

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine  
From: Office of the Bishop  
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (July/August Issue)  
Date: June 14, 2021

**“Official”**

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

**PRIESTS**

**Effective March 16, 2021**

Rev. Ruban J. **Thannickal**, a priest of Infant Jesus Syro-Malabar Catholic Church has been granted faculties to serve in the Diocese of Sacramento.

**Effective March 18, 2021**

Rev. Wonhyeon **Kim**, a priest of the Diocese of Andong, has been appointed Chaplain to the Korean Catholic Community and Rector of St. Jeong-Hae Elizabeth Church, Sacramento.

**Effective March 30, 2021**

Rev. Edgardo **Rodriguez**, a priest of Archdiocese of Calabozo, Venezuela, previously Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento has left the diocese.

**Effective May 15, 2021**

Rev. Mieczyslaw “Mitch” **Maleszyk**, while remaining Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *Pro-tem*, of St. Anne Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Roland B. **Ramirez**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has been restored to Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Gridley.

**Effective May 26, 2021**

Rev. John **Healy**, currently retired, has had his appointment extended as Priest-in-Residence of Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff.

**Effective June 14, 2021**

Rev. Charles **Kelly**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has been restored to Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff.

**Effective June 30, 2021**

Rev. Eugenio **Lopez**, Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing, has been granted permission to retire.

Rev. Thomas **Myladil**, O.C.D., a priest of the Malabar Province OCD, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Auburn, has been recalled by his religious order and will leave the diocese.

**Effective July 1, 2021**

Rev. Eric **Flores**, Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Dean of City Deanery.

Rev. Eric D. **Lofgren**, appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Redding, has been appointed Dean of Shasta Deanery.

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Rev. Joshua V. **Sia**, Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Snows Parish, Lake Almanor, has been appointed Dean of Ridge Deanery.

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

**Effective July 1, 2021**

Rev. Juan Francisco **Bracamontes**, previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Arbel **Cabasagan**, previously Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville, has been appointed Pastor of St. Therese of Avila Parish, Auburn.

Rev. Jose Antonio **Campos-Ruiz**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield.

Rev. Fredhelito **Gucor**, previously Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Redding, has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln.

Rev. Francisco **Hernandez-Gomez**, previously Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico.

Rev. Lawrence **Kithinji**, previously Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Alturas, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Anne Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Eric **Lofgren**, previously Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln, has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Redding.

Rev. Dean J. **Marshall**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico.

Rev. Jonathan B. **Molina**, while remaining Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Woodland, has been appointed Priest-Supervisor of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing.

Rev. Arnold **Parungao**, previously Pastor of St. Robert Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville.

Rev. Michael D. **Ritter**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, has been appointed half-time Parochial Administrator of St. Robert Parish, Sacramento and half-time student.

Rev. Manuel A. **Rodriguez**, previously Parochial Vicar St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Loreto B. **Rojas**, currently at St. Patrick's Seminary and University, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Joseph **Sebastian**, CMI, previously Parochial Vicar of St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville.

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Rev. Ashok **Stephen**, OMI, previously Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Alturas.

Rev. Jossy **Vattothu**, CMI, a priest of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding.

Rev. Steven J. **Wood**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo.

## DEACONS

### **Effective March 18, 2021**

Dcn. Dominic **Kim**, having completed his assignment as Parish Steward at St. Jeong-Hae Elizabeth Catholic Church, Sacramento, will remain as Deacon at St. Jeong-Hae Elizabeth Catholic Church, Sacramento.

### **Effective April 13, 2021**

Dcn. Lawrence **Klimecki**, previously on Leave of Absence, has been appointed Permanent Deacon to Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sacramento.

### **Effective May 4, 2021**

Dcn. Anthony **Nguyen**, previously on Leave of Absence, has been appointed Permanent Deacon to Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento.

### **Effective May 7, 2021**

Dcn. Charles **Cheever**, previously assigned to St. Philomene Parish, Sacramento, has been granted permission to retire.

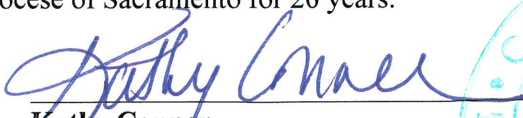
### **Effective July 1, 2021**

Dcn. Hermenegildo **Varela**, while remaining Deacon of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing, has been appointed Parish Steward of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing.

## **In Memoriam**

Dcn. Robert **Ikelman**, died on March 11, 2021. He was born on January 1, 1938 and ordained to the diaconate on June 4, 1988. Deacon Ikelman served the Diocese of Sacramento for 25 years.

Dcn. Carl "Ed" **Kull**, died on June 6, 2021. He was born on May 29, 1937 and ordained to the diaconate on January 25, 1986. Deacon Kull served the Diocese of Sacramento for 26 years.

  
Kathy Conner  
Chancellor

