

May 17, 2018

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Dear Father Doug and Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish,

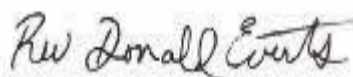
It is with a joyful heart that I share the good news **with all of you, as to the appointment of Father José López as Parochial Vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Manitowoc and part-time Chaplain of Roncalli High School, following his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 30, 2018. Father José** will begin his assignment, with your parish, **effective Monday, July 16, 2018.**

Father José spent the first years of his life in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. At the age of 12, his family moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin where he attended Preble High School and later graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay with a degree in Business. His hard work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit proved fruitful in his professional career. However, after careful discernment in his home parish of St. Philip, Green Bay, he entered seminary in the fall of 2012. Father José attended St. Francis de Sales Seminary and the Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for both his Pre-Theology and Major Seminary studies. He now holds a Masters of Divinity degree. For four years, he served on the staff of the Prince of Peace parish cluster in Milwaukee. He has completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education, as well as the summer spirituality program at Creighton University through the Institute for Priestly Formation. **Father José** most recently served as a deacon at St. Clare Parish, Wrightstown, Askeaton, and Greenleaf.

As followers of Jesus Christ, walking in the spirit of **Romans 15:7** “*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*” I trust, you, too, will welcome **Father José** to your parish, as together, we walk as missionary disciples for the glory of God!

May the Holy Spirit bless and guide you and your families with His very best,

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend Donald Everts
Chair, Priest Personnel Board

Mass of Thanksgiving

Fr. José López Vargas will celebrate
Mass of Thanksgiving in English,
Saturday, June 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Mass of Thanksgiving, Spanish,
Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 12:00 noon
at St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Green bay.

All are invited.