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**“Official”**

**Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:**

PERMANENT DEACONS

**Effective July 1, 2015**

Dcn. Ray **Arnold**, has been assigned to serve at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding. Deacon Arnold is a deacon of the Diocese of San Diego.

Dcn. Joseph **O'Donnell**, has been transferred to Holy Spirit Parish, Sacramento. Previously, Deacon O'Donnell served at St. James Parish, Davis.

PRIESTS

Rev. Avram **Brown**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Gridley, has been made Dean of the Sutter Buttes Deanery. He replaces Fr. Mieczyslaw "Mitch" Maleszyk, who completed his term.

Rev. Giovanni B. **Gamas**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Monica Parish, Willows, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Rev. Glenn G.B. **Jaron**, MSP, Parochial Administrator of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Vallejo, has been made Dean of the Solano Deanery. He replaces Fr. Mathew Rappu who completed his term.

Rev. Leon **Juchniewicz**, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed to a second term as Dean of the Southern Suburbs Deanery.

Rev. Sylvester **Kwiatkowski**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley, St. Canice Parish, Nevada City and Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville, has been appointed to a second term as Dean of the Mother Lode Deanery.

Rev. Rev. James **Narithookil**, CMI, Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Sacramento, has been made Dean of the City Deanery. He replaces Rev. Santiago E. Raudes who completed his term.

Rev. Julito R. **Orpilla**, Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Yreka and Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones, has been appointed Pastor of the same.

Rev. Ambrose O. **Ugwuegbu**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville, has been appointed to a second term as Dean of the Ridge Deanery

Rev. Godwin **Xavier**, previously Parochial Administrator of Corpus Christi Parish, Tahoe City, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Carmichael.

**Effective August 1, 2015**


Rev. Santiago E. **Raudes**, previously Pastor of St. Robert Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights.

Rev. Fredhelito E. **Gucor**, previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Robert Parish, Sacramento.

**The following notices are also given:**

**Effective June 30, 2015**

Rev. Octavio **Ventura**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento, has returned to the Legionaries of Christ.

  
**Kathy Conner**  
Chancellor

