



## THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

Office of the Bishop

May 28, 2017

**The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley** has made the following new assignments for priests which are effective July 10, 2017 except where noted. In addition Bishop Bradley has approved the realignment of select Parish Collaboratives.

### **PASTOR – Parish Collaborative realignments**

**Very Rev. Richard Altine, V.F.**, has been appointed Canonical Pastor of a newly realigned Parish Collaborative, which, in addition to Holy Maternity of Mary Parish (Dowagiac), Holy Family Parish (Decatur), and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, (Dowagiac/Silver Creek) now includes St. Anthony Parish (Buchanan) and St. Gabriel Parish (Berrien Springs).

**Rev. Joseph Xavier, MSFS**, and **Rev. Alan Jorgensen** remain Pastors *in solidum* of the Parish Collaborative of St. Mary Parish (Paw Paw), St. John Bosco Parish (Mattawan), and St. Margaret Mary Parish (Marcellus), and which now includes St. Jude Parish (Gobles).

**Rev. German Perez-Diaz** remains Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish (Hartford) and has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish (Bangor) forming a new collaborative.

**Rev. James Morris** and **Rev. Fabio Garzon** will be Pastors *in solidum*, with Fr. Garzon serving as Moderator for the newly realigned Parish Collaborative of St. Basil Parish (South Haven), St. Peter Parish (Douglas), and San Felipe de Jesus Parish (Fennville).

### **PASTOR**

**Rev. John Peter Ambrose, MSFS**, Pastor, St. Joseph Parish (Watervliet), has been appointed Pastor, of the Parish Collaborative of St. Mary of the Lake Parish (New Buffalo), St. Agnes Parish (Sawyer), and St. Mary of the Assumption (Three Oaks Parish).

**Rev. Simon Chummar-Manjooran, SDB**, Administrator, St. Philip Parish (Battle Creek) has been appointed Pastor of the Parish Collaborative of St. Margaret Parish (Otsego) and Blessed Sacrament Parish (Allegan).

**Very Rev. Robert Creagan, V.F.**, Pastor, St. Joseph Parish (St. Joseph) has also been appointed Canonical Pastor of SS. John & Bernard Parish (Benton Harbor) and St. Joseph Parish (Watervliet). Fr. Creagan continues his responsibilities as Vicar for Clergy and Dean of the Western Deanery.

**Rev. John Fleckenstein**, Pastor of the Parish Collaborative of St. Ann Parish (Augusta), St. Ambrose Parish (Delton), and Our Lady of Great Oak (Bellevue/Lacey) has been appointed Pastor, St. Philip Parish (Battle Creek).



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**Rev. Robert Flickinger**, Senior Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart Parish (Bangor) has been appointed Pastor of the Parish Collaborative of Our Lady of the Lake Parish (Edwardsburg) and St. Ann Parish (Cassopolis).

**Rev. Francis Marotti**, Vice Rector/Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Cathedral (Kalamazoo) has been appointed Pastor of the Parish Collaborative of St. Ann Parish (Augusta), St. Ambrose Parish (Delton), and Our Lady of Great Oak (Bellevue/Lacey) as well as Chaplain/ Spiritual Moderator for St. Philip Catholic Central High School, Battle Creek.

### ADMINISTRATOR

**Rev. Patrick Craig**, Pastor of the Parish Collaborative of St. Mary of the Lake Parish (New Buffalo), St. Agnes Parish (Sawyer), and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish (Three Oaks) has been named Administrator, St. Joseph Parish (Watervliet).

**Rev. Benjamin Huynh**, Pastor of the Parish Collaborative of St. Margaret Parish (Otsego) and Blessed Sacrament Parish (Allegan) has been named Administrator, SS. John & Bernard Parish (Benton Harbor).

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Rev. Daniel Doctor**, Parochial Vicar of the Parish Collaborative of St. Mary of the Lake Parish (New Buffalo), St. Agnes Parish (Sawyer), and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish (Three Oaks) has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Monica Parish (Kalamazoo).

**Rev. Arul Lazar, MSFS\***, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish (St. Joseph) and Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator, Lake Michigan Catholic Schools (LMC). Fr. Arul was previously serving in the Diocese of Kumbakoram, India.

**Rev. Basker Lopez, MSFS\***, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish (Portage). Fr. Basker was previously serving in the Diocese of Kottar, India.

**Rev. Thomas McNally**, Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish (St. Joseph) and Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator for Lake Michigan Catholic Schools (LMC) has been appointed Vice Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral Parish (Kalamazoo).

**Rev. Vanathaiyan Savarimuthu, MSFS**, Parochial Vicar, St. Monica Parish (Kalamazoo) has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Parish Collaborative of St. Mary of the Lake Parish (New Buffalo), St. Agnes Parish (Sawyer), and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish (Three Oaks).



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### SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Rev. Thomas McNally** in addition to his appointment as Vice-Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral Parish, is appointed Director of Vocations for the Diocese. In this role, Father McNally will focus on vocations promotions and recruitment.

**Msgr. Michael Osborn, V.G.**, will continue working with Vocations as Director of Formation for Seminarians and Newly Ordained Priests. Msgr. Osborn also continues serving as Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral Parish and General Secretary/Moderator of the Curia/Vicar General for the Diocese.

**Rev. Andrew Raczkowski**, Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish (Kalamazoo) has also been appointed to provide assistance in the sacramental care of the Hispanic/Latino community under the guidance of Rev. Alphonse Savarimuthu, MSFS, who remains Pastor at SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish (Wayland/Gun Lake).

\*Rev. Basker and Rev. Azul's appointments become effective June 1, 2017.