

## Bishop Frank Schuster Appointed Vicar for Multicultural Ministry

SEATTLE, February 12, 2026 – The Archdiocese of Seattle announces the appointment of auxiliary Bishop Frank Schuster as the new Vicar for Multicultural Ministry, which seeks to embrace diversity through celebration, community and education.

“I am grateful for Bishop Schuster’s willingness to serve our people in this capacity, and I am confident they will be particularly happy with his presence to them,” said Archbishop Paul D. Etienne. “This new role demonstrates not only our commitment to our brothers and sisters from different cultural backgrounds, but the reality that these communities are active and growing across the archdiocese.”

In this new role, which is in addition to his role as regional bishop serving the southern region of the Archdiocese of Seattle and his role as chair of the board of trustees for Catholic Community Services, Bishop Schuster will work in partnership with the director for Intercultural Integration, ministering to and accompanying several cultural communities. When possible, he will attend cultural events like the Black Catholic Advisory Circle’s annual conference and preside at cultural Masses, including the annual Multicultural Mass of All Saints, Simbang Gabi and Mass in honor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

“In addition to my presence, I seek to build relationships and better understand how we can best serve and support these communities so that they can live out the Catholic faith in the context of their own culture, as well as with the universal Catholic Church,” said Bishop Schuster.

### Diversity across the archdiocese

Throughout parishes in the archdiocese, African American, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Brazilian, Korean, Laotian, Native American, Polish, French, Italian, Samoan, Vietnamese, Indian, Middle Eastern, African and Pacific Islander communities can be found. Across the Archdiocese of Seattle, Masses are offered in nine different languages and there are five culture-specific parishes, which fully operate in their own language, specifically Korean, Vietnamese and Polish.

Multicultural Ministry, which works alongside Hispanic Ministry, is developing a unique pastoral plan to serve these diverse cultural groups. The ministry team offers several annual multicultural events that are open to everyone including:

- Celebration of Our Saints Mass
- Simbang Gabi
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mass
- Feast of St. Peter Chanel Mass
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Mass
- Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Lunar New Year Celebration
- Hispanic Family Camp
- Black Catholic Advisory Circle Conference

“The strength of our Church comes from the richness in our diversity,” said Bishop Schuster. “I see my role as one to celebrate and embrace this cultural diversity, while also promoting awareness and unity among all people.”

For more information about Multicultural Ministry, please visit the [Multicultural Ministry website](#).

### **About the Archdiocese of Seattle**

The Archdiocese of Seattle encompasses all of Western Washington, stretching from Canada to Oregon and from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There are 74 Catholic schools, 174 parishes, missions and pastoral centers in the archdiocese, with more than 500 weekly Masses celebrated in eight languages. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne leads the archdiocese with his auxiliary bishops, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and Bishop Frank Schuster. For more information about the Archdiocese of Seattle, please visit [www.archseattle.org](http://www.archseattle.org).

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