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Office of the Bishop

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Dear Priests, Deacons and Faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh:

On April 12, 2015, we initiated *On Mission for The Church Alive!* with the goal of offering our faithful and those in the wider community a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church.

Today, I am announcing the groupings that will merge into new parishes on July 1, 2021. These four parish groupings have worked diligently since October 2018 to foster relationships and have shared with me their desire and readiness to form a new parish community. After consulting with the diocesan Priest Council and Vicars General, the new parishes, effective July 1, 2021, are:

- **All Saints (Butler/Center/Lyndora/Meridian)**, which brings together the parishes of Saint Andrew (Center Township), Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen (Lyndora/Meridian), Saint Michael the Archangel (Butler), Saint Paul (Butler) and Saint Peter (Butler) to be served by Father Kevin Fazio (Pastor), Father John Baver (Senior Parochial Vicar), Father Daniel Waruszewski (Parochial Vicar), Deacon Mitchell Natali and Deacon James Shope;
- **Christ the King (Lower Allegheny Valley)**, which brings together the parishes of Saint Joseph (O'Hara Township), Saint Juan Diego (Sharpsburg), Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Blawnox/Harmar) and Saint Scholastica (Aspinwall) to be served by Father Dale DeNinno (Pastor), Father Vincent Kolo (Senior Parochial Vicar), Father William Siple (Senior Parochial Vicar), Father Michael Decewicz (In Residence), Father Hyeong Cheol Lee (In Residence) and Deacon Robert Wertz;
- **Mary, Queen of Saints (Aliquippa/Center/Hopewell/Monaca)**, which brings together the parishes of Saint Frances Cabrini (Center Township), Saint John the Baptist (Monaca), Our Lady of Fatima (Hopewell Township) and Saint Titus (Aliquippa) to be served by Father Jean-Luc Zadroga, OSB (Administrator), Father Canice McMullen, OSB (Parochial Vicar), Father Joachim Morgan, OSB (Parochial Vicar), Deacon Joseph Basko and Deacon Robert Bittner;
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Allison Park/Glenshaw)**, which brings together the parishes of Saint Mary of the Assumption (Glenshaw) and Saint Ursula (Allison Park) to be served by Father Timothy Whalen (Pastor), Father John Forbidussi (Senior Parochial Vicar), Father Edward Strzelinski (Senior Parochial Vicar), Deacon Francis Dadowski and Deacon Richard Ernst.

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I offer my deepest thanks to the administrators, clergy teams and lay leaders of these four parish groupings who have helped make the vision of *On Mission for The Church Alive!* a living reality. Their examples of collaboration, courage and compassion have inspired me. Their collective efforts have gone beyond the practical matters related to merging parishes. They have encouraged their parishioners to deepen their relationship with Jesus and with each other, and this is the most important reason for *On Mission*. A vibrant parish with effective ministries is now on the horizon for these parishes as they realize the goal of an evangelizing Church, alive with the love of Christ and the love of neighbor.

As *On Mission* continues to unfold, may we unceasingly rely on the will and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who gives us life as we come together for vibrant worship, responsive pastoral care and powerful evangelization. It is my daily prayer that every member of the Church of Pittsburgh is inspired by the powerful gifts of the Holy Spirit. I beg your prayers that those same gifts may always be at work in me.

Before closing, I want to bring to your attention several other clergy appointments which I am making. All of these appointments are listed as an attachment to this correspondence.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, and for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

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Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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Bishop Zubik announces the following clergy appointments:

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

The **Reverend Joseph M. Freedy** from Administrator of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Bellevue; Sacred Heart Parish, Emsworth; and Saint John Neumann Parish, Franklin Park, effective Monday, June 7, 2021, to Assistant Director of Evangelization and Chaplain to the students of Oakland Catholic and Central Catholic High Schools, with residence at Divine Mercy Parish, Pittsburgh, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021.

The **Reverend Kenneth W. Marlovits** from Assistant Vocations Director to Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, Chaplain for Scouting, and Chaplain to the Serra Club of Pittsburgh, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. Father Marlovits maintains his residence at Saint Paul Seminary as well as his responsibilities as a member of the seminary faculty.

ADMINISTRATOR

The **Reverend Timothy X. Deely** from Parochial Vicar of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Bellevue; Sacred Heart Parish, Emsworth; and Saint John Neumann Parish, Franklin Park, to Administrator of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Bellevue; Sacred Heart Parish, Emsworth; and Saint John Neumann Parish, Franklin Park, effective Monday, June 7, 2021.

SENIOR PAROCHIAL VICAR

The **Reverend Michael R. Ackerman** from Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, Chaplain for Scouting, Chaplain to the Serra Club of Pittsburgh, and Chaplain to the students of Central Catholic and Oakland Catholic High Schools to Senior Parochial Vicar of Saint Kilian Parish, Adams/Cranberry and Holy Sepulcher Parish, Glade Mills, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021.

The **Reverend John L. McKenna** from residence at Sacred Heart Parish, Emsworth, to Senior Parochial Vicar of Saint Aidan Parish, Wexford, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. Father McKenna will remain part-time Chaplain to the Sisters of Divine Providence and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

SPECIAL NOTATION

The **Reverend Jack E. Demnyan** from Parochial Vicar of Mary, Mother of God Parish, McKeesport/North Versailles/Versailles/White Oak, to Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Observatory Hill/Perrysville/Ross/West View, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. At the same time, Father Demnyan is assigned to begin studies in Canon Law.

At his request, the **Reverend Thomas W. Gramc** is relieved of his assignment as Chaplain (part-time) to the students of Seton LaSalle Catholic High School, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. At the same time, Father Gramc will continue his assignment as Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Dormont/Mount Lebanon/Scott.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

The **Reverend Benjamin E. Barr** from Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Dormont/Mount Lebanon/Scott, to Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, New Castle, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021.

The **Reverend Anthony R. Sciarappa** from Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, New Castle, to Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Dormont/Mount Lebanon/Scott, and Chaplain (part-time) to the students of Seton LaSalle Catholic High School, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021.

The **Reverend Adam C. Potter** from Parochial Vicar of Saint Teresa of Kolkata Parish, Beechview/Brookline, to Parochial Vicar of Mary, Mother of God Parish, McKeesport/North Versailles/Versailles/White Oak, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021.

PARISH CHAPLAIN

The **Reverend Michael J. Maranowski** from Senior Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Observatory Hill/Perrysville/Ross/West View, to Parish Chaplain of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Observatory Hill/Perrysville/Ross/West View, and Chaplain to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021.

RETIRED WITH ASSIGNMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the *Priest Personnel Policy*, and at his request, the **Reverend Martin F. Barkin** has been granted permission to retire from his assignment as Senior Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Braddock/Churchill/Forest Hills/Swissvale/Turtle Creek/Wilmerding, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. At the same time, Father Barkin is assigned as Retired Priest with Assignment as Senior Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Braddock/Churchill/Forest Hills/Swissvale/Turtle Creek/Wilmerding.

RETIREMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the *Priest Personnel Policy*, and at his request, the **Reverend Albert L. Zapf** is relieved of his responsibility as Senior Priest at Saint Aidan Parish, Wexford, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. At the same time, Father Zapf has been granted permission to begin retirement and to take up a private residence.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Priest Personnel Policy*, and at his request, the **Reverend Richard J. Thompson** is relieved of his responsibilities as Parish Chaplain at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, Monroeville/Penn Hills, and Chaplain at Forbes Hospital and UPMC East Hospital, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. At the same time, Father Thompson has been granted permission to begin retirement and to take up a private residence at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Retreat Center, Volant, Pennsylvania.