

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine  
From: Office of the Bishop  
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (May/June Issue)  
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**“Official”**

**Bishop Jaime Soto, in consultation with the Priests’ Personnel Board has made the following canonical appointments:**

PRIESTS

**Effective February 15, 2019**

Rev. R. Francis **Stevenson**, while remaining Pastor of Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico, has been appointed Parochial Administrator *pro-tem*, of St. Thomas More Parish, Paradise.

Rev. Godwin **Xavier**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Thomas More Parish, Paradise, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Oroville.

**Effective March 1, 2019**

Rev. J. Victor **Gutierrez de Anda**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Maxwell.

Rev. Michael **Olszewski**, previously Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Williams, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Marysville.

**Effective March 12, 2019**

Rev. Michael D. **Ritter**, previously Parochial Administrator *pro-tem*, of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of the same.

**Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:**

DEACONS

**Effective February 1, 2019**

Dcn. Sergio **Diaz**, previously assigned to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Deacon of Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento.

**Effective March 4, 2019**

Dcn. Paul K. **Friedrich**, previously assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Deacon of Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Carmichael.

Dcn. Antonio **Gonzalez**, previously assigned to St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing, has been granted permission to retire.

Dcn. Abel J. **Mejia**, a deacon of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, CA, has been appointed to serve at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sacramento.

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**Effective March 8, 2019**

Dcn. Walter **Little**, previously assigned to St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova, has been granted permission to retire.

**In Memoriam**

Dcn. William **Riehl**, died on February 7, 2019. He was born on August 3, 1922. Ordained to the diaconate on June 1, 1985. Dcn. Riehl served as a deacon of the Diocese of Sacramento for 34 years.

*Lois Locey*

**Dr. Lois Locey**  
**Chancellor**

