

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: Official Column for Catholic Herald (November/December Issue)
Date: October 15, 2026

“Official”

Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective July 31, 2026

Rev. David **Lopez**, FSSP, having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Stephen the First Martyr Parish, Sacramento.

Effective August 3, 2026

Rev. Saju M. **Mathews**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento.

Effective August 11, 2026

Rev. Jose A. **Campos**, previously on sabbatical, resumes as Parochial Administrator of Holy Cross Parish, Tulalake.

Effective August 12, 2026

Rev. Kavungal **Davy**, C.M.I., having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Sacramento.

Effective August 28, 2026

Rev. Dennis **Marzan**, S.J., having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento.

Effective September 9, 2026

Rev. Joshi **Paliakkara**, having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove.

Rev. Antony A. **Cherian**, O.P., having been presented by his Superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Dominic Parish, Benicia.

Effective September 11, 2026

Rev. Jose J. **Beltran**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Sacramento.

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Rev. Erik **Pereira**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as a representative of the Ridge Deanery constituency.

Rev. J. Fernando **Meza**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Anne Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of same.

The following notice is also given:

Effective July 19, 2026

Rev. Paul **Cochran**, S.J., previously Parochial Vicar of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Sacramento, has left the diocese.

Effective August 3, 2026

Rev. Matthew **Spencer**, O.S.J., in-residence at Mt. St. Joseph Seminary, Loomis, has been granted faculties.

Effective August 4, 2026

Rev. Regimon **Chandy**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento, has left the diocese.

Effective August 6, 2026

Rev. Evan **Schwab**, F.S.S.P., previously Parochial Vicar of St. Stephen the First Martyr Parish, Sacramento, has left the diocese.

Effective August 28, 2026

Rev. Anthony **Rosevear**, O.P., in-residence at St. Dominic Parish, Benicia, has been granted faculties.

DEACONS

Effective August 03, 2026

Deacon Rommel **Declines**, while remaining Permanent Deacon of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove, has been assigned as the Associate Director for Deacon Formation.

Deacon Preciliano **Ramirez**, previously Permanent Deacon of St. Peter & All Hallows Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed to Prison Ministry at Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, Elk Grove.

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Deacon Dominic **Kim**, while remaining Permanent Deacon of St. Jeong-Hae Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed to Prison Ministry at the California State Prison, Sacramento.

Effective September 11, 2026

Deacon Patrick S. **Kearns**, previously Permanent Deacon of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sacramento, has been granted a Leave of Absence.

Effective September 15, 2026

Deacon Jack **Wilson**, Permanent Deacon of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael, has been granted permission to retire.

Effective September 18, 2026

Deacon Donald **Galli**, Permanent Deacon of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo, has been granted permission to retire.

In Memoriam

Dcn. James **Chatigny** entered eternal life on July 19, 2026. Deacon Chatigny served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 20 years.

Dcn. Jaime **Garcia**, entered eternal life on July 20, 2026. Deacon Garcia served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 19 years.

Dcn. Pete **Lobo**, entered eternal life on September 8, 2026. Deacon Lobo served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 31 years.

Dcn. Charles **Rasmussen**, entered eternal life on April 12, 2026, Deacon Rasmussen served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 4 years

Dcn. Llewellyn "Mike" **Urick**, entered eternal life on September 5, 2026. Deacon Urick served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 21 years.



Chantal LeFevre
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