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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clergy
All Parishes
All Institutes of Consecrated Life

From: Archbishop Murray Chatlain + M.C.

Date: May 2, 2026

Re: Personnel Moves

I am pleased to announce the following changes in personnel which will be effective August 1, 2026 (unless otherwise noted). I am grateful to the clergy who have accepted new assignments for the pastoral good of our local church. I am grateful for the advice of the Personnel Committee during the discernment process.

Retirement

Reverend Paul Bisson retires as Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Russell and St. Theresa's Parish in Rosburn. We are grateful to Fr. Paul for his 21 years of pastoral service in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. We assure Fr. Paul of our prayers as he continues to face health challenges. **Deacon Darin Douglas** becomes Pastoral Administrator of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Russell and St. Theresa's Parish in Rosburn. Fr. Paul will continue helping in Russell and Rosburn as he is able. (May 1, 2026) Fr. Joe Cabral and Fr. Rene Digba will offer pastoral assistance.

Departure from the Archdiocese

Reverend Vijay Deivanayagam, OMI is being reassigned by his Provincial. We are grateful to Fr. Vijay for his service in the Archdiocese since 2019 and wish him all the best in his new assignment.

Reverend Moïse Adossou, at the conclusion of the agreed contract with the Archdiocese of Cotonou, Benin, will be returning home. We are grateful to Fr. Moïse for his 7 years of service in the Archdiocese and wish him well. We hope that, in the future, Fr. Moïse will be able to return to us again.

Appointments

Reverend Darrin J.G. Gurr becomes Episcopal Vicar for Stewardship and Mission to be styled the Director for our new office of Stewardship and Mission. Fr. Darrin will also serve, as previously announced, as the Director of our Annual Appeal, *Together in Mission*.

Reverend Barry D. Schoonbaert will be leaving St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Winnipeg; his new appointment will be announced shortly.

Reverend Michel J. Nault becomes Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral. Fr. Michel will continue his ministry with the Church of the Deaf.

Reverend Gerald R. Langevin becomes Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Winnipeg. Fr. Gerald will serve as R.C. Chaplain at Deer Lodge Centre.

Reverend Philip Malayil becomes Pastor of St. Nicholas Tavelich Parish in Winnipeg. Fr. Philip will also assist with Sacramental Ministry at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Winnipeg and at the Health Sciences Centre.

In addition to his current responsibilities as Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Stonewall, St. John Vianney Parish in Teulon and St. Joseph's Parish in Stony Mountain, **Reverend Napolian Suvakin, HGN** becomes Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fisher Branch, Holy Cross Parish in Ashern and St. Philip Neri Parish in Arborg.

Reverend Geoffrey Angeles becomes Pastor of St. Gianna's Parish in Winnipeg.

Reverend Peter R. Nemcek becomes Pastor of Notre Dame Parish in Selkirk and St. Anne's Parish in Petersfield. Fr. Peter will continue as the Director of Vocations.

Reverend Samuel Akanmadomenoukon becomes Pastor of Ste-Rose-de-Lima Parish in Ste-Rose-du-Lac, Paroisse Notre-Dame-des-Victoires in Laurier, Notre Dame Parish in Toutes-Aides, Holy Family Parish in Crane River, St. Joseph's Parish in Ebb & Flow, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Meadow Portage, St. Anthony's Parish in Rorketon, Immaculate Conception Parish in Skownan and Canadian Martyrs Parish in Waterhen. **Reverend Christopher Dubois** will offer some assistance to Fr. Samuel, especially on the weekends.

Reverend Oliver Omega becomes Pastor of St. Hedwig's Parish in Brandon, St-Felix-de-Valois Parish in Dunrea, St. James' Parish in Baldur and Immaculate Conception Parish in Rivers.

Reverend James Ahaneku becomes Parochial Vicar *pro tem* of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Changes in Parish Alignments

Corpus Christi Parish, in Winnipegosis will be served from Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Parish in Camperville.

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, in McCreary will be served from Our Lady of the Angel's Parish in Amaranth.

Further Announcements

Reverend Marcelino Bandico will be leaving St Jude's Parish in Erickson, St. Alphonsus' Parish in Minnedosa and Sacred Heart Parish in Elphinstone; his move is yet to be announced. A new Pastor will be named for Erickson, Minnedosa and Elphinstone in the coming weeks.

We still have some additional moves to make. They will be announced as soon as possible. We are anticipating the arrival of three priests from India and one from Benin. The Immigration process is involved and complicated. Once these individual priests arrive in Canada, their appointments will be announced.