



COMMUNIQUÉ DATED MAY 31, 2016

P ASTORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016

As we reach the end of our pastoral year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all those who have journeyed with us, whether at the diocesan or the parish level, but are now leaving for various reasons. I thank them most sincerely for all they have done for our Church and ask the Lord to grant them His peace and joy!

I am pleased to announce today the following pastoral appointments to take effect on August 15, 2016.

❖ DIOCESAN LEVEL

I renew to a ONE-year term the mandates of:

- Fr. Roger Dionne, Chaplain of the Canadian Legion
- Fr. Laurent Nadeau, Chaplain, Edmundston Regional Hospital
- Sister Ronilla Sirois, R.H.S.J., Chancellor of the Diocese and Coordinator of the Matrimonial Tribunal
- Fr. Ivan Thériault, Collaborator in the pastoral ministry at the Edmundston Regional Hospital, Chaplain at the Résidences Jodin Inc. and Chaplain at the Saint-Hilaire Correctional Centre
- Fr. Jacques Thériault, Vicar general
- Fr. Pierre Thibodeau, collaborator on the New Pastoral Orientation team for 2017-2022 and occasional pastoral ministry at the Notre-Dame-de-la-Fraternité and Notre-Dame-du-Madawaska Pastoral Units.

Note: As soon as the name of the diocesan coordinator for the Solidarity and Social Justice Committee is known, that person will be officially appointed.

❖ **PASTORAL UNITS**

- EDMUNDSTON PASTORAL ZONE -

I renew to a ONE-year term the parish animation team of the CHRIST-ROI PASTORAL UNIT (Parish of Saint-Basile and Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph):

- Father Jean-François Pelletier, Moderator, Sister Lorraine Soucy, R.H.S.J., Mrs. Pauline Banville-Pérusse, Mr. Jacques Cyr and Mr. Roger Roy

I renew to a ONE-year term the parish animation team of the SAINTE-FAMILLE PASTORAL UNIT (Parishes of Sacré-Coeur of Rivière-Verte and Sainte-Anne):

- Father William Rice, Moderator, Mr. Mario Cyr, Mrs. Alice Lavoie, Mrs. Nicole Mazerolle, Mr. Guy St-Onge and Mr. Guildo Thibodeau

I renew to a ONE-year term the parish animation team of the NOTRE-DAME-DU-MADAWASKA PASTORAL UNIT (Parishes of the Immaculate Conception and Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs):

- Father Roger Dionne, Moderator, Father Ivan Thériault, Collaborator, Mrs. Francine Daigle, Mrs. Lyne Hébert, Mrs. Stella Martin, Mr. Raoul Ouellette and Mrs. Liette Thibault

I renew to a TWO-year term the parish animation team of SAINT-JACQUES and SAINT JOSEPH PASTORAL UNIT:

- Father Claude Côté, C.J.M., Moderator, Mrs. Rina Bossé, Mrs. Normande Morin, Mrs. Rina Roussel, Mrs. Thérèse Toussaint, Mrs. Normande Turgeon and Mrs. Nicole Volpé

- GRAND FALLS PASTORAL ZONE -

I renew to a TWO-year term the SAINTE-TRINITÉ PASTORAL UNIT (Parishes of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue of Saint-Léonard-Parent and Saint-Léonard-de-Port-Maurice of Saint-Léonard):

- Father Roland Poitras, I.V.D., Moderator, Mr. Lee Akerley, Mrs. Claudette Cyr, Mrs. Victorine Cyr, Mr. Jean-Louis Gervais, Mrs. Colombe King and Mrs. Denyse Morin
Note: As soon as the name of the person to join the team is known, that person will be officially appointed.

I appoint to a ONE-year term the priest moderator and the priest collaborator of the NOTRE-DAME-DU-SACRÉ-COEUR PASTORAL UNIT (Parishes of Assumption and Saint-Georges of Grand Falls, Saint Michel of Drummond and Saint-André):

- Father Guy Levesque, P.M.E., Moderator and Father Patrice Picard, P.M.É., Collatorator

Note: As soon as the names of the other members of the Pastoral Team of the Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Coeur Pastoral Unit are known, they will be officially appointed.

- RESTIGOUCHE PASTORAL ZONE -

I renew to a TWO-year term the parish animation team of SAINT-MARTIN and SAINT-QUENTIN PASTORAL UNIT:

- Father Crépin Nzita Khonde, Moderator, Mrs. Claudette Joubert-Arpin, Mr. Roger Bujold, Mrs. Yvette Caron, Mrs. Noëlla Castonguay, Mrs. Victoire Chouinard, Mrs. Martine Dubé-Côté and Mrs. Blanche Michaud-Leclerc.

Important Notice:

Since there are no changes, the following Parish Animation Teams remain the same:

- ✦ Notre-Dame-de-la-Fraternité Pastoral Unit: *the actual appointments are in effect until 2017;*
- ✦ Kedgwick/Saint-Jean-Baptiste Pastoral Unit: *the actual appointments are in effect until 2018;*
- ✦ Divine Mercy Pastoral Unit : *the actual appointments are in effect until 2018;*



On behalf of the Diocesan Church of Edmundston, I personally welcome all those who have accepted to serve our Church, whether on the diocesan level, as members of the parish animation teams and in committees.

This year, our reflexion will be on the Diocesan Pastoral Priority “ ***Opened to the Spirit and to The Signs of Times*** ”.

May this Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy continue to remind us that mercy and joy are intimately linked, making one another grow. And may this Jubilee lead us to recognize the discreet and effective presence of the Father in all the gestures of kindness and compassion that the Spirit reveals.

To each and everyone, I wish a very “ **Good Pastoral Year 2016-2017** ” !

In solidarity for the mission task that is ours, I am,

Fraternally yours,

† Claude Champagne, O.M.I.
Bishop of Edmundston