



April 22, 2025

TO: All Parish Priests and Parishes

**Attached please find the long awaited and anticipated
Pastoral Appointments of 2025
These appointments will take place on June 30, 2025**

Fr. Michael Mahoney, Pastor of St. Dominic Parish - Thunder Bay has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph - Dryden, Our Lady of Fatima - Vermilion Bay and Immaculate Conception - Ignace.

Fr. Bonaventure Anaïke, Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Nipigon, St. Hilary – Red Rock and St. Theresa – Beardmore has been appointed Pastor of St. Dominic Parish – Thunder Bay and Chaplain to the African Community of Thunder Bay.

Fr. Cajetan Ukachi, ‘Fill-in priest’ has been appointed Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Nipigon, St. Hilary – Red Rock and St. Theresa – Beardmore.

Fr. Rey Ronquillo, Pastor of Corpus Christi – Thunder Bay has been appointed Assistant Pastor to eight pastors. (See ‘Associate Pastors’ below for details.)

Fr. Terry Sawchuk, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours – Terrace Bay, Holy Angels – Schreiber, St. Francis Xavier – Heron Bay, with Missions St. John Berchmans – Rossport and St. Jerome’s – Pays Plat has been appointed Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish – Thunder Bay.

Fr. Berchmans Francis, Pastor of St. Andrew Parish – Thunder Bay, has been appointed Pastor of St. Martin of Tours – Terrace Bay, Holy Angels – Schreiber, with Missions St. John Berchmans – Rossport and St. Jerome’s – Pays Plat

Fr. Allen Abadines, Pastor of St. Louis – Keewatin, has been appointed Pastor of St. Andrew Parish – Thunder Bay.

Fr. Rudy Manaloto, Pastor of Notre Dame du Portage – Kenora and Sacred Heart Parish – Sioux Narrows will also be appointed Pastor of St. Louis – Keewatin.

Fr. Biju Mathew Pastor of St. Anne -Thunder Bay, Kitchitwa Kateri – Thunder Bay and Our Lady of the Snows – Armstrong has also been appointed Pastor of St. Elizabeth – Thunder Bay.

We bid farewell to **Fr. Marco Ladao** and **Fr. Gino Mathias** upon completing their contracts with the Diocese of Thunder Bay. We thank them for their time of service to the diocese and wish them blessings in their future.

We welcome **Fr. Kevin Ezeobi SMMM**, who has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary – Fort Frances and Our Lady of Lourdes – Couchiching.

Assistant Pastors:

Fr. MacAnthony Obikili SMMM, will be Assistant to Mahoney, Mullamangalam, Manaloto, Eze, Chilaka, Ezeobi and will cover in Fort Francis until Fr. Kevin Ezeobi arrives at the end of September. His permanent residence will be the rectory of St. Joseph – Dryden.

Fr. Larry Kurec will be Assistant to Frs. Stilla, Panikulam, Arockiam, Mathew, Anaik, Dudek, McClure.

Fr. Rey Ronquillo will be Assistant to Frs. Donnelly, Pudicherry, Blazek, Filippini, Abadines, Sawchuk, Ukachi and Nnanna. His permanent residence will be at the Cathedral rectory.