



August 20, 2025

## LETTER OF APPOINTMENT OF PRIESTS, PERMANENT DEACONS, AND SEMINARIANS IN 2025: ADDENDUM

Dear friends,

### I. ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO PRIESTLY APPOINTMENTS

Over the past two months, there have been additional developments and changes affecting the pastoral appointments outlined in my letter of June 17, 2025. In keeping with our usual format, I am providing an update organized by deanery.

#### FRENCH URBAN DEANERY

##### **Saint Norbert**

Fr. Charles Fillion, V.G., having completed a six-year term, has been reappointed parish priest for a further three years, until July 31, 2028.

#### SOUTH URBAN ENGLISH DEANERY

##### **1. Holy Family/Sainte-Famille**

Having consulted with the Regional (Canadian) director of the Institute of Voluntas Dei, Fr. Jackson Morisset, I.V. Dei, has been identified as the probable next parochial administrator of the parish. He is from Haiti and speaks both English and French. An application for a work permit and visa has been made with Immigration Canada.

##### **2. Nuestra Señora de la Asunción**

Fr. Joseph Newman, S.J., has moved to Ontario and no longer celebrates the Sunday masses. Fr. Mudishi Kazadi is on sick leave due to surgery and so is not available to render sacramental liturgical ministry during the weekend and for special circumstances. The lay parish leadership is assuring the continuity of replacement ministry as best they can. Having also consulted the Regional Director of the secular Institute of Voluntas Dei, Fr. Iradin Louis, I.V. Dei, has been identified as the probable next parochial administrator of this parish. He is also from Haiti and speaks not only French and English, but Spanish as well, having done part of his studies in the Dominican Republic and was then pastor of a parish in that country for a while.



The application process for a work permit and visa has already been started.

### **3. Saint Norbert**

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#### **KILCONA DEANERY**

No changes.

#### **WINNIPEG RIVER DEANERY**

##### **Cooks Creek (Saint Michael), Garson (Sacred Heart), Oakbank (St. John Paul II)**

Fr. Arockiya Pradeep Louis, I.V. Dei, will become parochial administrator on October 1, 2025. Until then, he will continue to do replacement ministry.

#### **MOUNTAIN DEANERY**

##### **1. Morden (St. John the Evangelist), Manitou (Saint Patrick)**

Fr. Ramon Oncog, having completed a six-year term, has been reappointed parish priest for a further three years, until July 31, 2028.

##### **2. St. Claude, Haywood (St. Denis)**

After my trip to Africa, five bilingual priests from three dioceses were identified by their bishops to be sent to our diocese in response to our need for bilingual priests. The application process for work permits and visas has begun.

#### **SEINE RIVER DEANERY**

No changes.

#### **RED RIVER DEANERY**

##### **Saint Malo Parish, Blessed Margaret Pole, and Vita**

After my trip to Africa, five bilingual priests from three dioceses were identified by their bishops to be sent to our diocese in response to our need for bilingual priests. The application process for work permits and visas has begun.

Fr. David Ankrah from the Diocese of Keta-Akatsi in Ghana was identified by his bishop, His Excellency Gabriel Kumordji, SVD. Having met and conversed with Fr. David, it is quite probable

that he will be assigned as the next parochial administrator to the St. Malo Parish, to Blessed Margaret Pole and to Vita.

### **NATIVE MINISTRY DEANERY**

#### **Hollow Water/Hole River (Sacred Heart of Jesus), Manigotagan (St. Louis, King of France), Seymourville and Bloodvein (St. Margaret)**

Fr. Messia Vallapadasu, SDM, will commence his ministry on October 1, 2025. Until then, he will continue to minister at Berens River.

## **II. SEMINARIANS**

1. Joseph-Emmanuel Mukena, in formation at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario will be undertaking his internship year at Mary, Mother of the Church, starting August 15, 2025.
2. Having completed their internship year, Joseph Martin Phạm (Ngọc Hiền) and Vincent Hanh Nguyễn are returning to St. Peter's Seminary to complete their last two years of academic formation.
3. Two new seminarians from overseas are arriving soon. Shyju Vincy, from India, is coming through the Institute Voluntas Dei. Valentin Citumbi Dilenga from the Diocese of Mbuji-Mayi in the Democratic Republic of Congo, is coming to us via a long-standing relationship with Bishop Bernard Kasanda, Bishop of Mbuji-Mayi.  
Both have completed their philosophy studies at a seminary in their country of origin. They will be entering St. Peter's Seminary this fall, first taking the time needed to bring their fluency in English to the required level for post-secondary academic studies. They will then begin a five-year program of theological and pastoral formation towards ordination to the priesthood.
4. Having completed his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Anthony Hoang will spend a year at St. Timothy Parish beginning September 1. He will be a part of the parish pastoral team under the leadership of Fr. Brian Trueman. This will lead to the beginning of his theological and pastoral formation at St. Peter's Seminary in September 2026.
5. Vincent Dubé of the Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish in our archdiocese will enter St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton this September, beginning with the required propaedeutic year (a preparatory year centred on prayer, spirituality, the identity and the mission of the Church, as well as on human formation and maturity).
6. André Fillion of Ste. Anne des Chênes Parish in our archdiocese will spend a year at Christ the Saviour Parish in Steinbach as part of the parish pastoral team under the leadership of

Fr. Shibin Bosco, I.V. Dei, beginning September 1, 2025. He will then enter seminary in September 2026.

Please pray for these eight young men, candidates to the priesthood for our archdiocese.

### **III. PROMOTION OF VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD FROM AMONGST YOUNG MEN WITHIN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

Fr. Brian Trueman and Fr. Serge Buissé have been appointed co-directors. They will be reaching out to families, parishes, schools, youth ministry groups, and the faithful in general. This appointment began six months ago.

Thank you.



+ Albert LeGatt

Archbishop of Saint Boniface