



Diocese of Helena

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To: Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Administrators, The Diocese of Helena
From: Fr. Jeff Fleming, Chancellor
Re: Appointments

Bishop Austin Vetter announces the following appointments, effective July 1, 2022. The appointments were made after consultation with the Diocesan Personnel Board and following discussions with those involved.

Fr. Patrick Berretta — Pastor, Butte Catholic Community North, Butte, for a second 6-year term

Fr. Victor Cancino, SJ — Parochial Vicar, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Missoula and St. Ignatius Mission, St. Ignatius with Sacred Heart Mission, Arlee; St. John Berchmans Mission, Jocko.

Fr. Matthew Christiaens — to be ordained a priest on June 24, 2022. Assigned as Parochial Vicar, Resurrection Parish, Bozeman.

Fr. Paul M. Cochran, SJ — Parochial Vicar, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Missoula and St. Ignatius Mission, St. Ignatius with Sacred Heart Mission, Arlee; St. John Berchmans Mission, Jocko.

Fr. James Connor — Senior Status. Currently Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Hamilton with St. Philip Benizi Mission, Darby.

Fr. John Crutchfield — Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Ennis, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Laurin, and St. Joseph Parish, Sheridan with Notre Dame Mission, Twin Bridges, for a second 6-year term.

Fr. Mary David Engo — Concluded his *ad experimentum* at the Sycamore Tree Retreat Center and has left the Diocese.

Fr. Jeff Fleming — Administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Helmville with St. Jude Mission, Lincoln in addition to duties as Pastor of St. Mary Catholic Community, Helena, Chancellor for the Diocese of Helena, Bishop's Representative to Catholic Schools and Canonical Pastor of St. Philip Parish, Philipsburg and St. Michael Parish, Drummond.

Fr. Kenneth Fortney — Senior Status. Currently Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Whitefish and Administrator, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eureka.

Fr. Tyler Frohlich — to be ordained a priest on June 24, 2022. Assigned as Parochial Vicar, Christ the King Parish, Missoula.

Fr. Pius X Harding, OSB — Administrator of Saint Joseph Parish, Libby, with Immaculate Conception Mission, Troy and Administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eureka.

Fr. Thomas Lankenau, SJ — Administrator St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Hamilton with St. Philip Benizi Mission, Darby. Currently Parochial Vicar, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Missoula and St. Ignatius Mission, St. Ignatius with Sacred Heart Mission, Arlee; St. John Berchmans Mission, Jocko.

Fr. Marc Lenneman — Reappointed as Director of Campus Ministry, Carroll College for a 3-year term in addition to his duties as Vocations Director.

Fr. Peter Mikwabe, ALCP/OSS — Administrator, St. John Paul the Second Parish with Our Lady of the Swan Valley, Condon in addition to hospital ministry at Logan Health Center, Kalispell. Currently, 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.

Fr. Nicetas Msinge, ALCP/OSS — Parochial Vicar, St. John Paul the Second Parish with Our Lady of the Swan Valley, Condon in addition to hospital ministry at Logan Health Center, Kalispell. Currently, Administrator of St. John Paul the Second Parish.

Fr. Sean Raftis — Pastor, St. Richard, Columbia Falls with West Glacier Mission, West Glacier, for a second 6-year term. With the additional assignment Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Whitefish for a 6-year term.

Fr. Nathan Scheidecker — Assigned to pursue a Licentiate in Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Santa Croce in Rome, with residence at the Casa Santa Maria. Currently Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of St. Helena, Helena.

Fr. W. Bart Tolleson — Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of St. Helena. Released as Administrator, St. Thomas Parish, Helmville with St. Jude Mission, Lincoln. Retains assignments as Priest Assistant to the Bishop, Director of Deacons and Permanent Deacon Formation, Director of Continuing Education for the Clergy, Priestly Oversight of the Sycamore Tree Retreat Center.