



Diocese of Belleville
Office of the Bishop

Official Appointments
Retirements (canon 538§3)

The Reverend Eugene J. Neff, until now, Pastor of St. George Parish in New Baden, is granted retirement effective December 1, 2019, after forty-eight years of faithful ministry as a Priest of the Diocese.

The Reverend David M. Wilke, until now, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Fairmont City, is granted retirement after twenty-four years of faithful ministry as a Priest of the Diocese.

Parish Life Coordinator (canon 274§2)

Sr. Diane Turner, S.S.N.D., after nineteen years of faithful service as Parish Life Coordinator at St. Felicitas Parish in Beaver Prairie and after consultation with her Religious Community, School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province, will retire effective July 1, 2019.

Pastors (canon 522)

The Reverend Abraham O. Adejoh, until now, Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Eldorado, St. Joseph Parish in Elizabethtown, and St. Mary Parish in Harrisburg, is appointed Pastor of St. Theresa of Avila Parish in Salem and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Kinmundy. The effective date of this appointment will be on or about August 5, 2019. He is also appointed Associate Director of the Diocesan Office for the Propagation of the Faith, effective immediately.

The Very Reverend Steven L. Beatty, V.F., until now, Pastor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Ridgway and Chaplain at Camp Ondessonk, is also appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Eldorado, St. Joseph Parish in Elizabethtown, and St. Mary Parish in Harrisburg. The effective date of this appointment will be on or about August 5, 2019.

The Reverend Harold Fisher, OMI, until now, Vocation Director for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, is appointed Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Fairmont City.

The Reverend Dale A. Maxfield, until now, Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Centralia and St. Lawrence Parish in Sandoval, is appointed Pastor of St. George Parish in New Baden, effective December 1, 2019.

The Reverend Steven A. Pautler, until now, Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville, is appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Centralia and St. Lawrence Parish in Sandoval, effective December 1, 2019. Father Pautler is also hereby appointed as Chaplain for the Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, effective immediately.

The Reverend Sebastian Ukoh, CM, until now, Parochial Vicar at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Waterloo, is appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Prairie du Rocher and St. Patrick Parish in Ruma and Chaplain to the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Ruma. The effective date of this appointment is on or about August 12, 2019.

Parochial Administrators (canon 539)

The Reverend Anthony O. Onyango, Administrator of St. Bernard Parish in Albers and St. Damian Parish in Damiansville, is appointed to an additional one-year term as Administrator of the same parishes.

Parochial Vicars (canon 545§1)

Father Evaristus Akabueze, CM, a *fidei donum* Vincentian missionary priest from Nigeria, is appointed Parochial Vicar of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Waterloo. The effective date of this appointment is on or about August 12, 2019.

Father Iuvenis Iheme, CM, a *fidei donum* Vincentian missionary priest from Nigeria, is appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish in Herrin and Holy Spirit Parish in Carterville. The effective date of this appointment will be determined after he arrives and is oriented in the Diocese.

The Reverend Christian Iwaugwu, a *fidei donum* missionary priest of the Archdiocese of Owerri, Nigeria, is appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Ridgway, St. Mary Parish in Eldorado, St. Joseph Parish in Elizabethtown, and St. Mary Parish in Harrisburg, as well as Associate Chaplain at Camp Ondessonk. This effective date of this appointment is on or about August 5, 2019.

Deacon Candidates for the Priesthood

The Reverend Mr. Nicholas T. Fleming, ordained June 8, 2019, is appointed to serve as Deacon at Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia.

The Reverend Mr. Carl E. Schrage, ordained June 8, 2019, is appointed to serve as Deacon at Sacred Heart Parish in DuQuoin and Immaculate Conception Parish in Tamaroa.

The Reverend Mr. Joel L. Seipp, ordained June 8, 2019, is appointed to serve as Deacon at St. James Parish in Millstadt and Holy Family Parish in Cahokia.

Seminarians' Summer Appointments (Beginning June 1, 2019)

Mr. Anthony Hyginus (St. Jude Parish, Umuopia Akokwa, Imo State Nigeria), is assigned to assist the Pastor of St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish in Mt. Vernon and St. Barbara Parish in Scheller.

Mr. Thomas R. Lugge (Cathedral of St. Peter), is assigned to assist the Pastor St. Joseph Parish in Olney, St. Joseph Parish in Stringtown, and Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin.

Given from the Diocesan Curia on the 10th day of June, the Commemoration of Mary, Mother of the Church, in the Year of Our Lord 2019.