

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (March/April Issue)
Date: January 13, 2023

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TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Bishop Jaime Soto ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on November 19, 2022:

Dcn. Eric Patrick

Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective December 9, 2022

Rev. Santosh Srayil Kurian, CMI, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Clare Parish, Roseville.

Effective December 16, 2022

Rev. Michael J. Estaris, Pastor of St. Monica Parish, Willows, has been granted a temporary leave of absence.

Effective January 1, 2023

Rev. Rey B Bersabal, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Board as the representative for the Middle Age Group.

Rev. Humberto Gomez, Chaplain at Folsom State Prison, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Board as the representative for the Southern Region.

Effective January 2, 2023

Rev. Apolonio Catada, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo.

Rev. Orlando R. Gomez, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning, has been granted a temporary leave of absence.

Rev. Ryan Mahar, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Redding, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing.

Rev. Dean Marshall, Parochial Vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge *pro tempore* of Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning, and St. Monica Parish, Willows.

Rev. Steven Wood, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent Parish, Vallejo, has been appointed half-time Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick Parish, Weaverville, and half-time Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding.

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Rev. Chandra Sekhar “Dominic” **Potnuru** M.S.F.S, has been appointed Parochial Vicar *pro tempore* of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Manuel A. **Rodriguez**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento has been appointed Parochial Vicar *pro tempore* of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove.

DEACONS

Effective December 12, 2022

Deacon John **Gisla**, previously Deacon at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, has been granted permission to retire.

Effective December 20, 2022

Deacon Antonio **Ramirez**, previously Deacon at St. Paul Parish, Sacramento, has been granted permission to retire.

Effective January 2, 2023

Deacon Gary **Brys**, previously Deacon at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Deacon to St. Rose of Lima Parish, Roseville.


Deacon Paul **Friedrich**, Deacon of Our Lady of the Assumption, Carmichael, has been appointed Chair of the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission.

Deacon Jesus **Venegas**, previously Deacon of St. Thomas Parish, Oroville, has been appointed Deacon to Sacred Heart Parish, Gridley.

In Memoriam

Rev. Patrick J. **O’Rafferty**, died on November 14, 2022. He was born February 21, 1928 and ordained to the priesthood June 7, 1953. Father O’Rafferty served the Diocese of Sacramento over 40 years before retiring.

Deacon Ralph **Redling** died on November 27, 2022. He was born May 8, 1936 and ordained to the diaconate on May 29, 1983. Deacon Ralph Redling served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 10 years.



Uli Schmitt
Chancellor

