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With four Pastors resigning/retiring from active pastoral duties during this assignment period and two Parochial Vicars attending full-time studies, Bishop David and the Clergy Personnel Board prayerfully worked to ensure pastoral care for the affected parishes. Bishop David announces the following clergy appointments:

Effective **July 1, 2023** (unless otherwise indicated):

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

**Reverend Casey Weber** leaves his appointment as Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and is assigned as a full-time student at Catholic University of America pursuing his Licentiate in Canon Law.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church/St. Louis

**Reverend Peter Nguyen**, upon acceptance at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario Canada, leaves his appointment as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and is assigned as a full-time student pursuing his Licentiate in Canon Law.

**Reverend Jins Mathew**, currently Parochial Vicar at St. Louis Church, is appointed Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

St. Augustine Church

**Reverend Francis Chiawa**, currently Pastor of St. Augustine Church, has resigned to return to his home in Enugu, Nigeria.

**Reverend Stephan Brown, S.V.D.**, currently in the Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word, is appointed Pastor of St. Augustine Church.

St Ann Church

**Reverend Ernie DeBlasio**, currently Pastor of St. Ann Church in Bartlett, has resigned and is given permission to retire from active pastoral duties effective June 30, 2023.

**Reverend Jacek Kowal**, currently in Residence at the Discernment House, is appointed Pastor of St. Ann in Bartlett.

St. Anne Church/Ascension/Nativity

**Reverend Bruce Cinquegrani**, currently Pastor of St. Anne, has resigned and is appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Louis Church.

**Reverend Dennis Schenkel**, currently Pastor of Ascension Church, resigns and is appointed Pastor of St. Anne Church.

**Reverend José Cruz Zapata-Torres**, remains Pastor of Nativity and is appointed Parochial Administrator of Ascension Church.

St. Patrick Church

**Reverend Monsignor Val Handwerker**, currently Pastor of St. Patrick Church, has resigned and is given permission to retire from active pastoral duties effective May 26, 2023. Deacon Frank Williams is appointed Parish Administrator thru June 30, 2023.

**Reverend Dexter Noblefranca**, currently Chaplain of St. Benedict at Auburndale High School and In Residence at St Ann Church in Bartlett, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick Church in Memphis.

St. Jude Church, Martin/Immaculate Conception Church

**Reverend David Orsak**, currently Pastor of St. Jude in Martin, has resigned and is given permission to retire from active pastoral duties effective June 30,2023.

**Reverend Carl Gregorich**, remains Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Union City, TN and is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Jude Church in Martin, TN.

**Clergy Personnel Board:** Very Rev. Keith Stewart, V.G.; Very Rev. James Clark, J.V./Chancellor, Very Rev. Robert Szczechura, D.O.V.; Very Rev. James Martell, V.F.; Monsignor Victor Ciaramitaro, Rev. Gerald Azike, Rev. Carl Hood, Rev. Dennis Schenkel, Rev. Jolly Sebastian, Rev. Jose Cruz Zapata-Torres