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Dear priests, sisters, deacons, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Regina:

With gratitude for the work of the Personnel Committee, we have been blessed to welcome into the Archdiocese of Regina 4 priests: 2 are new and 2 are returning to the Archdiocese.

Rev. Hyacinth Chibua Okafor, CM, from Nigeria / USA and belonging to the Congregation of the Missions. He arrived in the Archdiocese on January 17, 2023.

Rev. Joseph Rey Mendoza Villamartin from the Diocese of Virac in the Philippines. He arrived in the Archdiocese on May 11, 2023.

We welcome back Rev. Michal Pajak OMI Polish Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Canada and Rev. Leonardo Tamayo.

We are pleased to announce the following appointments and they are for the normal duration of a Pastor unless the good of the Archdiocese states otherwise:

Effective August 1st, 2023

Very Rev. James Owolagba

Pastor, St. Peter Parish, Regina.

Rev. Louis Kim Nguyen

Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Regina.

Rev. Stephen Bill

Pastor, Our Lady of Peace Parish, Regina.

Rev. Thuy Xuan Nguyen

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan; Sacred Heart, Torquay; St. Monica, Bienfait.

Rev. Joseph Villamartin

Administrator, St. Ann's Parish, Kennedy; St. Pius, Windthorst; St. Francis Xavier, Wawota; St. Anne, Kipling.

Rev. Dennis Remot

Pastor, Our lady of Sorrows Parish, Fort Qu'Appelle; Sacred Heart, Lebret; St. John, Balcarres; Mary Immaculate, File Hills, (serves Peepeekisis, Okanese, Star Blanket, Little Black Bear); Standing Buffalo, Pasqua, Muscowpetung.
(Commencing September 1, 2023)

Rev. Sathiadass Antony	Pastor, St. Gerard Parish, Yorkton.
Rev. Hyacinth Okafor, CM	Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Radville; St. Michael, Bengough; St. Eugene, Minton; Holy Angels, Pangman; St. Blaise, Lake Alma; Ministry to Catholic Community, Ogema.
Rev. Adelberto (Bert) Lillo	Administrator, St. Joseph Parish, Moose Jaw.
Rev. Felipe Faustino	* Administrator, St. Mary, Central Butte; St. Charles, Coderre; St. Joseph, Hodgeville; St. John the Evangelist, Marquis. * Assisting Priest at St. Joseph, Moose Jaw.
Rev. Ferdinand Eusebio	Administrator, Christ the Redeemer Parish, Swift Current; St. Anne, Gull Lake & St. Joseph Cabri.
Rev. George Thattuparampil, MST	Pastor, St. George Parish, Assiniboia; St. Louis Parish, Mossbank.
Rev. Leonardo Tamayo	Pastor, St. Joseph Oxbow; St. Raphael, Cantal/Alida; St. Jude, Carnduff.
Rev. Michal Pajak, OMI	Pastor, St. Henry's Parish, Melville. (Commencing September 1, 2023)

The following appointments / reappointments are for a shorter duration and effective August 1, 2023, to be discerned as we proceed, if not stated otherwise:

Effective August 1st, 2023

Very Rev. Brian Meredith	Continuing as Pastor, Holy Child Parish, Regina.
Rev. Danilo Rafael	Continuing as Administrator, Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina. (2-year appointment)
Rev. James Hentges	Continuing as Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Regina.
Rev. John Baptist Okai	Returning to Regina Hospital Ministry (Commencing January 1st, 2024)
Rev. Paul Mau Nguyen	Pastor, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Holdfast; St. Joseph Craik; St. Boniface, Dilke; St. Anthony, Liberty; while pursuing graduate studies during the summers.

Rev. Amado Cañaverl

Temporary Replacement Ministry
St. Lawrence, Maple Creek; St. Stephen, Consul

Appreciation:

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Regina, we express our profound gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Vincent Borre for his ministry in Oxbow. He has retired and is returning to the Philippines. We would also like to thank Msgr. Reymundo Asis who is retiring from priestly ministry after over 12 years of service in the Archdiocese.

Thank you to Rev. Andrew Pawlowicz and to Rev. Lawrence DeMong for their many years of service to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Regina. Rev. Andrew is returning to his home Diocese in Poland while Rev. Lawrence is returning to St Peter's Abbey.

We also remember the late Rev. Hector Seville for his many years of service, and we continue to pray for the peaceful repose of his soul.

Sabbatical Leave and Further Studies:

Rev. Thomas Mutavanattu will be away for a Sabbatical Leave in India from July 30, 2023 to July 31, 2024. We express our gratitude to him for his many years of service and we look forward receiving him back next year.

Rev. Ricardo Escalante: Continuing doctoral studies.

Further Information:

In the meantime, as always, we wish to express our gratitude to all who will be assuming new responsibilities. They have responded to the needs of the Archdiocese with generous spirits. We ask the people in parishes where changes are taking place to warmly welcome their new pastoral leaders into their midst.

To all the priests serving our Archdiocesan Church, may God bless you abundantly as you continue your ministry with dedication, generosity and joy.

Yours in Christ,

✠Donald J. Bolen
Archbishop of Regina