



Appointments for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

April 29, 2023

Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, announces the following appointments, which will be effective on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, unless otherwise stated:

Priest Appointments

Rev. Gregory Agyeman, Moderator of Pastoral Care for All Saints Parish, according to canon 517, §2, shall continue in this position for the coming year. He will continue to work with Ms. Glenna O'Quinn, Parish Life Coordinator. Holy Apostles Parish, where he served as Associate Pastor, will not have an Associate Pastor for the time being.

Rev. Ireneusz Bem, S.D.S., Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, has been called back by his Provincial to provide pastoral service in another diocese. We are grateful for his over twenty years of service in the Archdiocese.

Rev. Ronald Cairns is appointed to full-time hospital chaplaincy at QEII Health Sciences Centre, effective immediately.

Rev. Mark Cherry, will continue to provide pastoral ministry through the Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry and assist the faith communities of All Saints Parish, in collaboration with Rev. Gregory Agyeman with the celebration of the Eucharist at least two weekends per month.

Rev. Alex Colautti, CC, Associate Pastor at Saint Benedict Parish, has been called back to his community by his Provincial to begin further studies, effective July 1, 2023.

Most Rev. Martin Currie shall complete his ministry as Associate Pastor of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish.

Rev. Timothy Devine, CC, on the advice of his Provincial, will become the Pastor for Holy Trinity Parish, effective July 1, 2023.

Rev. Michael Grace will retire from full-time hospital ministry at QEII Health Sciences Centre and as Director of Diaconate Formation, effective August 31, 2023. Sister Joana Madu, EHJ, will become the Director of Pastoral Care for the QEII Health Sciences Centre, effective August 31, 2023.

Rev. Pio Libby, FoH, following a time of renewal, will begin a one year leave of absence, effective April 7, 2023.

Rev. Isaac Longworth, CC, on the advice of his Provincial, will become an Associate Pastor for Saint Benedict Parish, effective July 1, 2023.

Rev. Paul MacIntosh, FoH, will continue as part-time hospital chaplain at QEII Health Sciences Centre. As part of this appointment, he will engage in another unit of Clinical Pastoral Education Program (CPE) beginning in September. Between now and then he will be involved in parish pastoral ministry in various parishes.

Rev. John MacPherson will continue as Vicar General for a further term of 3 years, effective immediately.

Rev. Christopher McKelvie, FoH will provide assistance at Christ the King Parish on a part-time basis, especially regarding the Francophone community.

Rev. Robert Nicholas, Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dartmouth, will become the Associate Pastor for Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish.

Rev. Raymond Odumuko, Spiritual Advisor for the Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan Catholic Women's League, will finish his five-year appointment. **Rev. Vargheese Varghese** will begin a five year appointment as the Spiritual Advisor for the Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan Catholic Women's League.

Rev. Daniel Ramos, CC, on the advice of his Provincial, will become an Associate Pastor for Saint Benedict Parish, effective July 1, 2023.

Rev. Bryan Sabourin, CC, Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Lower Sackville has been called by his Provincial to work with the Companions of the Cross in Ottawa, effective July 1, 2023.

Rev. Patrick Salah, Associate Pastor at Christ the King Parish, will become the Administrator of Good Shepherd Parish. He will also become the MC for the Archdiocese and will become the Assistant Director of Liturgy, with Rev. Craig Cameron continuing as Director of Liturgy.

Rev. Joseph Thomas, Associate Pastor of Saint John the Apostle, will begin a leave of absence from the Archdiocese to provide pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Victoria. Saint John the Apostle Parish where he served as Associate Pastor, will not have an Associate Pastor for the time being.

New International Priests

We are also waiting for three international priests, who should arrive in the Archdiocese in the next few months.

Deacon Appointments

Rev. Mr. Robert Doyle, while continuing as Director of Deacons and Chancellor, will become the Director of Diaconal Formation, effective August 31, 2023.

Rev. Mr. Grant Maclean, FoH, currently providing some ministry at Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Halifax, will participate in a ministry of diaconal service only at Divine Mercy Parish.