

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

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

PRIESTS

**Effective March 21, 2022**

Rev. Adam K. **Tokashiki**, P.E.S., Parochial Vicar at St. Lawrence Parish, North Highlands, has been elected as secretary on the Presbyteral Council.

**Effective March 25, 2022**

Rev. Joshy **Mathew**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville has been appointed Pastor of the same.

**Effective April 8, 2022**

Rev. Antonio **Plasencia**, a priest from the Archdiocese of Tijuana, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento.

**Effective April 21, 2022**

Rev. Alvaro D. **Perez**, P.E.S., previously on a Leave of Absence, has been restored to Pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, North Highlands.

Rev. Adam K. **Tokashiki**, P.E.S., previously Parochial Administrator pro-tem, at St. Lawrence, North Highlands has returned as Parochial Vicar of the same.

**Effective May 1, 2022**

Rev. Michael J. **Estaris**, JCL, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Monica Parish, Willows, has been appointed Defender of the Bond.

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

**Effective March 21, 2022**

Rev. Christopher L. **Andrews**, O.S.B., a priest from Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey of the Order of Saint Benedict, has been granted faculties to serve in the Diocese of Sacramento while assigned to St. Philip the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church, Sacramento.

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**Effective March 25, 2022**

Rev. Cristóbal **Emilfork**, S.J., a priest from the Chilean Province of the Society of Jesus, has been granted faculties to serve as a supply priest in the Sacramento Diocese.

**The following notice is also given:**

**Effective March 18, 2022**

Rev. Percy **Singco**, M.S.P, a priest of the Mission Society of the Philippines, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick Parish, Weaverville, has had his faculties withdrawn, left the diocese and returned to his order.

DEACONS

**Effective April 1, 2022**

Dcn. James **Burkett**, previously assigned to Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico, has had his faculties withdrawn.

**In Memoriam**

Dcn. Henry **Garcia**, died on April 16, 2022. He was born on August 26, 1927 and ordained to the diaconate on June 7, 1981. Deacon Henry Garcia served the Diocese of Sacramento for 25 years.

Dcn. Stephen **Schwartz**, M.D., died on April 27, 2022. He was born September 30, 1940 and ordained to the diaconate on June 15, 1996. Deacon Stephen Schwartz served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 19 years.



**Uli Schmitt**  
Chancellor

