

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine  
From: Office of the Bishop  
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (March/April Issue)  
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**“Official”**

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

PRIESTS

**Effective January 1, 2024**

Rev. Avram **Brown**, Pastor of St. Isidore Parish in Yuba City, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Board as the representative for the Junior Age Group.

**Effective January 2, 2024**

Rev. Antonio **Plasencia**, previously Priest-in-Residence at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Priest-in-Residence at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento.

**Effective January 22, 2024**

Rev. Michael J. **Estaris**, previously on Leave of Absence, has been appointed to assist at Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center, Citrus Heights, and the Tribunal Department at the Diocese of Sacramento.

Rev. Dean **Marshall**, Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Yreka, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as a representative of the Siskiyou Deanery constituency.

Rev. Manuel A. **Rodriguez**, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as a representative of the Southern Suburbs Deanery constituency.

DEACONS

**Effective December 19, 2023**

Deacon Jack **Davault**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has been appointed Permanent Deacon of Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield.

**In Memoriam**

Rev. Thomas **Relihan** entered eternal life on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at the age of 100. Fr. Relihan was ordained in 1947, serving the Diocese of Sacramento for 77 years.



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**Uli Schmitt  
Chancellor**

