



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
*of Calgary*

## **PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

May 27, 2022

### **PRIEST ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- **Rev. Robert Dielissen**, Pastor of St. Paul's Parish, Airdrie, will be on a health leave of absence for the months of June, July, and August. In his absence, **Rev. Thomas Vadassery**, who is in retirement, has been appointed Administrator of the parish effective June 1, 2022.

### **PRIESTS LEAVING THE DIOCESE**

- **Rev. John Nemanic**, Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, has requested and been granted permission to serve as Chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces for an initial period of three years effective July 1, 2022.
- **Rev. George Madathikunnath**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish and Chaplain to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Community will be returning to his home diocese effective August 1, 2022.

### **PRIEST ARRIVING IN THE DIOCESE**

- **Rev. Lester Mendonsa**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Andrew's Cathedral in the Diocese of Victoria, has been appointed Vice Chancellor effective September 1, 2022. Fr. Lester is with the Vicariate of Southern Arabia and has a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas, Philippines. In addition to this assignment, he will be providing assistance on weekends to St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary, and will celebrate the Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary.

### **PRIEST NEW TO THE DIOCESE**

- **Rev. Jose Bustalino**, a priest from the Diocese of Tarlac, Philippines, who served for four years in the Archdiocese of St. John's, Newfoundland, has been granted permission to serve in the Diocese of Calgary for an initial period of three years. He has been appointed to the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy effective August 1, 2022.

## PRIEST PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

- **Rev. Avinash Colaco**, currently Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. John Gannon L.C.**, currently Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. John Luxbacher L.C.**, currently Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Arjay Abanto**, currently Administrator of Canadian Martyrs' Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Cuong Luong**, currently in the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy, has been appointed Administrator of Canadian Martyrs' Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Niwton Rodrigues**, currently Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Oyen and St. George Church, Hannah, has been appointed Pastor of St. Agnes' Parish, Carstairs, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Rodel Abanto**, currently Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, has been appointed Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Oyen, and St. George Church, Hannah, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Luciano Cortopassi**, currently Pastor of St. Agnes' Parish, Carstairs, has been appointed Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Mario Basque**, currently Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Calgary, has been appointed to the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Benedicto Marino**, currently Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Sajo Jacob**, currently in the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy has been appointed Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Naveed Arif**, currently Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Vijaya Bathineni**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. James' Parish, Okotoks, effective August 1, 2022.

- **Rev. Troy Nguyen**, currently Associate Pastor of St. James' Parish, Okotoks, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.

### **SEMINARIAN ON PASTORAL YEAR**

- **Peter An**, who has completed his Third Year of Theology at St. Joseph Seminary, has been appointed to St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, for a year of Pastoral Internship effective July 1, 2022.

### **PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE**

- **Rev. Wilbert Chin Jon**, currently in residence at St. Mary's Cathedral rectory will be residing at Sacred Heart Parish rectory, Calgary, and will be providing assistance on Sundays in the Parish.
- **Rev. Mario Basque**, will be residing at Sacred Heart Parish rectory, Calgary.
- **Rev. Jose Bustalino**, will be residing at St. Patrick Parish rectory, Calgary.
- **Rev. Lester Mendonsa**, will be residing at St. Anthony's Parish rectory, Calgary.

### **FURTHER STUDIES (Part-Time)**

- **Rev. Wilbert Chin Jon**, in addition to his assignment as the Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General, has been asked to undertake further studies through the Evening MBA program of the University of Calgary. The program is designed to be completed part-time in three years.

### **SPECIAL APPOINTMENT**

- **Sr. Dianne Turner**, has retired from her teaching position at St. Mary's High School, Calgary, and has been asked to collaborate with **Rev. Cristino Bouvette** in promoting vocations and the religious life for women.