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:
  o Pastor: Rev. Christian Johnston
• St. Mark:
  o 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
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)