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The Most Reverend David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D., mindful of the changes that occurred in the last few years, recently met with the Clergy Personnel Committee and outlined his desire to establish greater stability in the parishes by making minimal transfers of clergy. Some moves were necessitated because three priests are retiring from active ministry. Others are taking place in a desire to give Parochial Vicars a different experience of parish ministry. With these principles in mind, Bishop Talley announces the following clergy appointments:

Effective **July 1, 2019** (unless otherwise indicated):

Reverend Richard A. Cortese, currently Parochial Vicar of Holy Rosary Church, Memphis, is appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Church, Jackson; St. John Church, Brownsville, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, Bells.

Reverend Carlos Donato da Silva, currently Parochial Vicar of St. Louis Church, Memphis, is assigned to complete his studies in Canon Law and work in the Diocesan Tribunal, with weekend Sacramental ministry at St. Mary Church, Jackson; St. John Church, Brownsville; and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, Bells. He will be in residence at Church of the Nativity.

Reverend Francisco Franquiz, currently Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Church, Jackson; St. John Church, Brownsville; and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, Bells, is appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Michael Church, Memphis, and Assistant Director of Vocations.

Reverend Cain Galicia, currently Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Germantown, is appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Brigid Church, Memphis.

I will give you a new heart Ezekiel 36:26

Reverend Patrick M. Gallagher, currently Pastor of St. Therese Church, Memphis, is appointed Pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Memphis.

Reverend Yoelvis A. Gonzalez, currently Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Memphis, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Therese Church, Memphis, and Assistant Director of Vocations.

Reverend Russell D. Harbaugh, currently Pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Memphis, is given permission to retire from active ministry.

Reverend Robert W. Marshall, Jr., currently Pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, was also appointed Vicar General effective April 9, 2019.

Reverend Cosmas Mabu, will complete his current assignment at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center on August 31, 2019, and will be reassigned by his bishop.

Reverend Peter Nguyen, currently Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Incarnation, Collierville, is appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Germantown.

Reverend Fausta Odinwankpa, currently Chaplain of Memphis Catholic Middle and High School, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. John Church, Memphis.

Reverend Michael Okata, currently Parochial Vicar of St. Louis Church, Memphis is appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Rosary Church, Memphis.

Reverend William J. Parham, currently Parochial Vicar of St. Ann Church, Bartlett, is given permission to retire from active ministry.

Reverend Eric Peterson, currently Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Germantown, is given permission to retire from active ministry.

Reverend Jeo Poulose, M.C.B.S., currently Parochial Vicar of Holy Rosary Church, Memphis, is appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Louis Church, Memphis.

Reverend Robert Szczechura, currently Pastor of the Church of the Nativity, Bartlett, and Director of the Office of Divine Worship, is also appointed Director of Vocations.

Reverend Ruben Villalon, currently Parochial Vicar of St. Louis Church, Memphis, is appointed Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Memphis.

Reverend Jose Cruz Zapata, currently Parochial Vicar of St. Michael Church, Memphis, is appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Incarnation, Collierville.

The Chaplaincies of the University of Memphis, Rhodes College and St. Benedict at Auburndale High School will be coordinated through the Office of Vocations. Father Szczechura hopes to have members of our clergy, who have an interest in youth and young adult ministry, contact him regarding these ministries.

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