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News

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DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCES CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS

COLUMBUS – The Diocese of Columbus announces the following clergy assignments.

All assignments take effect July 12, 2016, unless otherwise noted.

Retirements:

Rev. Msgr. John K. Cody, from Pastor St. Christopher Church, Columbus, to retirement, continuing as Judicial Vicar.

Rev. Charles E. Cotton, from Pastor St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus, to retirement.

Rev. Richard L. Metzger, from Pastor St. Mary Church, Groveport, to retirement.

Rev. Jerome P. Rodenfels, from Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, New Albany, to retirement.

Pastors:

Rev. Thomas J. Buffer, to Pastor, Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington, continuing as Pastor, St. Mary Church, Marion.

Rev. James C. Csaszar, from Pastor, St. Rose Church, New Lexington and the Parishes of the Perry County Consortium (St. Bernard, Corning; St. Patrick, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville), to Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, New Albany.

Rev. Kevin J. Kavanagh, from Parochial Vicar, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin, to Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville.

Rev. Denis S. Kigozi, to Pastor, St. Mary Church, Groveport, continuing as Pastor, St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester.

Rev. Paul A. Noble, from residence at St. Joseph Cathedral, to Pastor, St. Rose Church, New Lexington and the Parishes of the Perry County Consortium (St. Bernard, Corning; St. Patrick, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville), continuing as Director of Vocations.

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Pastors (cont.):

Rev. David A. Poliafico, from Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville, to Pastor, St. Christopher Church, Columbus.

Parochial Vicars:

Rev. Thomas L. Gardner, from Parochial Vicar, Holy Trinity Church, Jackson; St. Monica Church, New Boston; and St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg, to Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard.

Rev. Cyrus M. Haddad, from Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard, to Parochial Vicar, Perry County Consortium of Churches (St. Rose Church, New Lexington; St. Bernard Church, Corning; St. Patrick Church, Junction City; and Church of the Atonement, Crooksville).

Rev. Timothy J. Lynch, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Church, Worthington.

Rev. Matthew B. Morris, from Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Church, Worthington, to Parochial Vicar, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin.

Rev. John M. Reade, from service to the parishes of the Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes, to parochial ministry at St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester and St. Mary Church, Groveport.

Rev. Ryan M. Schmit, from Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew Church, Gahanna, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church Marion and Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington.

Rev. Stephen M. Smith, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, Holy Trinity Church, Jackson; St. Monica Church, New Boston; and St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg.

Rev. Daniel J. Swartz, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew Church, Gahanna.

Deacons:

Reverend Mr. Joseph E. Schermer, from diaconal ministry, St. Peter Church, Columbus, to retirement, effective March 15, 2016.

Reverend Mr. Harry L. Turner, from diaconal ministry, St. Matthew Church, Gahanna, to retirement, effective March 27, 2016.

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Other Priestly Assignments:

Rev. John Bakle, SM, from Administrator, Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington, to retirement.

Confirming the assignment of the Superior General of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. Ramon Macoy Cruz Owera, CFIC, from residence at Holy Cross Church, Columbus, to Administrator, St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus, continuing with hospital ministry.

Confirming the assignment of the Superior General of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. John Mathew Vadakkettom, CFIC, from residence at Holy Cross Church, Columbus, to Associate Administrator, St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus, continuing with hospital ministry.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Director of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Rev. Athanasius Murphy, OP, to temporary ministry, St. Thomas the Aquinas Church, Zanesville; Rev. Louis Bertrand Lemoine, OP, to temporary ministry, St. Patrick Church, Columbus; and Rev. Nicholas Ingham, OP, to temporary ministry, St. Patrick Church, Columbus, effective immediately.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Director of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Rev. Charles Shonk, OP, to Parochial Vicar, St. Patrick Church, Columbus, effective immediately.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Director of the Paulist Fathers, Rev. Edward Nowak, CSP, to temporary ministry, St. Thomas More Newman Center, effective July 1-December 31, 2016.

Rev. Carl A. Subler, from chaplain services with the Archdiocese of Military Services, to Canon Law studies, effective September 1, 2016.