgary, has been appointed to serve in the Archdiocese of Toronto and will be leaving on September 7, 2024.

### RETIREMENT

- **Rev. Dennis Vavrek, OFM**, currently Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Cochrane, has been granted retirement from full-time parish ministry effective September 1, 2024. He will continue to serve in the Diocese through Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre and by providing occasional relief work in parishes as needed.

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

Yours in Christ,

✠William T. McGrattan  
Bishop of Calgary

### PRIESTS ARRIVING IN THE DIOCESE

- **Rev. Cyprian Obioha, CFIC**, who had been serving in the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2024
- **Rev. Ivan Obando, OP**, a Dominican priest from the Philippines who is currently on a sabbatical leave and has been temporarily providing pastoral service since the

middle of July at St. Peter's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, effective September 1, 2024.

### **PRIEST PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS**

- **Rev. Joseph Glaab, OFM**, currently part-time Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Cochrane, and part-time Administrator of St. Peter's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Cochrane, effective September 1, 2024.
- **Rev. Fabio de Souza**, currently Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Calgary, effective September 1, 2024
- **Rev. Jonathan Gibson**, currently on a health leave of absence and Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Calgary, will be returning to parish ministry and has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Calgary, effective September 1, 2024.

### **INCARDINATION**

- **Rev. Vijaya Bathineni**, currently Pastor of St. James Parish, Okotoks has requested and been granted Incardination into the Diocese of Calgary effective June 30, 2024. We offer him our fraternal welcome and prayers of support.