

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine  
From: Office of the Bishop  
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (July/Aug Issue)  
Date: May 06, 2024

**“Official”**

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

**PRIESTS**

**Effective May 1, 2024**

Rev. Brian Joseph C. **Atienza**, while remaining Judge at the Diocese of Sacramento, and Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Chaplain of the Young Ladies Grand Institute.

Rev. Ryan **Mahar**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing, has been appointed Chaplain of Camp Pendola for the duration of the camp from May 1 to August 1, 2024.

Rev. Dean **Marshall**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Yreka, has been appointed Chaplain of Camp Pendola for the duration of the camp from May 1 to August 1, 2024.

**Effective July 1, 2024**

Rev. Lawrence J. **Beck**, Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills, has been granted permission to retire.

Rev. Mario H. **Valmorida**, Parochial Administrator of Holy Family Parish, Weed, has been granted permission to retire.

**DEACONS**

**Effective April 11, 2024**

Deacon David **Kraatz**, Deacon of Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico, has been granted a Leave of Absence.

**Effective April 15, 2024**

Deacon Hermenegildo **Varela**, Deacon of St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing, has been granted permission to retire.

**Effective May 1, 2024**

Deacon Shawn **Carter**, Deacon of St. Dominic Parish, Benicia, has been granted a Leave of Absence.

**Effective July 1, 2024**

Deacon Jesus **Padilla Campos**, Deacon of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, has been granted permission to retire.

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**Effective September 1, 2024**

Deacon Errol **Kissinger**, Deacon of St. Dominic Parish, Benicia, has been appointed Deacon of St. Basil Parish, Vallejo.

**The following notice is also given:**

**Effective March 14, 2024**

Deacon Ed **Pecis**, previously on a Leave of Absence, has been incardinated by the Diocese of Pueblo, Colorado.

**In Memoriam**

Rev. Msgr. Albert G. **O'Connor** died April 11, 2024, at the age of 80. Msgr. O'Connor served the Diocese of Sacramento for 57 years.

Rev. Robert A. **Copsey** died April 19, 2024, at the age of 80. Fr. Copsey served the Diocese of Sacramento for 46 years.



**Uli Schmitt**  
**Chancellor**

