



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

May 1, 2025

PRIEST LEAVING THE DIOCESE

- **Rev. Samer Naaman**, currently Pastor of St. Basil Melkite Greek Catholic Community, Calgary, has been appointed by his Eparch as Pastor of St. John Chrysostom Parish, Quebec City, and part-time Regional Chaplain of Prisons for Quebec, effective May 1, 2025.
- **Rev. Abraham Joseph, OFM**, currently part-time Associate Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed by his Provincial as Rector of Blessed Frederick Janssoone Shrine in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, effective June 1, 2025.
- **Rev. Ivan Obando, OP**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, will return to Manila, Philippines, from his sabbatical to resume teaching in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Santo Tomas, effective June 15, 2025.
- **Rev. Luciano Cortopassi**, currently Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Calgary, has been granted retirement from ministry in the Diocese of Calgary and will be returning to his home diocese in Italy, effective June 24, 2025.

RETIREMENT

- **Deacon Robert McLean**, currently serving at St. Gerard's Parish, Calgary, has been granted retirement from ministry, effective May 1, 2025.

The Diocese of Calgary is grateful to all of the priests who have served over various terms and to Deacon Rob for their dedicated service, and wish them our prayers and best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

PRIESTS ARRIVING IN THE DIOCESE

- **Rev. Peter Van Nang Nguyen, OP**, of the Vietnamese Dominican Friars has been assigned by his Vicar Provincial to St. Dominic's Priory, Calgary, until September 1, 2025.
- **Rev. Aklilu Hagos**, of the Catholic Eparchy of Segeneity, who served the Ethiopian-Eritrean Catholic Community in Nairobi, Kenya, has been appointed to the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy and to the Eritrean Catholic Ge'ez Rite Community, Calgary, effective May 1, 2025.
- **Rev. George Antar**, of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Canada, currently Pastor of St. John Chrysostom, Quebec City, has been appointed by his Eparch as Pastor of St. Basil Melkite Greek Catholic Community, Calgary, effective May 1, 2025.
- **Rev. Guylain Prince, OFM**, has been appointed by his Provincial to the retreat team at Mount St. Francis, Cochrane, effective July 1, 2025.

PRIEST RETURNING TO MINISTRY

- **Rev. Benedicto Marino**, who was granted retirement in July 1, 2024, has requested to return to ministry and been appointed temporarily as Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, effective May 1, 2025.

PRIEST PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT

- **Rev. Tewelde Paulos**, currently serving in the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy and the Eritrean Catholic Ge'ez Rite Community, Calgary, has been appointed to full-time Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy.