



DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS

1316 Peger Road · Fairbanks, Alaska · 99709 · 907-374-9500 · Fax: 907-374-9580

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

11 May 2022

To: Diocese of Fairbanks
From: Bishop Chad W. Zielinski
Subject: Priest Assignments for Rural Parishes and Delta Junction and Tok

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In addition to my 3 May 2022 assignment letter, the following pastoral changes will take effect throughout the remainder of the year.

Effective **1 June 2022**:

- **Fr. Abraham Nemaisa** will be assigned to Bethel, AK and will assist with the coverage of the following parishes: Immaculate Conception Church in Bethel, St. Catherine of Siena Church in Chefornak, Holy Family Church in Newtok and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Marshall.

Effective **1 July 2022**:

- **Fr. Kumar Pasala** will be assigned to Fairbanks, AK and assist in ministry where needed.
- **Fr. Alphonsus Afina** and **Fr. Michal Ulaski** will be assigned to Nome, AK and both will assist with the coverage of the following parishes: St. Joseph Church in Nome, St. Francis Xavier Church in Kotzebue, St. Jude Church in Little Diomed and St. Ann Church in Teller.
- **Fr. Alphonsus Afina** will continue to minister at St. Michael Church in St. Michael, St. Bernard Church in Stebbins and the Church of the Holy Angels in Unalakleet from his new residence in Nome, AK.
- In addition to their current assignment of St. Nicholas Church in North Pole, **Fr. Welcome Chipiro** and **Fr. Dominik Wojcik** will be jointly assigned to cover the parishes of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Delta Junction and Holy Rosary Church in Tok, AK.

Effective **1 December 2022**:

- **Fr. Rich Magner, SJ** will be assigned to cover the following parishes: Sacred Heart Church in Chevak, Little Flower of Jesus Church in Hooper Bay and Blessed Sacrament Church in Scammon Bay, AK.
- **Fr. Gregg Wood, SJ** will be assigned to Bethel as part time moderator for the parishes and part time team member for the YK Region Ministries. Together with **Fr. Abraham** will cover the following parishes: Immaculate Conception Church in Bethel, St. Catherine of Siena Church in Chefornak, Holy Family Church in Newtok and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Marshall.

Please continue to pray for vocations in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski
Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska
Diocese of Fairbanks



CWZ/las