



Diocese of Kalamazoo moves forward with Diocesan Pastoral Plan with priest assignments to 28 Parish Collaboratives

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[NOTE: Includes updated appointment information from June 2016, July and August.]

Following is a list of the 28 Parish Collaboratives (listed alphabetically by county) and the priests appointed to each one. See “Diocesan Pastoral Plan: A Future Full of Hope” At a Glance Backgrounder for additional information.

PRIESTLY ASSIGNMENTS LISTED BY PARISH COLLABORATIVE

ALLEGAN COUNTY – 4 Parish Collaboratives

- 1. St. Peter Parish, Douglas; San Felipe de Jesus, Pearl (Fennville); Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford (Van Buren County)**
 - Pastor “in solidum”: Rev. Fabio Garzon
 - Pastor “in solidum”/Director of Hispanic/Latino Apostolate; In-residence at Immaculate Conception, Hartford: Rev. German Perez-Diaz
 - Parochial Vicar: Rev. Daniel Rodriguez

- 2. St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, New Salem; St. Stanislaus Parish, Hilliards (Dorr); Sacred Heart Mission, Watson**
 - Administrator: Rev. Christopher Derda
 - Canonical Pastor/Senior Parochial Vicar: Rev. Stephen Rodrigo

- 3. St. Therese Parish, Wayland; SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland)**
 - Pastor: Rev. Alphonse Savarimuthu, MSFS

- Senior Parochial Vicar: Rev. Stephen Rodrigo

4. Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan; St. Margaret Parish, Otsego

- Pastor: Rev. Benjamin Huynh
- Retired In Residence: Rev. Gordon Greene & Rev. Donald Klingler

BARRY COUNTY – 2 Parish Collaboratives

1. St. Rose of Lima Parish, Hastings; St. Cyril Mission, Nashville

- Pastor: Rev. Stephen Philip, MSFS

2. St. Ann Parish, Gull Lake (Augusta, Kalamazoo County); St. Ambrose Mission, Delton; Our Lady of Great Oak Mission, Lacey

- Pastor: Rev. John Fleckenstein
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Robert Johansen

BERRIEN COUNTY – 5 Parish Collaboratives

1. St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan; St. Gabriel Parish, Berrien Springs;

- Canonical Pastor: Very Rev. Richard Altine
Administrator, St. Gabriel Parish: Rev. Leonel Cartagena (with special care for the Hispanic/Latino community of St. Gabriel, Berrien Springs)

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bridgman {NOTE – this will be a phased-in collaborative with St. Anthony and St. Gabriel, timing TBD}

- Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace: Rev. Arthur Howard

2. St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Three Oaks; St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer

- Pastor: Rev. Patrick Craig
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Daniel Doctor

3. Ss. John/Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor

- Pastor: Rev. Brian Stanley
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Rejent, OSFS

4. St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph; Lake Michigan Catholic Schools

- Pastor: Very Rev. Robert Creagan
- Parochial Vicar & Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator for Lake Michigan Catholic Schools: Rev. Thomas McNally
- Chaplain for Healthcare Ministry: Rev. Harold Potter

5. St. Mary Parish, Niles; St. Mark Parish, Niles* [to be phased in as Parish Collaborative]

- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception:
 - Pastor: Rev. Christian Johnston
- St. Mark:
 - Pastor: Rev. Thomas King, CSC

BRANCH COUNTY – 1 Parish Collaborative

1. St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Coldwater; Our Lady of Fatima Mission, Union City; St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Bronson* [to be phased in after the retirement of Rev. Richard Fritz in 2018]

St. Charles Borromeo Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Parish:

- Pastor: Rev. Mark Vyverman
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Raul Gomez (with special care for the Hispanic/Latino community of St. Mary of the Assumption, Bronson)
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Paul Redmond

St. Mary of the Assumption, Bronson

- Pastor: Rev. Richard Fritz

CALHOUN COUNTY – 2 Parish Collaboratives

- 1. St. Mary Parish, Marshall; St. John Parish, Albion**
 - Pastor: Rev. Craig Lusk
 - Retired in residence at St. John, Albion: Rev. Joseph Gray

- 2. St. Philip Parish, St. Joseph Parish, St. Jerome Parish, Battle Creek; St. Philip Catholic Central**
 - Team Ministry:
 - Team Moderator, Pastor St. Joseph Parish, St. Jerome Parish: Rev. Christopher Ankley
 - Parochial Administrator, St. Philip Parish: Rev. Simon Chummar Manjooran, SDB
 - Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, St. Jerome Parish; /Chaplain&Spiritual Moderator for Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools: Rev. Jose Haro
 - Chaplain Hospital/Parochial Vicar, St. Philip Parish: Rev. Rob Johansen

CASS COUNTY – 2 Parish Collaboratives

- 1. Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, Dowagiac; Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek (Dowagiac); Holy Family Parish, Decatur**
 - Pastor: Rev. Richard Altine
 - Parochial Vicar (in residence at Holy Family Parish, Decatur): Rev. Wieslaw Lipka

- 2. Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg; St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis**
 - Pastor: Rev. Joseph McCormick, OSA
 - Retired in residence at St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis: Rev. Donald Potts

KALAMAZOO COUNTY – 6 Parish Collaboratives

- 1. St. Augustine Cathedral**
 - Pastor: Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley, Bishop, Diocese of Kalamazoo
 - Rector: Msgr. Michael Osborn

- Vice Rector: Rev. Francis Marotti
- Parochial Vicar/Director Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. James Vinh Le

2. St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo

- Pastor: Rev. Daniel Hyman

3. St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo

- Pastor: Msgr. Michael Hazard
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Andrew Raczkowski

4. St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo

- Pastor: Rev. Lawrence Farrell; Canonical Pastor of Hackett Catholic Prep
- Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator of Hackett Catholic Prep and Parochial Vicar: Rev. James Adams
- Retired in residence: Fr. Robert Consani
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Vanathaiyan Savarimuthu, MSFS

5. St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo; St. Ambrose Parish, Parchment [to be phased in upon retirement of Rev. James O'Leary]

- **St. Ambrose Parish**
 - Pastor: Rev. James O'Leary
 - Chaplain for Kalamazoo Hospital and healthcare systems: Rev. Kevin Covert
- **St. Mary Parish**
 - Pastor: Rev. James Richardson, Superior, St. Philip Neri Oratory in formation

6. St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage

- Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Schmidt
- Senior Parochial Vicar: Rev. William Jacobs
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Stanley Witek
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Bruno Okoli

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY – 3 Parish Collaboratives

1. Holy Angels Parish, Sturgis; St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon

- Pastor: Rev. Evelio Ramirez

2. Immaculate Conception Parish, Three Rivers; St. Clare Parish, Centreville; St. Barbara Parish, Colon

- Pastor: Rev. Antony Rajesh, MSFS

3. St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg; St. Edward Parish, Mendon

- Pastor: Msgr. Thomas Martin; also Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Kalamazoo

VAN BUREN COUNTY – 3 Parish Collaboratives

1. St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet (Berrien County)

- Pastor: Rev. John Peter Ambrose, MSFS

2. St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus; St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan

- Pastor *in solidum*: Rev. Joseph Xavier, MSFS
- Pastor *in solidum*: Rev. Alan Jorgensen

3. St. Basil Parish, South Haven; Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor; St. Jude Parish, Gobles

- Pastor: Rev. James Morris
- Senior Parochial Vicar: Rev. Robert Flickinger (in residence at Sacred Heart, Bangor)