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Letter of pastoral appointments 2017

Dear friends,

By decision of Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D., after consultation with the College of Consultors, the following are the assignments of priests and Parish Life Directors in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface for the current year. Unless otherwise agreed upon with those concerned, the appointments will be effective August 1, 2017. These assignments 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.

FRENCH URBAN DEANERY

1. **SAINTS-MARTYRS-CANADIENS**

Mr. Jean-Baptiste (Anh Duy) Nguyen, seminarian, will do his pastoral internship year at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish.

2. **SAINT-NORBERT**

Father Gabriel Lévesque is appointed Pastor of Saint Norbert Parish for a six-year mandate. Saint Norbert will now officially be a bilingual Parish, effective September 10, 2017.

SOUTH URBAN ENGLISH DEANERY

1. **CHRIST THE KING**

Father Peter Genger will continue as Priest-Moderator for another one-year mandate. Mrs. Donna Salo-Campbell will continue as Co-Parish Life Director for another one-year mandate. Mr. Gabriel Resendes will continue as Co-Parish Life Director for another one-year mandate. They will be responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life and activities. The Parish Finance Committee will be in charge of all financial and temporal administration. This is equally for a one-year mandate.

2. **MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

Father Kevin Bettens is appointed Pastor for an additional three-year mandate.

3. **NUESTRA SEÑORA de la ASUNCIÓN**

Father William René Palacios Torres, PSS, is appointed Parochial Administrator for a three-year mandate. This will be effective November 1, 2017. From August 1st till October 31st, he will be in a mentorship period. Deacon Jesus Maria Murcia Sotto will continue as Parish Life Director until October 31, 2017.

4. **SAINT ANDREW BOBOLA**

Father Sebastian Gacki is appointed Pastor for an additional three-year mandate.

5. **SAINT EMILE**

Father Gerry Sembrano is appointed Pastor for a six-year mandate.

6. **SAINTE-FAMILLE / HOLY FAMILY**

Deacon Marcel Lizotte is appointed to a diaconal ministry at Holy Family.

7. **SAINT TIMOTHY**

Father Chrysogonus Obinna Agu will continue as Interim Parochial Administrator of St. Timothy for an indefinite period of time.

KILCONA DEANERY

1. **SAINT GERARD**

Brother Gregory Mulligan, OFM Cap, is appointed Parochial Administrator for an additional three-year mandate.

2. **SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER**

Father Isaïe Blanchette, OMI, will continue as Priest-Moderator for a third mandate of one year. Sister Charlotte Leake, SNJM, will continue as Parish Life Director for a third one-year mandate. Mrs. Llowyin Weselake will equally continue as Parish Life Director of financial and temporal administration for a third one-year mandate.

MOUNTAIN DEANERY

1. **SAINT-CLAUDE – HAYWOOD (Saint-Denis)**

Father Arthur Solomon, SMA, will be coming from Ghana and will be appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate.

Mrs. Denise Danais will continue as Parish Life Director, responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life and activities in Saint-Claude and Saint-Denis (Haywood) Parishes, and this until Fr. Solomon is appointed. In Saint-Claude, the Parish Finance Committee will continue to be responsible for directing the financial and temporal administration. Mr. Raymond Massinon will continue as Parish Life Director in Saint-Denis Parish (Haywood) for financial and temporal administration.

The liturgical celebrations and sacraments will be presided by designated priests until the arrival of the Parochial Administrator.

2. **SOMERSET (Notre-Dame-de-la-Nativité) – SAINT-LÉON**
Father Paulin Akpapupu, coming from the Diocese of Ho (Ghana), is appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate. This is effective July 1, 2017.
3. **SWAN LAKE (Saint Martin of Tours) – MARIAPOLIS (Our Lady of the Assumption) – SAINT ALPHONSE – PILOT MOUND (Saint Gregory)**
Deacon Vincent Lusty, to be ordained to the priesthood on July 3rd, 2017, is appointed Pastor for a six-year mandate. He is also appointed Master of Ceremonies for the Archdiocesan liturgical celebrations.

RED RIVER DEANERY

1. **SAINTE-AGATHE**
Father David Brabant, PSS, is appointed Priest-Moderator for a one-year mandate. Mrs. Thérèse Dorge and Mrs. Suzanne Gagnon will continue as Co-Parish Life Directors, responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life and activities for a fourth one-year mandate. The Parish Finance Committee will continue to be in charge of all financial and temporal administration. This is equally for a one-year mandate.
2. **SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE / SAINT-JOSEPH**
Father Gregory Kossi Djiba will be coming from the Diocese of Atakpamé (Togo) and will be appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate. Until his arrival in the Archdiocese, a number of priests will continue to celebrate, in rotation, the Sunday Liturgies, along with occasional Liturgies of the Word. Mrs. Françoise Sabourin, Chairperson, along with the Parish Council, will continue to be responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life in Saint-Jean-Baptiste Parish. Mrs. Suzanne Ayotte will continue as Parish Life Director, responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life in Saint-Joseph. The Parish Finance Committee of each parish will be responsible for all financial and temporal administration. These mandates are all in effect until F. Kossi Djiba is appointed Parochial Administrator.

SEINE RIVER DEANERY

1. **LA BROQUERIE (Saint-Joachim) – WOODRIDGE (Saint Alexandre) – SAINT-LABRE (Saint-Benoît-Labre)**
Bishop Noël Delaquis, Bishop emeritus, is appointed Priest-Moderator for a second one-year mandate. Mr. Donald Boulet will continue as Parish Life Director, responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life and activities for a third one-year mandate. The Parish Finance Committee will continue to be in charge of all financial and temporal administration. This is equally for a one-year mandate.

2. **LA SALLE** (Saint-Hyacinthe)
Msgr. Albert Fréchette, P.H., will continue as Priest-Moderator for a fifth one-year mandate. The Parish Pastoral Council, under the leadership of its Chairperson, Ms. Deb Pfimmer, will be responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life and activities for a one-year mandate. The Parish Finance Committee will continue to be responsible for all financial and temporal administration. This is equally for a one-year mandate.
3. **SAINTE-ANNE-DES-CHÊNES AND PASTORAL REGION**
Father Joseph Kazadi Mudishi is coming from the Diocese of Mbuji mayi (RDC), and will be appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate. Archbishop Albert LeGatt, Father Louis Légaré, OMI, and other priests will take on responsibility for Sunday Liturgies. Fathers René Chartier, Charles Fillion and John McKenzie will be responsible for celebrating funerals and other liturgical celebrations as well as assuring pastoral care to the sick as needed. A Parish Life Director responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life and activities, will be appointed. The Parish Finance Committee will be in charge of all financial and temporal administration. These mandates are in effect until Father Kazadi Mudishi is appointed Parochial Administrator.
4. **STEINBACH** (Christ our Saviour)
Father John McKenzie is appointed Priest-Moderator for a one-year mandate. Mr. Phil Kalyta is appointed Parish Life Director, responsible for the coordination of all aspects of pastoral life, for a one-year mandate. The Parish Finance Committee will be in charge of all financial and temporal administration. This is equally for a one-year mandate.

WINNIPEG RIVER DEANERY

1. **BLOODVEIN** (St. Margaret) / **HOLLOW WATER** (Sacred Heart of Jesus) / **MANIGOTAGAN** (St. Louis, King of France)
Father Mac-Anthony Obikili, SMMM, is appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate.
2. **EAST SELKIRK** (St. Stanislaus) / **NAROL** (Corpus Christi)
Deacon Joshua Gundrum, to be ordained to the priesthood on July 3rd, 2017, is appointed Pastor for a six-year mandate. He is also appointed Diocesan Director for Vocations to the priesthood.
3. **LITTLE GRAND RAPIDS** (St. John the Evangelist) / **PAUINGASSI**
Father Savari Arul, SDM, is appointed Parochial Administrator for a six-year mandate.
4. **POWerview Notre-Dame-du-Laus** / **SAINT-GEORGES**
Appointment pending. In the interim, Father Gray remains as Pastor of Powerview and Father Maurice Jeanneau as Pastor of St. George until November 1, 2017.
5. **STEAD** (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) / **GRAND MARAIS** (St. Teresa of the Child Jesus)
Father James Gray is appointed Pastor for a six-year mandate. This is effective November 1, 2017.

OF NOTE

1. Father Carl Tarnopolski, V.G., is retiring from regular parish ministry. He will remain available for his tasks as Archdiocesan Vicar General.
2. Father Jasson Antonio Rodas Ortega, JCD, from the Diocese of Luena (Angola), is appointed Adjunct Judicial Vicar (Regina-Regional) and Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal.
3. Father Rhéal Forest is appointed to urban ministry with the First Nations, preceded by a sabbatical time of training in Agape Therapy in Cacouna, QC.
4. Father Ryszard Machura will continue to offer liturgical/sacramental chaplaincy ministry at the St. Boniface Hospital.
5. Father Maurice Jeanneau is retiring from regular parish ministry on November 1, 2017. Thereafter, he will annually assure Sunday ministry for Traverse Bay (St. Margaret) and Albert Beach (Notre-Dame) from May 1st to October 31st and will also offer replacement ministry at other times.
6. Father Fernand Desjardins is retiring on July 31, 2017, after 42 years of service as Associate Judicial Vicar and Judge for the Regina Regional Tribunal, Saint-Boniface Branch.
7. Sister Evelyn Pierret, FDLC, has completed her ministry as Parish Life Director of St. Hyacinthe Parish, La Salle.
8. Mrs. Betty Ann DeCeuleneer has completed her ministry as Parish Life Director of the Swan Lake Pastoral Centre.
9. Mrs. Gisèle Timmerman has completed her ministry as Parish Life Director of Notre-Dame-de-la-Nativité Parish (Somerset). Mrs. Lorraine Mabon and Mrs. Diane Gosselin have also completed their ministry as Co-Parish Life Directors of Saint Léon.

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. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all the priests and parish life directors who are retiring from a parish ministry. Thank you for your very able and generous service over the years.

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