

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: Official Column for Catholic Herald (May/June Issue)
Date: March 6, 2026

“Official”

Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective January 23, 2026

Rev. Mauricio **Hurtado**, while remaining Vocations Director, has been appointed Lead Chaplain of the Newman Catholic Center, Sacramento.

Effective February 2, 2026

Rev. Joel **Genabia**, while remaining Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield, has been appointed to the Diocesan Independent Review Board.

Effective February 5, 2026

Rev. Marcel **Emeh**, SDS, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Theresa Parish, South Lake Tahoe, has been appointed Parochial Vicar *pro tem* of St. Vincent Parish, Vallejo.

Effective February 16, 2026

Rev. Alvaro **Morante**, PES, having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights.

Rev. Julius **Kaburu**, having returned to the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding.

Effective February 27, 2025

Rev. Kent Reynolds **Cue**, MSP, having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Vallejo.

Effective March 2, 2026

Rev. Dean **Marshall**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Yreka, and Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *pro-tem* of Holy Cross Parish, Tulelake, and Our Lady of Good Council Mission, Dorris.

Effective March 3, 2026

Rev. Joseph Selim **El Khoury**, a priest of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon has been appointed Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento.

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The following notice is also given:

Effective January 29, 2026

Rev. Celsius **Offor**, a priest from the Diocese of Orlo, Nigeria, has been granted faculties to serve in the Diocese of Sacramento

Effective February 25, 2026

Rev. Mhanna J. **Kallas**, previously Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento, has left the Diocese.

Effective March 3, 2026

Rev. Jose A. **Campos**, previously Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Tulelake, has left the Diocese.

DEACONS

Effective February 3, 2026

Deacon Larry **Bertrand**, Deacon of St. Clare Parish, Roseville, has been granted a Leave of Absence.

Effective February 10, 2026

Deacon Iwan **Soegiharto**, a Deacon from the Archdiocese of San Francisco, has been granted faculties to serve in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Effective March 2, 2026

Deacon Patrick **Mahan**, previously Deacon of St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln, has been appointed Permanent Deacon of St. Francis of Assisi, Parish, Sacramento

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In Memoriam

Rev. Paul **Ricks** entered eternal life on January 25, 2026, at the age of 82. Fr. Ricks was ordained to Priesthood on April 29, 1978, and served the Diocese of Sacramento for 33 years.

Rev. Guillermo **Rodriguez** entered eternal life on February 23, 2026, at the age of 83. Fr. Rodriguez was ordained to Priesthood on July 26, 1975, and served the Diocese of Sacramento for 20 years.

Rev. William **Storan** entered eternal life on February 10, 2026, at the age of 89. Fr. Storan was ordained to Priesthood on June 11, 1961, and served the Diocese of Sacramento for 25 years.

Dcn. Richard **Driggs** entered eternal life on December 14, 2025, at the age of 91. Deacon Richard served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 19 years.

Dcn. Robert **Shauger** entered eternal life on February 14, 2026, at the age of 85. Deacon Robert served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 10 years.

Christopher R. Frazer

Very Rev. Christopher R. Frazer
Episcopal Vicar for Clergy

