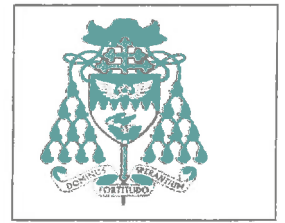




Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's



Thursday, July 27, 2017

Under embargo until Saturday July 29, 5:00pm.

Dear parishioners as you know I recently accepted the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Archdiocese. One of the recommendations is to create Pastoral Zones in the Archdiocese. The first step of this particular aspect of the plan is to begin twining parishes together under the leadership of one pastor, or administrator. The priests in the zone will then be tasked to work together to lay the foundation for the Pastoral Zone. This year I am bringing the parishes in Mount Pearl together to begin the creation of the zone for that area and eventually with the Gould's and Petty Harbour. I am bringing the parishes of St. Edward's, and St. Thomas of Villanova together, they will work with Holy Family parish in Paradise, to create the new zone in that area. St. Francis of Assisi and St. Paul's parishes will now begin working with Mary Queen of Peace parish to lay the foundation of the new zone in that area. In the future will create zones, in all areas of the Archdiocese, further appointments and changes to priestly personnel will be made as necessary.

Therefore, as Archbishop of St. John's, I wish to make the following appointments:

Fr. Doug Barrett, currently the parochial vicar (assistant pastor) of Mary Queen of the world parish, Mount Pearl, is appointed the parochial vicar of Our Lady of Angel's parish, Placentia and area, and of St. Francis Xavier parish, Long Harbour and Southern Harbour.

Fr. John Cole, currently administrator of St. Thomas of Villanova parish, CBS, will be assisting with pastoral ministry throughout the Archdiocese in supply ministry and will reside in the rectory in Portugal Cove.

Fr. John Costello, currently on leave, is appointed as parochial vicar of the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist parish, St. John's and will assist with chaplaincy at the long-term health care homes of St. John's and the Waterford hospital.

Fr. Cecil Critich, currently administrator of St. Edward's parish, Kelligrews is appointed pastor and rector, of the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist parish, St. John's.

Fr. Wayne Dohey, currently pastor of St. Patrick's parish, St. John's, is appointed pastor of both St. Peter's parish and Mary Queen of the World Parish, Mount Pearl.

Fr. Ray Earle, administrator of St. Michael parish, is appointed pastor of St. Michael's parish, Bell Island and pastor of Holy Rosary parish, Portugal Cove.

Fr. Clem Flaherty, a priest from the Diocese of Grand Falls, is appointed as administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Outer Cove, and of St. Paul's, St. John's.

Fr. Jerome Hann, currently pastor and Rector, of the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist parish, St. John's, is appointed pastor of St. Edward's Parish, Kelligrews, and St. Thomas of Villanova parish, CBS.

Fr. Jose Joaquin, currently administrator of Holy Family parish, Brigus South-Cappahayden, is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Angel's parish, Placentia and area, and of St. Francis Xavier parish, Long Harbour and Southern Harbour.

Fr. Philip Melvin, will continue as chaplain at St. Clare's hospital and the Miller Center, St. John's. He currently resides at the Basilica rectory and assists with pastoral ministry at Holy Rosary parish, Portugal Cove. He will now reside at St. Patrick's parish and will assist with pastoral ministry there.

Fr. Patrick Power, currently pastor of Mary Queen of the World parish, Mount Pearl, is appointed as pastor of St. Patrick's parish, St. John's.

Fr. Francis Roche, returning from a sabbatical year and will resume his chaplaincy ministry to the Health Sciences Center, and will also be appointed Chaplin, to Pleasant View Long Term Care home in St. John's.

Fr. Edward Sutton, currently pastor of St. Peter's parish is retiring from active ministry.

The Following priests are appointed Pastor in their current assignment.

Fr. Ken Walsh, Holy Family, parish, Paradise.

Fr. Vargees Devas, Sacred Heart, parish, St. Brides.

Fr. Emmanuel Quagraine, Sacred Heart parish, Marystown and St. Patrick's parish, Burin.

Fr. Nelson Boren, St. Thomas Aquinas parish, St. Lawrence, and St. Joseph's parish, Lamaline.

Fr. John Arhin, Sacred Heart parish, St. Bernard's and Christ the King parish, Rushoon.

These appointments take effect 15 September 2017.

Fr. Fred Brown, currently administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Outer Cove, and of St. Paul's, is granted a one year sabbatical, **effective 31 July 2017.**

Fr. Randall Doucette, currently administrator of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Long Harbour-Southern Harbour and chaplain to the Long-Term Care Seniors Homes in St. John's, is appointed pastor of Holy Family parish, Brigus South-Cappahayden. **Effective 22 September 2017**

I thank the priests, for their dedication and ministry in the Archdiocese and for accepting these new appointments.

Sincerely,

Martin W. Currie D.D.
Archbishop of St. John's

