

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 November 18, 2023, unless otherwise noted. Additional appointments will be forthcoming.

PASTOR

The term of office for Pastor in the Archdiocese of Seattle is six years.



Rev. Da Wool Kim, appointed pastor of St. Andrew Kim Parish in Seattle, effective March 2024.

PRIEST ADMINISTRATOR

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



Very Rev. Michael A. Barbarossa, appointed priest administrator of St. Rose de Viterbo Parish in Longview; Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Kelso; St. Mary Parish in Castle Rock, St. Catherine Mission in Cathlamet.



Rev. Bryan A. Ochs, appointed priest administrator of St. Edward Parish in Shelton.

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Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle

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Benjamin Altenhofen
Chancellor

PASTOR: A priest appointed by the archbishop and delegated as the leader of a particular parish entrusted to him. The pastor's role, expressed in its threefold mission of teaching, governing and sanctifying (CIC, c. 519), empowers the laity for their mission as light and leaven in the world.

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.