

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 has made the following canonical appointments:**

PRIESTS

**Effective February 4, 2022**

Rev. Brendan **McKeefry**, retired, has accepted to serve on the Priest Personnel Board as the representative for the Senior Age Group.

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

**Effective February 15, 2022**

Rev. Regimon **Chandy**, a priest from the Archdiocese of Kottayam, has been granted faculties to serve at Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield.

**Effective March 4, 2022**

Rev. Reji **Joseph**, C.M.I., a priest of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City.

**Effective March 10, 2022**

Rev. Eric **Lofgren**, while remaining Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Redding, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *Pro Tem* of St. Patrick Parish, Weaverville.

**The following notice is also given:**

**Effective January 24, 2022**

Rev. Cormac R. **Lacre**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City, no longer has an assignment in the diocese and has had his faculties withdrawn.

**Effective January 31, 2022**

Rev. Abraham K. **Chacko**, previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield, has been recalled by his Bishop and has left the diocese.

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## TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

### **Effective December 4, 2021**

Dcn. Erik Amado **Pereira**, was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate for service to the Diocese of Sacramento by Bishop Jaime Soto:

## DEACONS

### **Effective February 11, 2022**

Dcn. James **Burkett**, previously assigned to Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico, has been placed on a Leave of Absence.

### **Effective February 15, 2022**

Dcn. Peter Cuong Dac **Ta**, a deacon from the Diocese of Oakland, has been granted diaconal faculties to serve at Holy Rosary Parish, Woodland.

## **In Memoriam**

Dcn. James **Healy**, died on February 27, 2022. He was born on February 18, 1933 and ordained to the diaconate on June 7, 1981. Deacon Healy served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 30 years.

Dcn. Jose **Ramirez**, died on February 26, 2022. He was born on December 16, 1940 and ordained to the diaconate on June 6, 1987. Deacon Jose Ramirez served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 26 years.

*Uli Schmitt*

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Chancellor**

