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31 May 2024

To: Diocese of Fairbanks
From: Bishop Steven J. Maekawa, O.P.
Subject: Ministry Assignments for Fr. Patrick Bergquist, Fr. M. Arokiya Don Bosco, ALCP/OSS,
Fr. Francis Kakara, ALCP/OSS, Fr. Eugene Okere, CSSp., and Fr. Think Van Tran, OFM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To better provide for the faithful of our diocese, I am pleased to announce the following assignments.

- Fr. Patrick Bergquist as Parochial Administrator of Holy Mary of Guadalupe Parish, Healy, effective 1 June 2024. Fr. Patrick will also provide liturgical support in Denali National Park during the summer months.
- Fr. M. Arokiya Don Bosco, ALCP/OSS as Priest Moderator for St. Theresa Parish, Aniak; Holy Family Church, Holy Cross; Immaculate Conception Parish, Kalskag; St. Michael Parish, McGrath; and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Russian Mission, effective 1 August 2024.
- Fr. Francis Kakara, ALCP/OSS as Priest Moderator for St. John Berchmans Parish, Galena and St. Peter in Chains Parish, Ruby, effective 13 July 2024.
- Fr. Eugene Okere, CSSp as Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick Parish, Barrow (Utqiagvik), effective 8 June 2024.
- Fr. Think Van Tran, OFM as Priest Moderator for St. Teresa Parish, Kaltag; St. Patrick Parish, Koyukuk; and Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Nulato, effective 31 May 2024.

Thank you for your prayers, especially for our priests transitioning to new ministries and parishes. I ask you to continue to pray for vocations to the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Steven J. Maekawa, O.P.
Bishop of Fairbanks



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