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**“Official”**

**Bishop Jaime Soto ordained the following man to the Priesthood on June 4, 2022:**

Rev. Erik A. **Pereira**

**Bishop Jaime Soto ordained the following men to the Permanent Diaconate on June 25, 2022:**

Deacon Michael **Bennett**

Deacon Phong **Nguyen**

Deacon Adam **Bowers**

Deacon Ted **Nguyen**

Deacon Adam **Crawford**

Deacon Jovenal **Perez**

Deacon Julius **Davault III**

Deacon Michael **Scafani**

Deacon Paul **Herman**

Deacon Brian **Smith**

Deacon Leigh **Langerwerf**

Deacon John **Thoo**

Deacon Rafael **Lopez**

Deacon Henry **Tran**

Deacon Patrick **Mahan**

Deacon Jia **Yah**

Deacon Raymond **Moreno**

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

PRIESTS

**Effective June 21, 2022**

Very Rev. Christopher R. **Frazer**, while remaining Vicar General/Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, has been appointed Interim Delegate for Religious.

**Effective July 1, 2022**

Rev. Brian **Atienza**, while remaining Defender of the Bond at the Tribunal, has been assigned to assist at St. Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Blaise R. **Berg**, previously Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville, has been granted permission to become a faculty member of St. Patrick's Seminary and University, Menlo Park.

Rev. Avram E. **Brown**, Pastor of St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City, has been granted an extension of his third term as Dean of Sutter Buttes Deanery through December 31, 2022.

Rev. Alexander A. **Estrella**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley, has been appointed for a second term as Dean of Mother Lode Deanery.

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Rev. Joel S. **Genabia**, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield, has been appointed Dean of Solano Deanery. He replaces Rev. Blaise Berg.

Rev. Lester **Menor**, Parochial Administrator of St. Anthony Parish, Mount Shasta, has been appointed Dean of Siskiyou Deanery. He replaces Rev. Ronald Torres.

Rev. Guillermo **Hernandez**, Vocations Director of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been given an extension as one of the Bishop's Appointees to the Presbyteral Council.

Rev. Michael **Ritter**, Parochial Administrator of St. Robert's Parish, Sacramento, has been given an extension as one of the Bishop's Appointees to the Presbyteral Council.

Rev. Msgr. Robert P. **Walton**, previously Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento, has been granted permission to retire.

### **Effective July 3, 2022**

Rev. John Eudes Vu Tien **Cao**, CRM, previously Parochial Vicar of Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

### **Effective July 7, 2022**

Rev. Octavio **Trejo-Flores**, SDS, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Divine Savior Parish, Orangevale.

Rev. Patric **Nikolas**, SDS, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Divine Savior Parish, Orangevale.

Rev. Matthew **Yim** SJ, having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento.

### **Effective July 18, 2022**

Rev. Jesus **Hernandez**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln, has been assigned to canon law studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

### **Effective August 5, 2022**

Rev. Wladyslaw (Walter) **Borkowski**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Dominic Parish, Colfax, has been granted permission to retire.

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

### **Effective June 24, 2022**

Rev. Lester **Menor**, Parochial Administrator of St. Anthony Parish, Mount Shasta, formerly a priest from the Diocese of Laoag, has been incardinated into the Diocese of Sacramento.

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### **Effective July 1, 2022**

Rev. Rey B. **Bersabal**, previously Pastor of St. James Parish, Davis, has been appointed Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Matthew J. **Blank**, previously Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa, has been appointed Pastor of St. John Parish, Quincy.

Rev. Salvador B. **Bringas**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. John Parish, Quincy, has been appointed Pastor of St. Dominic Parish, Colfax.

Rev. Jacobo A. **Caceres**, previously Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, West Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa.

Rev. Apolonio C. **Catada** previously Parochial Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Burney, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove.

Rev. Cirilo G. **Cervantes**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Roseville, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding.

Rev. Pepin W. **Dandou**, previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville.

Rev. Raj R. **Derivera**, previously Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Rev. Marcel **Emeh**, S.D.S., previously Parochial Vicar of Divine Savior Parish, Orangevale, having been granted permission by his superior to make himself available to the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills.

Rev. Michael J. **Estaris**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Monica Parish, Willows, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Rev. Jhay B. **Galeon**, previously Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding, has been appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, West Sacramento.

Rev. Edgardo J. **Garcia**, previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Rosary Parish, Woodland, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Holy Cross Parish, Tulalake.

Rev. Mauricio **Hurtado**, previously Pastor of St. Theresa Parish, South Lake Tahoe, has been appointed Pastor of St. Dominic Parish, Orland.

Rev. Reji **Joseph**, CMI, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville.

Rev. J. Fernando **Meza**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Burney.

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Rev. Desmond T. **O'Reilly**, previously Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of St. Mel Parish, Fair Oaks.

Rev. Michael **O'Reilly**, while remaining Rector of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Erik A. **Pereira**, ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 2022, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City.

Rev. Antonio B. **Racela**, previously Pastor of St. Dominic Parish, Orland, has been appointed Pastor of St. James Parish, Davis.

Rev. German E. **Ramos**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Oroville.

Very Rev. Mark R. **Richards**, while remaining Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Sacramento, previously Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Joseph **Sebastian**, C.M.I., previously Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Theresa Parish, South Lake Tahoe.

Rev. Brian J. **Soliven**, previously Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Portola, has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville.

Rev. Innocent **Subiza**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Clare Parish, Roseville, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Holy Family Parish, Portola.

Rev. Jossy G. **Vattothu**, previously Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley.

## DEACONS

### **Effective June 6, 2022**

Deacon Joseph A. **O'Donnell**, previously assigned Deacon St. James Parish, Davis, has been granted permission to retire.

### **Effective July 1, 2022**

Deacon Hermenegildo **Varela**, while remaining Deacon of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing and St. Agnes Mission, Zamora, has been granted an extension on his appointment as Parish Steward of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing through December of 2022

Deacon Michael **Bennett**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield.

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Deacon Adam **Bowers**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to Sacred Heart Parish, Gridley.

Deacon Adam **Crawford**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Theresa of Avila Parish, Auburn

Deacon Julius **Davault III**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield.

Deacon Paul **Herman**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Rose Parish, Roseville

Deacon Leigh **Langerwerf**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico

Deacon Rafael **Lopez**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Joseph Parish, Sacramento

Deacon Patrick **Mahan**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln

Deacon Raymond **Moreno**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Martell

Deacon Phong **Nguyen**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento

Deacon Ted **Nguyen**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento

Deacon Jovenal **Perez**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove

Deacon Michael **Scafani**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Dominic Parish, Benicia

Deacon Brian **Smith**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Patrick Parish, Placerville.

Deacon John **Thoo**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City

Deacon Henry **Tran**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento

Deacon Jia **Yah**, ordained to the diaconate on June 25, 2022, has been appointed to St. Peter/All Hallow Parish, Sacramento.

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**The following notice is also given:**

**Effective June 30, 2022**

Rev. Roman C. **Mueller, S.D.S.**, previously Pastor of Divine Savior Parish, Orangevale, has been granted permission to retire by his superior and has left the Diocese of Sacramento.

**Effective July 1, 2022**

Rev. Aldrin **Basarte**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Mel Parish, Fair Oaks, has left the Diocese of Sacramento.

Rev. Louis M. **Nhien**, previously Pastor of Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Sacramento, has been recalled by his religious order.



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**Uli Schmitt**  
**Chancellor**

