



DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

Diocese announces Priest Assignments

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June 7, 2021 (Kalamazoo, Mich.): The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley has announced the following clergy appointments. Changes are effective July 5, 2021 unless otherwise noted.

CONCLUSION OF SERVICE TO THE DIOCESE

Rev. John Peter Ambrose, MSFS, a member of the Religious Order of the Missionary of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS), concludes his pastoral assignment in the Diocese of Kalamazoo effective June 30, 2021, as Pastor of the Collaborative of St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer; and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks. At the direction of his Religious Superiors, Fr. Ambrose has been recalled to India.

Rev. Joseph Xavier, MSFS, a member of the Religious Order of the Missionary of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS), concludes his pastoral assignment in the Diocese of Kalamazoo effective June 30, 2021, as Pastor *in solidum* of the Collaborative of St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan; St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus; St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; and St. Jude Parish, Gobles. At the direction of his Religious Superiors, Fr. Joseph Xavier has been recalled to India.

PASTOR

Rev. Alan Jorgensen, until now Pastor *in solidum* of the Collaborative of St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan; St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus; St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; and St. Jude Parish, Gobles, has been appointed Pastor of the same Collaborative.

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Basker Lopez, MSFS, Parochial Vicar in the Collaborative of St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Bronson; St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Coldwater; and Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Union City, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of the Collaborative of St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer; and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks.

SENIOR PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Richard Altine, currently the Director of the Apostolate for the Imprisoned and Priest in Residence at St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw, has been appointed Senior Parochial Vicar for the Collaborative of St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan; St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus; St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; and St. Jude Parish, Gobles. He will continue as Director of the Apostolate for the Imprisoned.

SPECIAL DIOCESAN APPOINTMENT

Rev. Jeffrey Hanley, Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, Chaplain at Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo, and member of the Diocesan Tribunal, has been appointed Episcopal Master of Ceremonies and Diocesan Director of the Office of Worship. Fr. Jeff will continue in his role as Chaplain of Hackett Catholic Prep and with the Diocesan Tribunal. He will be "in residence" at St. Augustine Cathedral and provide sacramental assistance as he is able.