

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine  
From: Office of the Bishop  
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (September/October Issue)  
Date: July 14, 2025

**“Official”**

**Bishop Jaime Soto ordained the following men to the Priesthood on June 7, 2025:**

Rev. Ivan **Franco Martin**

Rev. Edgar Yair **Lozano**

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

**PRIESTS**

**Effective May 19, 2025**

Rev. Carlos **Gonzalez**, a priest of the Diocese of Cuauhtémoc-Madera, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Rosary Parish, Woodland.

**Effective July 1, 2025**

Rev. Arbel S. **Cabasagan**, while remaining Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Auburn, has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Auburn.

Rev. Jacobo A. **Caceres**, previously Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa, has been appointed Pastor of St. Peter & All Hallows Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Regimon **Chandy**, previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Bit-Shing Abraham **Chiu**, while remaining Chaplain to the Chinese Community at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, and previously Parochial Vicar of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Sherwin **Colaste**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Monica Parish, Willows.

Rev. Michael J. **Estaris**, while continuing to assist at the Tribunal, and previously half-time Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Auburn.

Rev. Ivan **Franco Martin**, ordained June 7, 2025, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico.

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Rev. Sagar K. **Gade**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Roseville, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa.

Rev. J. Victor **Gutierrez de Anda**, previously Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Maxwell, has been appointed Pastor of St. Philomene Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Nelson L. **Gutierrez-Perez**, previously Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Roseville.

Rev. Jesus **Hernandez**, previously pursuing graduate studies in canon law, has been appointed Defender of the Bond to the Tribunal of the Diocese of Sacramento.

Rev. Devassikutty K. **Joseph**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley, St. Canice Parish, Nevada City, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove.

Rev. Santhosh Srayil **Kurian, C.M.I.**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Clare Parish, Roseville, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley, St. Canice Parish, Nevada City, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville.

Rev. Edgar Y. **Lozano**, ordained June 7, 2025, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Basil Parish, Vallejo.

Rev. Dante A. **Lumabas, S.S.P.**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Basil Parish, Vallejo, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield.

Rev. Hector **Montoya**, previously Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Dixon, has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Maxwell.

Rev. Eric M. **Patrick**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Clare Parish, Roseville.

Rev. Jovito D. **Rata**, previously Pastor of St. Peter & All Hallows Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of St. Basil Parish, Vallejo.

Rev. Carlo Paul G. **Tejano**, previously Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Auburn, has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning.

Rev. Ronald **Torres**, previously Pastor of St. Monica Parish, Willows, has been appointed Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Dixon.

Rev. Francisco **Velazquez**, previously Pastor of St. Philomene Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Administrator *pro-tem* of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael.

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Rev. Mauricio **Hurtado**, while remaining Vocations Director of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed Spiritual Director of SEARCH.

Rev. Julito **Orpilla**, while remaining Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Dean of the Southern Suburbs Deanery.

Rev. Ambrose **Ugwuegbu**, Parochial Administrator of St. Basil Parish, Vallejo, has been granted permission to retire.

**Effective July 7, 2025**

Rev. Mauricio **Hurtado**, while remaining Vocations Director of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *pro-tem* of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento.

**In Memoriam**

Deacon Miguel **Fernandez**, entered eternal life on June 10, 2025, at the age of 80. Deacon Fernandez was ordained to the diaconate on June 3, 1995 and served the Diocese of Sacramento for 14 years.

Rev. Michael **McFadden**, entered eternal life on July 9, 2025, at the age of 88. Father McFadden was ordained to Priesthood on June 18, 1961, and served the Diocese of Sacramento for 64 years.



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**Uli Schmitt**  
Chancellor

