OFFICIAL

Appointments

The Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, having carefully assessed the needs of the People of God in the Archdiocese of Seattle and after careful consultation with the Christian Faithful and the Priest Personnel Board, makes the following pastoral appointments in accord with the 1983 Code of Canon Law effective July 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted. Additional appointments will be forthcoming.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT


Most Rev. Frank R. Schuster, D.D., appointed Regional Bishop for the South Seattle, South King, Pierce, South Sound, and Southern deaneries while continuing responsibilities as Vicar General.

Very Rev. Gary F. Lazzeroni, appointed Vicar General, effective May 1, 2023, while continuing responsibilities as Vicar for Strategic Pastoral Planning and Priest Moderator of St. Joseph Parish in Vancouver.

PRIEST ADMINISTRATOR

The term of office for Priest Administrator in the Archdiocese of Seattle is generally one to three years.

Rev. John Patrick DePalma, appointed Priest Administrator of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Federal Way.


PASTORAL COORDINATOR

The term of office for Pastoral Coordinator in the Archdiocese of Seattle is generally one to three years.


Rev. Hans M. Olson, appointed Priest Moderator of St. Hubert Parish in Langley while continuing to serve as Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Everett and St. John Mission in Mukilteo.


PARISH PRIEST

The term of office for Parish Priest in the Archdiocese of Seattle is generally one to three years.


Rev. Sylvester M. Chanda, appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony Parish in Renton.

Rev. John Paul Tomassi, appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Michael Parish in Olympia.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

The term of office for Parochial Vicar in the Archdiocese of Seattle is generally one to three years.


SENIOR PRIEST

Rev. Richard J. Spicer, appointed Senior Priest.

SENIOR PRIEST: A priest who has been granted senior status in writing by the archbishop and either no longer has a continuous ministry assignment in service to the archdiocese or has less than a half-time assignment from the archbishop.

PRIEST ADMINISTRATOR: A priest appointed by the archbishop as a temporary leader of a particular parish with the same responsibilities as a pastor (CIC, c. 540 §1-3). This office may be held, for example, by seasoned, newly arrived priests or by newly ordained priests who require more experience and formation before being assigned as pastors.

PASTORAL COORDINATOR: A deacon, religious or lay ecclesial minister appointed by the archbishop under the supervision of a priest moderator and entrusted with the day-to-day leadership of a parish (CIC, c. 517 §2).

PRIEST MODERATOR: A priest appointed by the archbishop with powers and faculties of a pastor of a parish. His role is to monitor and mentor the pastoral coordinator and parish priest and to act as canonical pastor to the parish community to whom a pastoral coordinator has been appointed (CIC, c. 517 §2).

PAROCHIAL VICAR: A priest who renders service in pastoral ministry as a co-worker with the pastor, and sharing service in pastoral ministry through common counsel and effort and under his authority (CIC, c. 545 §1-2).

PARISH PRIEST: A priest appointed by the archbishop to provide priestly ministry in a particular parish in collaboration with the pastor or pastoral coordinator.

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