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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clergy
All Parishes
All Institutes of Consecrated Life

From: Archbishop Richard J. Gagnon +R. J.

Date: April 28, 2023

Re.: Pastoral/Personnel Changes

Having observed the consultations called for in the Code of Canon Law, the following pastoral changes will be effective August 1, 2023 (unless otherwise indicated):

1. **Reverend Monsignor Maurice J. Comeault** retires as Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Winnipeg. Ordained for the Trappists in 1967, Msgr. has served in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese since 1972; he was incardinated into the Archdiocese in 1975. We are grateful for his pastoral ministry, in the Archdiocese, over these past 51 years and wish him well in retirement. Msgr. Comeault will be available for weekend ministry.
2. **Very Reverend Barry D. Schoonbaert** becomes Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Winnipeg.
3. **Reverend Rainerio Sarce** becomes Pastor of St. Charles' Parish in Winnipeg.
4. **Reverend James Ahaneku** becomes Parochial Vicar of St. John Brebeuf Parish in Winnipeg.
5. **Reverend Michael M. Wollbaum** becomes Pastor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Winnipeg.
6. **Reverend Eric V. Giddins** becomes Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Winnipeg.
7. **Reverend Efoe (Emmanuel) Anani** becomes Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Victory Parish and of Paroisse du Sacré-Coeur in Winnipeg.
8. **Reverend Vijay Deivanayagam OMI** becomes Parochial Administrator of Christ the King Parish in Stonewall, St. Joseph's Parish in Stony Mountain and St. John Vianney Mission in Teulon.

9. **Reverend Eric Zadji** becomes Pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Winnipeg.
10. **Reverend Sreeva Raju Palla SDM**, a member of the Society of St. Eugene de Mazenod in India, and recently arrived in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, becomes Parochial Vicar of St. Peter's Parish in Winnipeg.
11. **Reverend Oliver Omega** (to be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on June 9, 2023) becomes Parochial Vicar of St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Brandon and St. Mary's Parish in Souris.
12. **Mr. Christopher Pugh** (to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 30, 2023) is assigned to a Clinical Pastoral Education Unit at St. Boniface Hospital from May 1 - July 12, 2023. During this time, he will be in residence at St. John Brebeuf Parish in Winnipeg.

I am grateful to the Personnel Board for their advice, as I am to everyone who has accepted a new pastoral assignment for the good of our local church.