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MEMO

Date: June 1, 2017
To: Priests, Parish Life Directors, and all the Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon
From: Fr. Kevin McGee, Diocesan Administrator
Subject: **UPDATED Appointments**

PLEASE REPLACE THE MAY 31, 2017 APPOINTMENT MEMO WITH THIS UPDATED VERSION.

We are pleased to announce the following appointments, all of which will be effective August 1, 2017, unless otherwise indicated. Please note that in this transitional period as we await a new Bishop in our diocese, I as Diocesan Administrator, do not have the authority to appoint Pastors but can appoint Parochial Administrators in the parishes. The Pastor appointments will therefore be formalized by the new Bishop when he is in place.

Pastoral Appointments

- **St. Philip Neri in Saskatoon** - Fr. Ephraim Mensah. Fr. Ephraim previously served as Pastor at St. Augustine in Humboldt. We warmly welcome Fr. Ephraim back home from a year of sabbatical.
- **St. Gabriel the Archangel in Biggar and Our Lady of Fatima in Landis** – Deacon Edward Gibney. He will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 29, 2017, after completing his studies at Beda College in Rome.
- **St. Theresa in Asquith** - Fr. Clement Amofa will preside at the Sunday mass at St. Theresa. Fr. Clement is also Chancellor for the Diocese.
- **St. Mary in Lanigan and Holy Rosary in Leroy** – Fr. Greg Smith-Windsor. Fr. Greg served most recently as Associate Pastor at St. Augustine in Humboldt.
- **St. Augustine in Humboldt** – Deacon Michael Yaremko will serve as an Associate with Fr. Joseph Salihu. He will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 29, 2017, after completing his studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton.
- **St. Bruno in Bruno and St. Agnes in Peterson** - Fr. Pius Schroh. Fr. Pius served most recently as Pastor at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral in Saskatoon.
- **St. Paul's Co-Cathedral in Saskatoon** – Fr. Nestor Silva, OMI. Fr. Nestor has been helping primarily at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral and St. Patrick's parish with a focus on ministry to the Philippine community within Saskatoon.

- **St. Augustine in Saskatoon** – We extend an immense thank you to Daniel Pettipas for his two years of service as Parish Life Director at St. Augustine and congratulate him on his new role as Coordinator of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation at St. Anne parish in Saskatoon effective June 1.

I wish to express my gratitude to all who will be assuming new responsibilities. I ask the people in parishes where changes are taking place to warmly welcome their new pastoral leaders into their midst.

We are deeply grateful to the following priests and Parish Life Directors for their time and ministry in our diocese:

Priests:

Fr. Cosmas Epifano provided ministry in the Bruno and Peterson communities and we wish him well as he continues to live more fully his call to the contemplative life.

Fr. Emile April celebrates 50 years of service in our Diocese including 27 years he served in the Brazil missions. May he be blessed with a healthy and happy retirement.

Fr. Michel Bedard served in our diocese to both the English and French communities for 43 years. May he be blessed with a healthy and happy retirement.

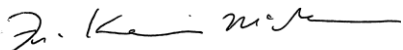
Parish Life Directors:

Don and Bonnie Courchene served as Parish Life Directors at St. Mary in Lanigan for four years.

Leona Wakelam served as Parish Life Director at Holy Rosary in Leroy for four years.

I am deeply grateful for the ministry and leadership they have provided for these communities. May the Lord bless them as they enjoy more time to be with family and friends.

Blessings in Christ,



Fr. Kevin McGee
Diocesan Administrator

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