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From: Office of the Bishop  
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (March/April Issue)  
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**“Official”**

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

PRIESTS

**Effective December 8, 2021**

Rev. Alexander A. **Estrella**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley, St. Canice Parish, Nevada City and Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville, has been appointed temporarily to the Priest Personnel Board to fill the Southern Region constituency through December 31, 2022, until the next election is held.

**Effective December 14, 2021**

Rev. Michael **Ritter**, Parochial Administrator of St. Robert Parish, Sacramento, has had his appointment extended as a Bishop’s Appointee to the Presbyteral Council to coincide with term as Chair.

**Effective January 1, 2022**

Rev. Blaise **Berg**, Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Raj **Derivera**, Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Christopher R. **Frazer**, Vicar General of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Joel **Genabia**, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Michael J. **Hebda**, previously Pastor, Holy Spirit Parish, Sacramento, has been granted permission to retire and named Pastor Emeritus of the same.

Rev. Guillermo **Hernandez**, Vocations Director of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council as a Bishop’s Appointee.

Rev. Rene **Jauregui**, Parochial Vicar of St. James Parish, Davis, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Msgr. James **Kidder**, retired, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Antonio B. **Racela**, Pastor of St. Dominic, Orland, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Board as the representative for the Northern Region.

Rev. Mathew **Rappu**, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, West Sacramento, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

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Rev. Michael **Ritter**, Parochial Administrator of St. Robert Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

Rev. Ronald **Torres**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones and St. Joseph Parish, Yreka, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *Pro Tem* of Holy Cross Parish, Tulelake.

Rev. Msgr. Robert **Walton**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors.

### **Effective January 19, 2022**

Rev. Alexander A. **Estrella**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley, St. Canice Parish, Nevada City and Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council to represent the Less than 10 Years Ordained constituency.

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

### **Effective January 1, 2022**

Rev. Loreto B. **Rojas**, previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

**The following notice is also given:**

Rev. Rene L. **Labrador**, previously Parochial Administrator of Holy Cross Parish, Tulelake, has left the diocese.

## DEACONS

### **Effective November 19, 2021**

Dcn. Matthew **Yim**, S.J., a deacon from the Diocese of Oakland, has been granted diaconal faculties at St. Ignatius Parish, Sacramento.

### **Effective January 1, 2022**

Dcn. Omar **Bardales**, Deacon of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, has been elected to represent the Southern Suburbs/City Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. Julian **Delgado**, Deacon of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa, has been elected to represent the Sutter Butte Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. Daniel **Haverty**, Deacon of Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills, has been elected to represent the Less Than 10 Years Ordained Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. Mark **Hroniczek**, Deacon of Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights, has been elected to represent the Southern Boundaries Constituency on the Deacon Personnel Board.

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Dcn. Keith **Johnson**, Deacon of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael, has been elected to represent the West Placer/American River Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. Dominic **Kim**, Deacon of St. Jeong-Hae Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento, has been elected to represent the Less Than 10 Years Ordained Constituency on the Deacon Personnel Board.

Dcn. Carl **Kube**, retired, has been elected to represent the Retired Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. David **Lehman**, Deacon of St. Mel Parish, Fair Oaks, has been elected to represent the More Than 10 Years Ordained Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. Michael **Mangas**, Deacon of St. Joseph Parish, Redding, has been elected to represent the More Than 25 Years Ordained Constituency on the Deacon Personnel Board.

Dcn. Larry **Niekamp**, retired, has been elected to represent the Retried Constituency on the Deacon Personnel Board.

Dcn. Bobby **Peregrino**, Deacon of St. Catherine Siena Parish, Vallejo, has been elected to represent the Solano/Yolo Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. Antonio **Ramirez**, Deacon of St. Paul Parish, Sacramento, has been elected to represent the More Than 25 Years Ordained Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. Paul **Sajben**, Deacon of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, has been elected to represent the Northern Constituency on the Deacon Personnel Board.

Dcn. John **Sheehan**, Deacon of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Auburn, has been elected to represent the Mother Lode/Gold Country Constituency on the Deacon Council.

Dcn. Hermenegildo **Varela**, Deacon of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing, has been elected to represent the More Than 10 Years Ordained Constituency on the Deacon Personnel Board.

Dcn. Chuck **Werner**, Deacon of Scared Heart Parish, Fort Jones, has been elected to represent the Siskiyou/Shasta Constituency on the Deacon Council.

### In Memoriam

Dcn. Patrick **Henning**, died on December 10, 2021. He was born on June 11, 1946 and ordained to the diaconate on May 30, 1992. Deacon Henning served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 18 years.

Dcn. Luigi Antonio **Del Gaudio**, died on December 21, 2021. He was born on August 9, 1946 and ordained to the diaconate on June 15, 1996. Deacon Del Gaudio served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 24 years.

  
Chantal LeFevre  
Vice-Chancellor

