



DECREE *of Appointment*

Whereas the vacancies created by the transfer of pastors must be filled for the pastoral care of the faithful;

Having considered the parishes in need of pastoral care and having consulted the priests personnel board in order to determine suitable candidates to serve them, I hereby decree the following

APPOINTMENTS

Pastor:

- The **Very Reverend Colin Haganey, V.F.**, formerly Pastor of St. Francis Xavier in Burlington, KS, St. Joseph in Waverly, KS, St. Patrick in Emerald, KS, and St. Teresa of Avila in Westphalia, KS to Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Emporia, KS, while continuing as Dean of the Southern Deanery;
- The **Very Reverend Gerald Volz, V.F.**, formerly Pastor of Corpus Christ Catholic Parish in Lawrence, KS and Dean of the Lawrence Deanery to Pastor of Church of the Nativity in Leawood, KS;
- The **Reverend Carter Zielinski**, formerly Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Emporia, KS to Pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Parish, while continuing further studies in Canon Law.

Parochial Administrator:

- The **Reverend George Rhodes**, from Parochial Vicar of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Topeka, KS and chaplain of Cor Christi Catholic Center at Washburn University to Parochial Administrator of St. Francis Xavier in Burlington, KS, St. Joseph in Waverly, KS, St. Patrick in Emerald, KS, and St. Teresa of Avila in Westphalia, KS;

Parochial Vicar:

- The **Reverend Theodulus Tanti**, from residence at Prince of Peace in Olathe, KS to Parochial Vicar of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Topeka, KS.

These appointments will take effect on 31 October 2025.

Parochial Administrator:

The **Very Reverend John Riley** to Parochial Administrator of Cure of Ars in Leawood, KS, effective immediately.

These appointments are to be published on the website of the Archdiocese and in the next edition of The Leaven.

Given at the Chancery in Kansas City, KS on the 17th day of September in the year of Our Lord 2025.



The Most Reverend Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas

Rev. Anthony Saiki, J.C.L.
Vice-Chancellor