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TO: All Parishes and Religious Communities in the Diocese of St. Catharines
FROM: Bishop Gerard Bergie
DATE: May 29, 2026

Dear Clergy, Religious and faithful of the Diocese:

All pastoral appointments noted below take effect **August 5, 2026**, at twelve o'clock noon, unless otherwise noted.

Appointment of Administrator

Father Aji Varghese – St. Patrick Parish, St. Catharines

Appointment of Parochial Vicars

Father Stanislaw Ksciuk – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Thorold (for one year)

Father Daniel Corso – St. Alexander Parish, Fonthill

Father Yohander Sanchez Mora – Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, Niagara Falls

Retirement

Father Brian Bevan

I wish to sincerely thank Father Brian for his faithful service to our diocese for the past forty-four years. He has served in many parishes across our diocese prior to his current assignment as pastor at St. Patrick Parish in Merritton (St. Catharines). Throughout his priesthood, Father Brian has also been closely involved with the Niagara Regional Police Service as chaplain and auxiliary officer. I wish Father Brian many blessings as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

For your information

Fr. Denis Grecco's term as Rector of St. Peter's Seminary in London, ON will end on May 31, 2026. He will be replaced by Father Peter Keller, currently pastor of the Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes in St. Thomas ON.

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

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