



**MOST REVEREND W. SHAWN McKNIGHT, S.Th.D.**  
ARCHBISHOP OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

**DECREE**  
*of Appointments*

To provide for the most effective pastoral care of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, I hereby decree the following

**APPOINTMENTS**

*Parochial Administrator:*

- The **Very Reverend Mark Mertes** to Parochial Administrator of Christ the King Parish in Kansas City, KS, while continuing as Vicar General & Vicar for Clergy and Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kansas City, KS, effective 2 February 2026 and until 30 June 2026.

*Parochial Vicar:*

- The **Reverend Keith Chadwick**, formerly Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Kansas City, KS, to part-time Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles and part-time assistant to the Chancellor, while continuing as the Archbishop's Master of Ceremonies, effective 2 February 2026 and until 30 June 2026.

*Other:*

- The **Reverend Timothy Skoch** to Associate Director of Vocations, continuing as Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kansas City, KS, and chaplain of Bishop Ward High School, effective immediately.
- The **Reverend Nicholas Ashmore**, from Associate Director of Vocations to long-distance studies in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America while continuing as Director of the Diddle Catholic Campus Center and Pastor of St. Catherine Catholic Church, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year of Our Lord 2026.



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

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