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The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

**Dear Priests, Parishes, Parish Life Directors, Deacons,
Seminarians and Catholic Pastoral Centre Staff:**

I am pleased to announce the following **clergy appointments**, all of which will be effective July 24, 2018, unless otherwise indicated.

A. PASTORS:

Fr. Ephraim Mensah, Pastor at Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon: Fr. Ephraim has served at St. Philip's this past year since returning from his sabbatical.

Fr. Stefano Penna, Pastor at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral, Saskatoon: Fr. Stefano, a priest of the diocese of Saskatoon, previously served at Holy Spirit and St. Patrick's parishes. Since 2008, Fr. Stefano has been serving at Newman Theological College in a number of teaching and administrative capacities.

Fr. Michael Dechant, OMI, Pastor at St. Philip Neri, Saskatoon: Fr. Mike is a priest chaplain at Holy Cross High School and will continue in this role as he assumes the role of Pastor at St. Philip Neri.

Fr. Clement Arthur Boachie, Pastor at St. Peter the Apostle and St. Michael, Saskatoon: Fr. Clement is from the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong in Ghana. Fr. Clement has been ordained for nineteen years and has served several parishes as a Pastor. (Arrival and start date *to be confirmed*)

Fr. Habila Musa, Pastor at St. Theresa, Rosetown, St. Theresa, Beechy, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Elrose: Fr. Habila is from the Diocese of Kano, Nigeria and has been ordained for fourteen years. (Arrival and start date *to be confirmed*)

B. ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Fr. Richmond Diala, Associate Pastor at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral, Saskatoon:
Fr. Richmond will also continue to provide hospital chaplaincy.

Fr. Peter Olisa, Associate Pastor at St. Augustine, Humboldt, St. Scholastica, Burr, Holy Trinity, Pilger, Assumption of our Lady, Marysburg: Fr. Peter has served for the last two years as Associate Pastor at Holy Spirit Parish in Saskatoon.

Fr. Nestor Silva, OMI, Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish, Saskatoon:
Fr. Nestor will also be providing chaplaincy to the greater Filipino community in Saskatoon.

Fr. Bill Stang, OMI, Associate Pastor at St. Philip Neri, Saskatoon.

Fr. John Abban Bonsu, Associate Pastor at Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon.
Fr. John is from the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong in Ghana and has been ordained for nine years and worked as a Pastor and teacher. (Arrival and start date *to be confirmed*)

C. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Fr. David Tumback has most recently served as Pastor to the community of Holy Family at its original location and now at the Cathedral since July 2006. He will spend the next year on sabbatical.

Fr. Emmanuel Mbah has served the parish clusters of Rosetown, Elrose and Beechy since December 2012. He has recently been accepted to Andrews University in Michigan to pursue a doctoral degree in psychology.

Fr. Michael Yaremko has served as the Associate Pastor in the Humboldt cluster since his ordination in June 2017. Fr. Michael will be taking an extended leave.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Assignments:

Fr. Kevin McGee: Board Support and Spiritual Direction Support

Fr. Stefano Penna: Teacher and Staff Support and Development

Fr. Michael Dechant, OMI: Teacher and Staff Retreats

D. PRIEST UPDATES:

Fr. Iheanyi Enwerem, OP, has served the parishes of St. Peter the Apostle and St. Michael since July 2013. After serving in our Diocese for 10 years, he looks forward to celebrating his fortieth anniversary to the priesthood, he will be returning to his home community in Nigeria.

Fr. Dominic Boateng Andoh was called back by his Bishop and returned to Ghana on April 3, 2018.

Fr. Bruce McAllister has recently retired from the Archdiocese of Vancouver and moved to Saskatoon. Fr. McAllister will be available for ministry assistance as of September 2018.

We also welcome **Fr. Fawzi Apro Hanna** who was appointed by Most Reverend Bawai Soro (Chaldean bishop of Canada) as the pastor at Sacred Heart Chaldean Church effective April 12, 2018.

E. SEMINARIAN UPDATES:

Jarrold Teichreb is finishing his first year of studies at St. Joseph's Seminary and will be receiving a short-term summer placement prior to return to the seminary in the fall.

Van Tam (Luke) Tran will be entering seminary at Christ the King Seminary in Mission, BC this fall. He is currently living at St. Patrick's parish.

Please join us in remembering in prayer Jarrod and Luke and all those considering entering the seminary to discern priesthood.

Please offer a warm welcome to the priests joining our diocese as you have an opportunity to meet them and remember all in your prayers.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Mark A. Hagemoen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen