

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (July/Aug Issue)
Date: May 11, 2023

“Official”

Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective March 17, 2023

Rev. Daniel **Gonzalez-Cabrera**, O.CARM., having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fairfield.

Effective March 24, 2023

Rev. Nelson Lening **Gutiérrez-Perez**, a priest from the Diocese of Gracias, Honduras, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento

Rev. Antonio **Plasencia**, has reached the end of his term as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento; but will remain a Priest in Residence of the same.

Effective April 1, 2023

Rev. Antonio **Plasencia**, Priest in Residence at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Spiritual Director/Chaplain for Mesa del Secretariado del Movimiento de Cursillo de Cristiandad en Español.

Effective April 16, 2023

Fr. Juan Carlos **Villavicencio**, P.E.S., previously Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony Parish in Walnut Grove and St. Therese Parish in Isleton, has left the Diocese of Sacramento.

Effective July 1, 2023

Rev. Joseph H. **Nguyen**, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Sacramento, has been granted permission to retire. He will remain a Judge in the Tribunal.

Rev. Stanley **Poltorak**, Pastor of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sacramento, has been granted permission to retire.

DEACONS

Effective April 11, 2023

Deacon Roman **Diaz**, having returned from a Leave of Absence, has been appointed Permanent Deacon to Holy Cross Parish, West Sacramento.

Deacon Preciliano **Ramirez**, previously Deacon at St. Robert Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Permanent Deacon at St. Peter and All Hallows Parish, Sacramento.

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The following notice is also given:

Effective March 31, 2023

Rev. Nnaemka Paschal **Ajuka**, previously Student Priest at UC Davis Medical Center, has left the Diocese of Sacramento.

Effective May 1, 2023

Rev. Callistus N. **Ojike**, a Student Priest at UC Davis Medical Center, has been granted faculties in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Effective May 25, 2023

Rev. John **McGarry**, SJ, President of Jesuit High School, Carmichael, has left the Diocese of Sacramento.

Effective July 31, 2023

Rev. Thomas **O'Neill**, SJ, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento, has left the Diocese of Sacramento.

In Memoriam

Deacon Jack **Bullen**, died March 19, 2023. Born on March 21, 1939, and ordained to the diaconate on June 5, 2004. Deacon Jack Bullen served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 12 years.

Deacon John **Masla**, died April 3, 2023. Born on April 29, 1928, and ordained to the diaconate on May 30, 1992. Deacon Masla served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 8 years.

Deacon Lawrence **Klimecki**, died April 26, 2023. Born on August 8, 1960, and ordained to the diaconate on June 7, 2008. Deacon Lawrence Klimecki served the Diocese of Sacramento for nearly 15 years.



Uli Schmitt
Chancellor

