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MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes
All Clergy
All Institutes of Consecrated Life

From: Archbishop Murray Chatlain

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Date: June 10, 2026

Re: Personnel

Further to the earlier announcement of Clergy changes, the following will be effective August 1, 2026 (unless otherwise noted).

Reverend Barry D. Schoonbaert retires from full-time ministry. We are grateful to Fr. Barry for his priestly service in the Archdiocese over the past 37 years, the last 3 years at St Paul the Apostle Parish, and wish him well in his retirement. Fr. Barry will be available to help with ministry according to his health.

Reverend Roy George Vazhaplankudiyil becomes Pastor of St Jude's Parish in Erickson, St Alphonsus' Parish in Minnedosa and Sacred Heart Parish in Elphinstone.

Reverend Kaleab Eman Abdella becomes Parochial Vicar of St Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Brandon and St Mary's Parish in Souris.

Deacon Richard Ryzner becomes Pastoral Administrator of Good Shepherd Parish in Portage la Prairie and St-Ambroise Parish in St-Ambroise.

Reverend Marcelino Bandico becomes Sacramental Minister at Good Shepherd Parish in Portage la Prairie and St-Ambroise Parish in St-Ambroise and limited assistance to Fr. Nepolian's parishes

Reverend Zereslassie Mehreteab Awshiek, soon to arrive from Edmonton, becomes the Priest-Chaplain of Holy Saviour Ge'ez Rite Community in Winnipeg and will assist at St Vital Parish in Winnipeg.