

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (November/December Issue)
Date: September 17, 2025

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Bishop Jaime Soto, has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective July 11, 2025

Rev. Gustavo **Lopez**, OSJ, having been assigned by his Superior to assist at St. Joseph Seminary and Marengo Retreat Center in Loomis, CA, has been granted faculties.

Rev. Michael A. **Tyrrell**, SJ, having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar on a half time basis of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento.

Effective August 1, 2025

Rev. Dzungwenen Raymond **Tyohemba**, VC, a priest of the Diocese of Makurdi, having been hired as a Mission Integration Director by Mercy San Juan Medical Center, Carmichael, has been granted faculties.

Effective August 4, 2025

Rev. Jovito D. **Rata**, while remaining Pastor of St. Basil Parish, Vallejo, has been appointed Dean of the Solano Deanery.

Effective August 18, 2025

Rev. Mathew **Blank**, while remaining Pastor of St. John Parish, Quincy, has been appointed Dean of the Ridge Deanery.

Rev. Arbel **Cabasagan**, while remaining Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Auburn, and Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Auburn, has been appointed Dean of the Mother Lode Deanery.

Effective September 5, 2025

Rev. Dominic Dennis **DeLay**, OP, having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Dominic Parish, Benicia.

Effective September 10, 2025

Rev. Davis **Koottala Joseph**, Parochial Vicar of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the same.

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Rev. Michael D. **Vaughan**, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove has been granted a military leave of absence.

The following notice is also given:

Effective June 27, 2025

Rev. Adam K. **Tokashiki**, PES previously Parochial Vicar of St. Lawrence Parish, North Highlands, has left the diocese.

DEACONS

Effective June 11, 2025

Deacon John **Bockman**, previously Deacon of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo, has been granted a Leave of Absence.



Uli Schmitt
Chancellor

