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To all priests of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Re : New pastoral appointments

Dear brother priests,

I wish to inform you of a current situation that requires me to make a few changes and appointments.

Six months ago, an African priest was to assume responsibility for the parishes of Espanola and Spanish. Unfortunately, he has yet to enter Canada. The immigration process is long and complex. Since I cannot leave these parishes without a Pastor any longer, I had to make a few early changes. Consequently, as of February 23, 2020, Fr. Gilles Grandmont who is currently Pastor at St-Vincent-de-Paul Parish in North Bay will become Pastor at St-Jude Parish in Espanola and St-Sébastien Parish in Spanish. Fr. Gérald Lajeunesse will leave Ste-Anne-des-Pins Parish in Sudbury to become Pastor at St-Vincent-de-Paul Parish in North Bay.

As for Ste-Anne-des-Pins Parish in Sudbury, we have implemented a temporary solution. Until a new Pastor is appointed, the Jesuit Fathers will ensure all sacramental ministry at the parish. In addition, we are currently creating a parish team that will be mandated to ensure the coordination of pastoral and administrative services. In such a situation, Canon Law requires that a priest be appointed as moderator to oversee the proper functioning of the team and the parish, until such time as the new Pastor takes office. Therefore, I have appointed Msgr. Jean-Paul E. Jolicoeur, PH as moderator.

Therefore, in summary, as of February 23, 2020:

- Fr. Gilles Grandmont will be Pastor at St-Jude Parish in Espanola and St-Sébastien Parish in Spanish;
- Fr. Gérald Lajeunesse will be Pastor at St-Vincent-de-Paul Parish in North Bay;
- At Ste-Anne-des-Pins Parish in Sudbury
 - The Jesuit Fathers will ensure all sacramental ministry in the parish
 - Msgr Jean-Paul E. Jolicoeur, PH will act as moderator of the parish
 - A parish team will coordinate pastoral and administrative services

Other appointments

Fr. Ignatius Vedamuthu

Since January 20, 2020, Fr. Ignatius has been Pastor at the following parishes:

- Immaculate Conception Parish, Massey
- St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Walford
- St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish, Webbwood

Fr. Amaladhas Tensingh Alexander

Since January 20, 2020, Fr. Tensingh has been Pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Sturgeon Falls. Fr. Tensingh has come to us from India. We welcome him to our Diocese. May God bless his ministry in Sturgeon Falls.

Fr. Patrick Okenyi

In Novembre 2019, Fr. Patrick was appointed Diocesan Director for the Pontifical Missions Society, English sector.

Fr. Rexlumine Michael

In January 2020, Fr. Rexlumine was appointed Spiritual advisor for the Diocesan Council of CWL.

I sincerely thank all these priests for their collaboration, their availability and their spirit of service. May God bless them in their new ministry.



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Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie