



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Effective July 1, 2026
(unless noted otherwise)

Vicar for Catholic Schools

VERY REVEREND MARK W. TRACY, V.E., is appointed **VICAR** for **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**, from Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Schools in the Springfield Deanery, while retaining duties as Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Springfield, Illinois, and Chaplain, United States Army Reserve.

Pastor Emeritus

REVEREND MONSIGNOR LEO J. ENLOW is appointed **PASTOR EMERITUS** of **SAINT PETER PARISH, QUINCY, ILLINOIS**, from Pastor of Saint Peter Parish, Quincy, Illinois, and Chaplain, Quincy Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Illinois.

Pastor

VERY REVEREND DANIEL J. BERGBOWER, V.F., is appointed **PASTOR** of **SAINT PETER PARISH, QUINCY, ILLINOIS**, from Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, Springfield, Illinois, and Vicar Forane (Dean) of the Springfield Deanery.

REVEREND PAUL L. LESUPATI is appointed **PASTOR** of **SAINT AGNES PARISH, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**, and **CHAPLAIN, SACRED HEART-GRIFFIN HIGH SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**, from Parochial Vicar of Saint Peter Parish, Quincy, Illinois, and Associate Chaplain, Quincy Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Illinois.

REVEREND PAWEŁ R. ŁUCZAK resumes his appointment as **PASTOR** of **SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, NEWTON, ILLINOIS**, and **PASTOR** of **SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH, SAINTE MARIE, ILLINOIS**, from Sabbatical Leave, effective May 27, 2026.

REVEREND TOMY PHILIP, S.A.C. with the consent of his Provincial Superior, is appointed **PASTOR** of **SAINT MARY PARISH, TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS**, and **HOLY TRINITY PARISH, STONINGTON, ILLINOIS**; and **CHAPLAIN, TAYLORVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER, TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS**, following his vacation in India, effective August 31, 2026.

REVEREND PETER O. CHINEKE is appointed **PASTOR** of **SAINT RITA PARISH, KINCAID, ILLINOIS**, while retaining duties as Pastor of Saint Jude Parish, Rochester, Illinois; and Associate Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop; from part-time online Graduate Studies in Canon Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., effective September 1, 2026.

REVEREND MICHAŁ ROSA is appointed **PASTOR** of **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PARISH, COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS**, from Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham, Illinois, while continuing distance studies in Specialized Biblical Theology, Pontifical University of John Paul II, Krakow, Poland.

REVEREND JAROSŁAW NOWACKI, a priest of the Diocese of Radom, Poland, with the consent of his Bishop, is granted **PRIESTLY FACULTIES** in the **DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS**, and is appointed **PASTOR** of **SACRED HEART PARISH, EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS**, from Pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Roswell, New Mexico.

REVEREND MICHAEL B. HAAG is appointed **PASTOR** of **SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH, MOUNT OLIVE, ILLINOIS**; **SAINT MICHAEL PARISH, STAUNTON, ILLINOIS**; AND **SACRED HEART PARISH, LIVINGSTON, ILLINOIS**, from Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Collinsville, Illinois, and from serving as a member of the Diocesan Finance Council.

REVEREND CHRISTOPHER A. TRUMMER is appointed **PASTOR** of **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, DECATUR, ILLINOIS**, AND **PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR** of **SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, DECATUR, ILLINOIS**, from Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Decatur, Illinois, while retaining duties as Chaplain, Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois; Associate Delegate for Health Care Professionals; and Associate Chaplain, Springfield Chapter of the Catholic Physicians Guild/Catholic Medical Association.

REVEREND FREDRICK CHIMA MBIERE, with the consent of his Bishop, is appointed **PASTOR** of **SAINT JAMES PARISH, RIVERTON, ILLINOIS**, while retaining duties as Pastor of Resurrection Parish, Illiopolis, Illinois, and Saint John Vianney Parish, Sherman, Illinois.

REVEREND AARON T. KUHN is appointed **PASTOR** of **MOTHER OF DOLORS PARISH, VANDALIA, ILLINOIS**, and **SAINT JOSEPH PARISH, RAMSEY, ILLINOIS**; **CHAPLAIN** of **OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER'S MINISTRY, VANDALIA, ILLINOIS**, and **VANDALIA CORRECTIONAL CENTER, VANDALIA, ILLINOIS**, from Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Mount Sterling, Illinois, and Saint Thomas Parish, Camp Point, Illinois; and Chaplain, Western Illinois Correctional Center, Mount Sterling, Illinois.

REVEREND VINCENT OBI, a priest of the Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria, with the consent of his Archbishop, is granted **PRIESTLY FACULTIES** in the **DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS** and is appointed **PASTOR, HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MOUNT STERLING, ILLINOIS, and SAINT THOMAS PARISH, CAMP POINT, ILLINOIS, and CHAPLAIN, WESTERN ILLINOIS CORRECTIONAL CENTER, MOUNT STERLING, ILLINOIS**, from Chaplain, Barnes-Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Rector

REVEREND SETH A. BROWN is appointed **RECTOR** of the **CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**, and **CHAIRMAN** of the **MINISTRY TO PRIESTS TEAM**, from Pastor of Mother of Dolours Parish, Vandalia, Illinois, and Saint Joseph Parish, Ramsey, Illinois; Chaplain of Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry, Vandalia, Illinois; and Vandalia Correctional Center, Vandalia, Illinois, while retaining duties as Research Theologian for the Diocesan Curia.

Vice-Rector

REVEREND BRIAN C. ALFORD is appointed **VICE-RECTOR** and **DIRECTOR** of **HUMAN FORMATION, KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY, SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI**; from Rector, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, Illinois; Vicar for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations; and Director of the Department for Vocational Services, while retaining duties as a Member of the College of Consultors.

Diocesan Curia

REVEREND STEPHEN BOYLE, O.PRAEM., with the consent of his Religious Ordinary, is appointed to part-time duties as **VICAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE** and **DIRECTOR** of the **OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**, while retaining residence at Corpus Christi Priory, Springfield, Illinois.

REVEREND ZACHARY D. SAMPLES is appointed **DIRECTOR** of the **DEPARTMENT for DISCIPLESHIP AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES** and **DIRECTOR** of the **OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS**, from Promoter of Vocations.

SISTER MARY GEORGE BROWN, F.S.G.M., with the consent of her Provincial Superior, is appointed **DIRECTOR** of the **OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE CATECHUMENATE**, from a PK-8 Music Educator at Saint Matthew Elementary School, Champaign, Illinois, effective August 17, 2026.

Parochial Administrator

REVEREND TOMY PHILIP, S.A.C., with the consent of his Provincial Superior, is appointed **PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR** of **SAINT JUDE PARISH, ROCHESTER, ILLINOIS**, from Parochial Administrator of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Newton, Illinois, and Pastor of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Sainte Marie, Illinois, effective May 27, 2026, until July 23, 2026.

REVEREND JASON P. STONE is appointed **PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR** of **SAINT MARY PARISH, PITTSFIELD, ILLINOIS**, and **SAINT MARK PARISH, WINCHESTER, ILLINOIS**, to assist the Pastor of these parishes, Reverend Mark Schulte; from Pastor of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Decatur, Illinois, and Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Decatur, Illinois.

Graduate Studies

REVEREND DANIEL G. MCGRATH is appointed to **GRADUATE STUDIES FOR THE LICENTIATE DEGREE** in **SACRED THEOLOGY (S.T.L.)** with a concentration in **LITURGICAL THEOLOGY** at the **PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY CROSS (SANTA CROCE)**, with residence at the **CASA SANTA MARIA, ROME, ITALY**, from Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, Illinois; Chaplain, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, Springfield, Illinois; and Associate Vocation Director, Springfield Deanery.

Campus Ministry

REVEREND TROY P. NIEMERG is appointed **CHAPLAIN, DIRECTOR** of **CAMPUS MINISTRY**, and **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR** of **THEOLOGY, QUINCY UNIVERSITY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS**, with residence at **SAINT FRANCIS SOLANUS PARISH, QUINCY, ILLINOIS**; and **ASSOCIATE VOCATION DIRECTOR, QUINCY DEANERY**, from Parochial Vicar of Saint Agnes Parish, Springfield, Illinois, and Theology Teacher at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, Springfield, Illinois.

REVEREND STEVEN M. ARISMAN is appointed **CHAPLAIN, QUINCY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, QUINCY, ILLINOIS**, from Associate Vocation Director, Quincy Deanery, while retaining duties as Pastor of Saint Francis Solanus Parish, Quincy, Illinois; Chairman of the Committee of the Shrine for Venerable Augustine Tolton; and Section Prior/Chaplain of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Section.

REVEREND KENNETH K. AHANONU is appointed **ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN, QUINCY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, QUINCY, ILLINOIS**, while retaining duties as Parochial Vicar of Saint Francis Solanus Parish, Quincy, Illinois.

Parochial Vicar

REVEREND ALEX M. McCULLOUGH is appointed **PAROCHIAL VICAR** of **SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS**, from Parochial Vicar of Christ the King Parish, Springfield, Illinois.

REVEREND JAYKE A. WHITE is appointed **PAROCHIAL VICAR** of **CHRIST THE KING PARISH, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**; **ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN, SACRED HEART-GRIFFIN HIGH SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**; and **ASSOCIATE VOCATION DIRECTOR, SPRINGFIELD DEANERY**, from Parochial Vicar of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Effingham, Illinois.

REVEREND THOMAS HAGSTROM is appointed **PAROCHIAL VICAR** of **SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH, JERSEYVILLE, ILLINOIS**; of **HOLY GHOST PARISH, JERSEYVILLE, ILLINOIS**; of **SAINT MARY PARISH, FIELDON, ILLINOIS**; and of **SAINT PATRICK PARISH, GRAFTON, ILLINOIS**; following his **MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**, from Pastor of Saint John Paul II Parish, Mount Olive, Illinois; Saint Michael Parish, Staunton, Illinois; and Sacred heart Parish, Livingston, Illinois.

REVEREND GERALD ZIENAA, a priest of the Archdiocese of Tamale, Ghana, with the consent of his Archbishop, is granted **PRIESTLY FACULTIES** in the **DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS**, and is appointed **PAROCHIAL VICAR** of **SAINT PETER PARISH, QUINCY, ILLINOIS**, from Rector, Saint Charles Minor Seminary, Archdiocese of Tamale, Ghana.

Medical Leave of Absence

REVEREND THOMAS HAGSTROM is granted a **MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**, while concluding his appointment as Pastor of Saint John Paul II Parish, Mt. Olive, Illinois; Saint Michael Parish, Staunton, Illinois; and Sacred Heart Parish, Livingston, Illinois.

Appointments Concluded

REVEREND JOHN BURNETTE concludes his appointment as Parochial Administrator of Saint Mary Parish, Taylorville, Illinois; of Saint Rita Parish, Kincaid, Illinois; and of Holy Trinity Parish, Stonington, Illinois; and as Chaplain, Taylorville Correctional Center, Taylorville, Illinois; while retaining his title as Pastor Emeritus, Saints James and Patrick Parish, Decatur, Illinois, and his duties as Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer, effective August 31, 2026.

REVEREND HERMAN JOSEPH JOHANNECK, O.PRAEM., with the consent of his Religious Ordinary, concludes his appointment as Interim Director of the Office for Divine Worship and the Catechumenate; Chaplain, Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois; and Retreat Master, Villa Maria Retreat House, Springfield, Illinois.

REVEREND CHRISTUDASAN KURISADIMA, S.A.C., with the consent of his Provincial Superior, concludes his appointment as Parochial Administrator of Saint James Parish, Riverton, Illinois, while retaining duties as Chaplain, HSHS Saint John's Hospital, Springfield, Illinois, remaining in residence at Saint James Parish, Riverton, Illinois.

Approved by: † Thomas John Paprocki

Date: April 28, 2026