

# 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. Additional appointments will be forthcoming. All appointments are effective on July 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted.

## PASTOR

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



**Very Rev. José M. Alvarez**, appointed Pastor of parish **Family #44**, Sacred Heart (Battle Ground), St. John the Evangelist (Vancouver), St. Joseph the Worker Mission (Yacolt), St. Mary of Guadalupe Mission (Ridgefield) and St. Philip (Woodland).



**Rev. R. Roy Baroma Jr.**, appointed Pastor of parish **Family #8**, Holy Cross (Lake Stevens), St. Mary of the Valley (Monroe) and St. Michael (Snohomish).



**Rev. Chad K. Hill**, appointed Pastor of parish **Family #30**, Holy Spirit (Kent) and St. John the Baptist (Covington).



**Rev. Philip H. Raether**, appointed Pastor of parish **Family #50**, St. Cecilia (Bainbridge Island), St. Olaf (Poulsbo) and St. Peter Mission (Suquamish).



**Rev. José Maria C. Ramirez Briseño**, appointed Pastor of parish **Family #20**, Holy Family (Seattle).

## PRIEST ADMINISTRATOR

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

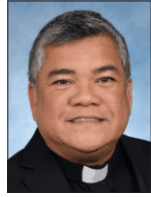


St. Mary (Seaview).

**Rev. Jung Hoon "Val" Park**, appointed Priest Administrator of parish **Family #47**, McGowan Station (Chinook), St. Joseph Parish at Holy Family (Frances), St. Lawrence (Raymond) and

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

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



(Anacortes).

**Rev. Marlo F. Abad**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #1**, Eastsound Station (Orcas Island), Lopez Island Station (Lopez Island), St. Francis (Friday Harbor), St. Paul (Swinomish) and St. Mary



**Rev. Xavier S. Bazil, H.G.N.**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #35**, St. Charles Borromeo (Tacoma) and St. Leo (Tacoma).



St. Rose de Viterbo (Longview).

**Rev. Jay Bonete**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #43**, Immaculate Heart of Mary (Kelso), St. Catherine Mission (Cathlamet), St. Joseph Mission (Kalama), St. Mary (Castle Rock) and



**Rev. Premanandam Dirspe**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #24**, Holy Family (Kirkland) and St. John Vianney (Kirkland).



(Swinomish) and St. Mary (Anacortes).

**Rev. Ronald Gajettan, H.G.N.**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #1**, Eastsound Station (Orcas Island), Lopez Island Station (Lopez Island), St. Francis (Friday Harbor), St. Paul



**Rev. Suresh Gali, O.C.D.**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #34**, All Saints (Puyallup), Sacred Heart (Tacoma) and St. Martin of Tours (Fife).



**Rev. Anthony Mahesh Narapamu**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #52**, Prince of Peace (Belfair), St. Nicholas (Gig Harbor) and St. Gabriel (Port Orchard).



**Rev. George Nima Nzungu**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #23**, St. Anthony (Renton) and St. Stephen the Martyr (Renton).

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

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**Rev. Marc L. Powell**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #19**, Holy Rosary (Seattle) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Seattle).



**Rev. Jaya Raju Prattipati**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #8**, Holy Cross (Lake Stevens), St. Mary of the Valley (Monroe) and St. Michael (Snohomish).



**Deacon Simon Stehr**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #41**, St. Edward (Shelton) and St. Michael (Olympia); to be ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 2026.



**Rev. Martin Thang Dinh Vu Minh**, appointed Parochial Vicar of parish **Family #21**, Our Lady of Lourdes (Seattle), St. Bernadette (Seattle) and St. Francis of Assisi (Burien).

## CHAPLAIN

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



**Rev. Andrii Oliinyk**, appointed Chaplain for First Hill Hospital Ministry (Seattle).

## PRIEST IN RESIDENCE



**Rev. John Madigan**, priest in residence at parish **Family #11**, Holy Rosary (Edmonds) and St. Thomas More (Lynnwood).



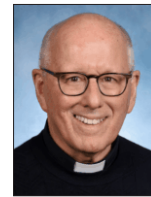
**Rev. Kyle J. Poje**, priest in residence at parish **Family #20**, Holy Family (Seattle).

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT



**Rev. Kyle J. Poje**, appointed Adjunct Judicial Vicar.

## SENIOR PRIEST



**Rev. Timothy J. Clark**



**Rev. Mark M. Kiszewski**



**Rev. Stephen Okumu**, a priest of the Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya.

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

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**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 §1-2).

**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).

**CHAPLAIN:** A priest appointed by the archbishop to provide pastoral care to a faith community within the archdiocese (CIC, c. 564).

**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE:** A priest who is living at a parish, providing sacramental support on occasion.

**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.