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Bishop Austin Vetter announces the following appointments, effective July 1, 2021. The appointments were made after consultation with the Diocesan Personnel Board and following discussions with those involved.

Deacon Stephen Barry — Pastoral Administrator, Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Helena with Sacred Heart Mission, Wolf Creek and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville.

Vicki Burgmeier — Pastoral Administrator, Flint Creek Catholic Community: St. Philip Parish, Philipsburg and St. Michael Parish, Drummond, for another 3-year term.

Fr. Kevin Christofferson — Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Polson and Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ronan with St. Joseph Mission, Charlo for a second 6-year term.

Fr. John Crutchfield — Resignation as Pastor of St Theresa of Avila Parish, Whitehall, accepted. Retains duties as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Ennis, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Laurin, and St. Joseph Parish, Sheridan with Notre Dame Mission, Twin Bridges.

Fr. Roderick Ermatinger — Pastor, Little Flower Parish, Browning with St. Mary Mission, Babb, Sacred Heart Mission, Browning and the Chapel of Ascension, East Glacier, and as Pastor of St. Anne Parish, Heart Butte, with Holy Family Mission, for a 6-year term. Currently Pastor, St. Matthew Parish, Kalispell.

Fr. Kenneth Fortney — Administrator, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eureka for a 1-year term. While remaining Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Whitefish.

Fr. Robert Hall — Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Butte and Administrator for St. Joseph Parish, Butte, for a second 6-year term.

Fr. Thomas Haffey — Bishop's Delegate for Senior Status Priests.

Fr. Matthew Huber — medical leave.

Fr. Edward Kohler — Senior status. Currently Pastor, Little Flower Parish, Browning and St. Mary, Mission, Babb, Sacred Heart Mission, Browning and the Chapel of Ascension, East Glacier, and Pastor of St. Anne Parish, Heart Butte, with Holy Family Mission.

Fr. Gregory Lively — Pastor, St. Theresa of Avila Parish, Whitehall and St. Catherine Parish, Boulder with St. John Church in the Boulder Valley, for a 6-year term, with residence in Whitehall. Currently Pastor, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eureka.

Fr. Peter Mikwabe, ALCP/OSS — Parochial Vicar, St. William Parish, Shelby, with St. Thomas Mission, Sunburst; St. Margaret Parish, Cut Bank; and St. Francis Parish, Valier, with Holy Cross Church, Dupuyer, for a second 3-year term.

Fr. Joseph Paddock — Pastor, Resurrection University Parish, Bozeman for a 6-year term. Currently Parochial Vicar, Little Flower Parish, Browning with St. Mary, Mission, Babb, Sacred Heart Mission, Browning and the Chapel of Ascension, East Glacier, and as Parochial Vicar of St. Anne Parish, Heart Butte, with Holy Family Mission.

Fr. Stanislaw Róg — Administrator, Risen Christ Parish, Kalispell for another 3-year term. In addition to this assignment, Administrator, St. Matthew Parish, Kalispell, with residence at Risen Christ.

Fr. David Severson — Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Stevensville, with St. Joseph Mission, Florence for a 6-year term. In addition to his assignment as Pastor, St. John the Baptist, Frenchtown with St. Albert the Great, Alberton and St. Mary, Queen of Heaven, Superior.

Fr. Daniel Shea — resignation as Pastor, Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Helena with Sacred Heart Mission, Wolf Creek and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville accepted. He will continue to serve these communities as Sacramental Minister.

Fr. W. Bart Tolleson — released as Administrator, St. Catherine Parish, Boulder. Retains assignments as Associate Campus Minister, Carroll College; Bishop's Special Projects Delegate, oversight of Sycamore Tree Contemplative Center, and formation efforts for priests, deacons and others.

Fr. Frank Wright, SMA — recalled to his religious community. Currently Administrator, Our Lady of the Pines Parish, West Yellowstone, with St. Joseph Mission, Big Sky.

Fr. Valentine Zdilla — Pastor, Our Lady of the Pines Parish, West Yellowstone, with St. Joseph Mission, Big Sky for a 6-year term. Currently Pastor, Resurrection University Parish, Bozeman.

Brian R. Bergeron has been dispensed by the Holy Father from celibacy and the obligations connected with Ordination, effective March 1, 2021.