



June 17, 2025

2025 LETTER OF PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Dear Friends,

By decision of Most Reverend Albert LeGatt, Archbishop of Saint-Boniface, and following consultation with the College of Consultors, here are the pastoral appointments of priests, for the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface for the current year. These will take effect on **Friday, August 1, 2025**, unless otherwise agreed with the persons concerned. Appointments of priests are presented 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.

The term Priest Moderator is applied to those priests responsible for liturgical celebrations in a parish where the pastoral responsibilities have been assigned to a Parish Life Director. The term Parish Life Director refers to the lay person or the religious who is responsible for the pastoral aspects of the parish.

FRENCH URBAN DEANERY

1. SAINT-KIZITO

The pastoral and financial/administrative/temporal leadership of the parish has been entrusted to the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Financial Council. Mgr Maurice Comeault, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg will continue to provide the parishioners with liturgical and spiritual services.

SOUTH URBAN ENGLISH DEANERY

1. ST. ANDREW BOBOLA

Fr. Janusz Maron, is appointed parochial administrators for a six-year term.



2. HOLY FAMILY/SAINTE-FAMILLE

Vacant for the moment. As the search for a bilingual priest continues, the pastoral leadership is to be assured by the Parish Pastoral Council and the financial administration by the Parish Finance Council. Dominical, weekday and all other liturgies will be celebrated by priests on a replacement basis.

3. NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCIÓN

Vacant for the moment. Following the sudden death of Fr. William René Palacios on November 1, 2024, the pastoral leadership is assured by the Parish Pastoral Council and the financial administration by the Parish Finance Council. Sunday masses in Spanish will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Newman, S.J. Weekday and all other liturgical services will be celebrated in Spanish by Fr. Mudishi Kazadi, pastor of St. Eugène Parish. The search continues for a Hispanic priest on a full-time basis.

4. ST. THOMAS MORE

Fr. Theodore Park, recently arrived from the Archdiocese of Seoul is appointed Parochial Administrator for a five-year term effective March 1, 2025.

KILCONA DEANERY

1. ST. GERARD

Fr. Peter Tran, newly ordained, is appointed pastor for a six-year term.

WINNIPEG RIVER DEANERY

1. BEAUSÉJOUR (Our Lady of Poland)/ANOLA (Our Lady of Hope)

Fr. Rajan Thomas, IV Dei is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year term as of May 1, 2025.

2. EAST SELKIRK, NAROL

Fr. Savio Francis, IV Dei, is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year term as of February 10, 2025.

3. COOKS CREEK, GARSON, OAKBANK

Fr. Arockiya Pradeep Louis, IV Dei is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year term.



MOUNTAIN DEANERY

1. ST. CLAUDE, HAYWOOD (SAINT-DENIS)

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SEINE RIVER DEANERY

1. LA SALLE

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

RED RIVER DEANERY

1. SAINT-MALO/(BLESSED MARGARET POLE)/VITA

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2. SAINTE-AGATHE

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NATIVE MINISTRY

1. FORT ALEXANDER/SAGKEENG (St. Alexander):

Fr. Paul Nguyen (Hung Tuân) is appointed pastor for a six-year term. He will be assisted on a half-time basis by Brother Dan Dionne, OMI, with the permission of his provincial superior Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI.

2. MANIGOTAGAN I.R. (St. Louis, King of France), SEYMOURVILLE, HOLLOW WATER/HOLE RIVER (Sacred Heart of Jesus) AND BLOODVEIN I.R. (St. Margaret)

Fr. Messia Vallapadusu, SDM, is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year term beginning September 1.



- 3. LITTLE GRAND RAPIDS (St. John the Evangelist)/PAUINGASSI**
Sr. Calista Ebe, HHCJ, continues as parish life director for these two aboriginal communities until December 31, 2025. She is accompanied by Sr. Gifty Kuntadaa.

Beginning January 1, 2026, Fr. Maria Robert, SDM, Society of St. Eugene de Mazenod will be appointed parochial administrator for a six-year term with the permission of his General Superior Fr. Anthonysamy.

- 4. POPLAR RIVER (SAINT JOHN BOSCO) AND BERENS RIVER I.R. (OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS).**
Fr. Antonydass Antonysamy, SDM, is appointed parochial administrator for a six-year term.

STUDY LEAVE

Fr. Peter Le will be undertaking a two-year study leave August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2027. He will be pursuing a licentiate in Theology of Spirituality at the Teresianum University in Rome.

SEARCH FOR BILINGUAL PRIESTS

After discussions, two sources have surfaced:

1. Bishop Moise Touho of the Diocese of Atakpamé in Togo indicated recently that he and his College of Consultors have decided to send us two more priests this year. Fr. Francis Adzakor and Fr. Gregory Dziba, who have already been among us for several years are from this Diocese of Atakpamé.
2. Fr. Philippe Désiré, Regional Director for Canada of the Institute of Voluntas Dei indicated recently that he and his Regional Council will be seeking two priests from their region in Haiti.

Arrangements will begin soon to obtain work permits and visas for these four priests.

DEPARTURES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

1. **Father Sylvanus Omali, SMMM**, will be transferred by his religious congregation, Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy. We thank him for his generosity and dedication.



2. **Fr. Kevin Ezeobi, SMMM** will be transferred by his congregation, the Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy. We thank him for his generosity and dedication.

RETIREMENT FROM PERMANENT MINISTRY

1. **Fr. Armand Le Gal, OMI.** After 27 years of active ministry in numerous parishes of our diocese, Fr. Armand Le Gal is retiring. He will be residing at Résidence Despins with his brother Oblates.

SINCERE THANKS

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.

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