



CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
*of*  
**BATON ROUGE**  
Office of the Bishop

**DECREE**

**In the Name of God. Amen.**

Since the *Code of Canon Law* indicates that neighboring parishes may be grouped together “in order to foster pastoral care” among the Christian faithful (can. 374, §2);

Since experience within the Diocese of Baton Rouge over its history has shown the advantage of doing this by establishing vicariates forane, more commonly known as deaneries, such that consultation and both common and shared activities particularly among the clergy be more readily provided;

Since from time to time the number of deaneries and the parishes within them may be adjusted as deemed appropriate, this last occurring on April 3, 1985;

Since the Pastoral Planning Task Force and the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Baton Rouge have now recommended a reorganization of our deanery structure; and

Since I concur that this restructuring is in the best interests of the clergy and laity,

I, the undersigned, the sixth diocesan Bishop of Baton Rouge, in accord with can. 553 and 554, §1, do hereby decree that, effective on Friday, January 1, 2021, the six deaneries of the diocese shall be reorganized and renamed according to the attached listing.

I intend and commit myself as soon as possible, after appropriate consultation as needed, to appoint a presbyter to serve as vicar forane within each. This priest, more commonly called “dean” (can. 553, §1), and foreseen to have a renewable term of three years (can. 554, §2), is accorded the honorific “Very Reverend” for the duration of his service in that office.

Similarly, I shall determine as soon as possible the term and regional representative of each reorganized deanery to the Presbyteral Council, derogating from its statutes as necessary, in order to provide representation from each.

Finally, I order that this information be communicated to the clergy immediately by electronic mail, and announced to the faithful of the diocese by publication in *The Catholic Commentator* and all other appropriate means of communication.

Done at the Chancery in Baton Rouge, this fifth day of January 2021, the Memorial of St. John Neumann.

Most Rev. Michael G. Duca, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Baton Rouge

Mrs. Ann T. Bolin  
Chancellor



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## DEANERIES OF THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

*As reorganized on January 05, 2021*

### **Baton Rouge Deanery**

Christ the King  
Hispanic Apostolate  
Immaculate Conception, Scotlandville  
Most Blessed Sacrament  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
St. Agnes  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Greenwell Springs  
St. Anthony of Padua and St. Le Van Phung  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. George  
St. Gerard Majella  
St. Isidore the Farmer, Baker  
St. Jean Vianney  
St. Joseph Cathedral  
St. Jude the Apostle  
St. Patrick  
St. Paul the Apostle  
St. Thomas More

### **East Central Deanery**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Gramercy  
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St. Amant  
Our Lady of Peace, Vacherie  
St. Anne, Sorrento  
St. Anthony of Padua, Darrow  
St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Gabriel  
St. James, St. James  
St. John the Evangelist, Prairieville  
St. Joseph, French Settlement  
St. Joseph, Paulina  
St. Mark, Gonzales  
St. Michael the Archangel, Convent  
St. Philip, Vacherie  
St. Stephen the Martyr, Maurepas  
St. Theresa of Avila, Gonzales

### **Northeast Deanery**

Holy Ghost, Hammond  
Immaculate Conception, Denham Springs  
Mater Dolorosa, Independence  
Our Lady of Pompeii, Tickfaw  
St. Albert the Great, Hammond  
St. Helena, Amite  
St. Joseph, Ponchatoula  
St. Margaret Queen of Scotland, Albany

### **Northwest Deanery**

Holy Family, Port Allen  
Immaculate Conception, Lakeland  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maringouin  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Francisville  
St. Ann, Morganza  
St. Augustine, New Roads  
St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Livonia  
St. John the Baptist, Brusly  
St. John the Baptist, Zachary  
St. Joseph, Grosse Tête  
St. Mary of False River, New Roads

### **South Deanery**

Ascension of Our Lord, Donaldsonville  
Assumption of the BVM, Plattenville  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, White Castle  
St. Anne, Napoléonville  
St. Benedict the Moor, Bertrandville  
St. Catherine of Siena, Donaldsonville  
St. Elizabeth, Paincourtville  
St. Francis of Assisi, Donaldsonville  
St. John the Evangelist, Plaquemine  
St. Joseph the Worker, Pierre Part  
St. Jules, Belle Rose  
St. Philomena, Labadieville