

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine
From: Office of the Bishop
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (September/October Issue)
Date: July 17, 2023

“Official”

Bishop Jaime Soto ordained the following man to the Priesthood on June 3, 2023:

Rev. Eric **Patrick**

Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:

PRIESTS

Effective July 1, 2023

Rev. Chandra Sekhar **Potnuru**, M.S.F.S., previously Parochial Vicar *Pro-tempore* of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento, and having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael.

Rev. George J. **Thadathil**, C.M.I., previous Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Sacramento, and half-time Chaplain of St. Francis High School, Sacramento, and having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Sacramento.

Effective July 7, 2023

Rev. Amar **Nagothu**, M.S.F.S., having been presented by his superior, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael.

Bishop Jaime Soto, in consultation with the Priests' Personnel Board has made the following canonical appointments:

Effective July 1, 2023

Rev. Brian Joseph **Atienza**, while remaining Judge in the Tribunal for the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed half-time Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Bit-Shing Abraham **Chiu**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael, and while remaining Chaplain to the Chinese Community of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove.

Rev. Orlando R. **Gomez**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning.

Rev. Julius K. **Kaburu**, previously Parochial Vicar of Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom.

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Rev. Dean J. **Marshall**, previously Priest-in-Charge *Pro-tempore* of Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning, and St. Monica Parish, Willows, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Yreka, and Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones.

Rev. Bernardin **Mugabo**, previously Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael, has been appointed Pastor of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Eric **Patrick**, ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 2023, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Ronald V. **Torres**, previously Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Yreka, and Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones, has been appointed Pastor of St. Monica Parish, Willows.

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

Effective July 13, 2023

Rev. Amrutha **Pasala**, a priest from the Diocese of Cuddapah, India, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding.

The following notice is also given:

Effective May 19, 2023

Rev. Sijo George **Chirayath**, C.M.I., previously Chaplain of St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School, Vallejo, has left the Diocese.

Effective June 27, 2023

Rev. Simon **Lodge**, previously Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento, has left the Diocese.

Effective July 1, 2023

Rev. Bartholomew **Landry**, CSP, previously Coordinator for Black Catholic Revival of the Diocese of Sacramento, has left the Diocese.

Rev. Carl **Schlichte**, O.P., previously Pastor of St. Dominic Parish, Benicia, has left the Diocese.

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Rev. Kavungal **Davy**, C.M.I., previously Pastor at St. Mary Parish, Sacramento, and Bishop's Appointee to the Presbyteral Council, has left the Diocese.

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DEACONS

Effective June 15, 2023

Deacon Ignacio **Montes**, Deacon of Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff, has been granted a leave of absence.

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Deacon José Gerardo **Martin**, previously Deacon of St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove, has been appointed Deacon of St. Anthony Parish, Walnut Grove, and St. Therese Parish, Isleton.

In Memoriam

Deacon Raymond P. **Arnold** died June 1, 2023, at the age of 74. Dcn. Ray was ordained for the Diocese of San Diego in 1998. He served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 7 years.

Deacon Alani **Vivi** died June 30, 2023, at the age of 59. Dcn. Alani was ordained in the Diocese of Sacramento on June 5, 2004. He served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 19 years.



Uli Schmitt
Chancellor

