



## DIOCESE OF ST. CATHARINES

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TO: All Parishes and Religious Communities in the Diocese of St. Catharines  
FROM: Bishop Gerard Bergie  
DATE: May 20, 2022

Dear Clergy, Religious and faithful of the Diocese:

All pastoral appointments noted below take effect **August 3, 2022** unless otherwise indicated.

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### **Appointment of Pastors**

Father Jose Karikompil – Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, Niagara Falls

Father Jacek Kryń, S.A.C. – St. Ann Parish, Fenwick

Father Kesseteberhan Hammad – St. Ann Parish, Niagara Falls

Father Paul MacNeil – St. Alexander Parish, Fonthill

Father Jinto Mathew Puthiyidathuchalil, C.S.C. – St. Kevin Parish, Welland (August 1, 2022)

Father Manuelpillai Soosaipillai – St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Dunnville (July 1, 2022)

### **Appointment of Parochial Vicars**

Father Daniel Corso – Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, Niagara Falls (June 22, 2022)

Father Stephen Innamorati – St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby (August 1, 2022)

### **New Clergy to the Diocese**

Father Jinto Mathew Puthiyidathuchalil, C.S.C. (from Holy Name Parish, Toronto)

### **Returning Clergy to the Diocese**

Father Manuelpillai Soosaipillai (from the Diocese of Mannar, Sri Lanka)

### **Retirements**

Father Mieczyslaw Kasza

I am most grateful to Fr. Mieczyslaw Kasza for his dedicated service to the Diocese of St. Catharines and wish him many blessings as he begins his retirement.

**Transfers out of the Diocese**

Father Vijai Amirtharaj, C.S.C. – Pastor, Holy Name Parish, Toronto (August 1, 2022)

I am most grateful to Fr. Vijai Amirtharaj, C.S.C. for his dedicated service to the Diocese of St. Catharines and wish him many blessings as he begins his new assignment at Holy Name Parish in Toronto.

**For Your Information**

Seminarian Brian Izzard – residing at St. Stephen Parish, Cayuga for the summer months.

Seminarian Yohander Sanchez Mora – residing at St. Julia Parish, St. Catharines for the summer months.

I sincerely thank all those who agreed to these transfers and assure them of my prayerful best wishes.