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CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS

The following changes to the clergy assignments in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan are effective immediately, unless otherwise noted.

Father Stanley Maduechesi as parish priest of Our Lady of Peace Parish (Peace River).

Father Abraham Srambical, VC as parish priest of St. Rita's Parish (Valleyview), as well as St. Francis Xavier (Sturgeon Lake) and Holy Rosary (Crooked Creek).

Father George Okoye, SMMM as parish priest of St. Joseph's (John D'Or Prairie), as well as Little Flower Mission (Fox Lake) and St-Jean-Baptiste (Garden River).

Father Peter U. Anochirim and **Father Cosmas O. Udogu** as parish priests in St. Paul's Parish (High Prairie), as well as St. Benedict (Atikameg), Good Shepherd (East Prairie), St. John Bosco (Gift Lake), St. Bernard (Grouard) and St. Agnes (Peavine). To be effective November 11st. Father Raj Koppula has agreed to offer priestly service to these communities until that date.

Father Bill Bernard, CSsR as parish priest of St. Joseph's Parish (Grande Prairie).

Father Rajmund Dorawa, CSsR and **Father Dennis Maddineni, CSsR** as associate pastors of St. Joseph Parish (Grande Prairie).

Father Marianna Sathuluri, in addition to his responsibility for Ste. Anne Parish (Joussard) and Ste. Rose de Lima (Driftpile), will also serve Our Lady of Fatima (Sucker Creek).

OTHER CHANGES

Along with these assignments, we recognize the following changes over the past several months:

Deacon Gerald Mendoza arrived in our diocese during the summer months, from the Diocese of Tarlac, Philippines. He has been at the chancery office in McLennan awaiting a further assignment. He is seeking eventual incardination into our archdiocese and ordination as a priest.

Father Albert Sterzer, CSsR has retired from active service at St. Joseph's in Grande Prairie. He will continue to live there, offering his service in the archdiocese for relief pastoral help.

Father Sebastian Kunnathuparambil has received an assignment in the Diocese of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Sister Georgette Payeur, CSC has retired from the Lay Formation Office, and will continue to reside in Peace River and offer her services in Our Lady of Peace Parish. A Mass and BBQ for her were held there on August 26th.

Sisters Bernadette Gautreau, SSCh and *Jeannette Berger, SSCh* have been called to their communities in New England and Quebec respectively. Several days of farewell plus a special Mass for them were held in John D'Or Prairie leading up to August 28th.

DEANS

The clergy changes that have been made necessitate changes to the deans of the deaneries of the archdiocese as well. The following is the current list of deans:

Deanery 1	McLennan	Msgr. Charles Lavoie
Deanery 2	Peace River	Father Abraham Azhakathu, MST
Deanery 3	Grande Prairie	Father Cyril Joseph
Deanery 4	Slave Lake	Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy
Deanery 5	High Level	Father Sylvanus Omali, SMMM

Besides their leadership in their respective deanery, these priests also serve on the Council of Priests and College of Consultors.

SEMINARIANS

Our archdiocese is blessed to have six men studying for the priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. This is a greater number than we have ever had. Some are in philosophy studies – the first level – while others are studying theology. We must always allow for the reality that as they discern God's call, they may discover that their vocation is not as a priest in our diocese. During their years of discernment, please keep them in your prayers. They are:

Travis Chabot, from Grande Prairie, in philosophy studies.

Daniel Hanrahan, from Valleyview, in philosophy studies.

Daniel Jodoin, from Grande Prairie, in theology studies.

Kellyn Leiva, from Grande Prairie, in philosophy studies.

Patrick Lepage, from McLennan, in theology studies.

Michael Uso-Ereyi, from Nigeria, in theology studies.

+ Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.

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