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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):

The 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. He will be In Residence at the Cathedral.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church/St. Louis

Reverend Peter Nguyen leaves his appointment as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and is assigned as a full-time student at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, pursuing his Licentiate in Canon Law. When home during holidays/summers, he will be In Residence at St Jude Church in Martin.

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

Sacred Heart

Reverend Think Cuong Ngo, S.V.D., is assigned as Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Church in Memphis, TN.

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 and will remain Parochial Administrator at St. Paul Parish through the end of July.

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. Mary Church/St Paul Church

Reverend Gabe Bouck, currently Parochial Vicar at St. Paul Church is appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Mary in Jackson, TN.

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. Peter Church

Reverend James Martin Nobles, O.P., currently Parochial Vicar at St. Peter Church, and Rector of St. Martin de Porres National Shrine and Institute is assigned to St. Albert the Great Priory and Novitiates in Irving, TX

Reverend Nicholas Reynolds, O.P., currently serving as a campus minister in Texas, is appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Peter Church

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.

Chaplaincies

St. Benedict at Auburndale: In addition to each of their responsibilities as Parochial Vicars of St. Francis, Holy Rosary, and Incarnation, **Reverend Joseph Hastings, Reverend Jeo Poulouse,** and **Reverend Scott Bahrke** are assigned to share the responsibilities of Chaplain at SBA.

Christian Brothers High School: In addition to his responsibilities as Parochial Vicar at St. Louis Church, **Reverend Joe Sax** is assigned Chaplain of CBHS.

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