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## APPOINTMENTS 2004

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In response to his physician's desire I am granting Father Bertrand Ouellet a year of rest, to improve his health. The priests' senate shall be composed of Fathers Roger Dionne, V.G., Aurèle Godbout, C.J.M., Laurent Nadeau, Joseph Numbi Phaku Mavambu, F.D., Ivan Thériault, Jacques Thériault, and Rino Thériault. For the 2004-2005 pastoral year, the diocesan commission on economic affairs shall be composed of Mr. Rino Nadeau, chairman, Father William Rice, diocesan bursar, Mr. Jean-Yves April, Mr. Carmel Caouette, Mr. Gilles Couturier, Mr. Don Lajoie, Mrs. Jeannelle Morin, Mrs Jeannette Pelletier, and Mr. Ernest Sirois. Besides these, a special committee has been formed to oversee the diocesan major financial campaign follow-up.

### DIOCESAN DIRECTORS

In the next few months we shall appoint a person to head the youth ministry office, and another for the family ministry office. I renew Sister Ronilla Sirois' mandate to a three-year term as chancellor of the diocese of Edmundston and the regional marriage tribunal coordinator. I renew for one year the mandate of Mrs. Joyce Shannon as director of the adult religious education programme. I renew for three years Sister Yvette Morneault's mandate as chairperson of the diocesan commission on liturgy and culture, and the mandate of Mrs. Georgette Thibodeau as web mistress of our internet site. I renew for one year the mandate of the committee of oversight of candidates to the priesthood; this committee is composed of Father Roger Dionne, V.G., coordinator, Father Pierre Thibodeau, Sister Lucie Gagnon, D.W., and Mr. Paul Albert. I renew for two years the mandate of Sister Claire Lafrance, f.m.a., as diocesan director of pastoral agent formation. I appoint Mr. Donald D'Amours to a one-year term as coordinator of the radio programme "Au rythme de l'Église." I renew for three years the mandate of Father Bertrand Ouellet as chaplain of the Faith and Light Movement in Eastern Canada.

### PARISH OFFICIALS

Since August 15, 1999, the pastoral charge of parishes has been the responsibility of pastoral teams. I praise God for the wonderful collaboration given and for the work which this team approach to ministry has accomplished. For 2004-2005, though there may be little change in the makeup of these pastoral teams, it is important to consolidate these teams that are called to move forward into new areas of endeavour, by determining further specific tasks within the team, and by carrying out the pastoral restructuring proposed, for pastoral unity. Let us remember that within the parish pastoral team, because of his ordination the priest moderator represents Christ the Head of the Church. As such, he presides the celebration of the sacraments, proclaims the Word, and ensures the unity of the community confided to his care. The priest moderator shall meet with his whole pastoral team at least monthly, and attend meetings of the deanery or pastoral zone. Besides, the priest moderator is the living link between the members of his community and the Bishop of the diocese, and it is incumbent on the priest moderator to pass on to those concerned what he has received from the Bishop, and to the Bishop the greetings, recommendations, and views of the community. This indispensable mutual communion is the foundation of any lasting and worthwhile pastoral work. It is in this spirit that I appoint to a one-year term the following parish pastoral teams:

**UPPER MADAWASKA** – Pastoral team ministering to the parishes of Saint-François d'Assise (Clair), Saint-François-Xavier, and Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire (Connors): Father Claude Côté, C.J.M., moderator; Mr. Armand Bernier, Mr. Guildas Boucher, Mrs. Gaétane Duval, Mrs. Fernande Lang, and Mr. Maurice Pelletier. Team ministering to the parish of Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin (Lac-Baker): Father Jean-Marie Martin, moderator; Mr. Robert Boutot and Mr. Marcel Pelletier. Team ministering to the parishes of Saint-Hilaire and Saint-Cœur-de

Marie (Baker Brook): Father Jacques Thériault, moderator; Sister Elmona Thibodeau, R.H.S.J., pastoral agent; Mrs. Ghislaine Bouchard, Mrs. Rinette Côté, Mrs. Lucille Lagacé, and Mrs. Huguette Laplante.

**EDMUNDSTON** – Team ministering to Immaculate Conception Parish: Father Roger Dionne, V.G., moderator; Father Gérald Montminy, S.M., Mrs. Mona Albert, and Mr. Raoul Ouellette. Team ministering to Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Parish: Father Gaëtan Côté, moderator; Sister Alberte Gallant, f.m.a., pastoral agent; Mrs. Gaëtane Beaulieu, Mrs. Monette Hébert, Mr. Réal Racine and Mrs. Liette Thibault. Team ministering to Saint-Joseph-de-Madawaska Parish: Father Claude Clavet, moderator; Mrs. Brigitte Bossé-Babineau, Mr. Donald Couturier, Mrs. Linda Deschênes, and Mrs. Louise Ruest. Team ministering to Saint-Jacques Parish: Father Rino Thériault, moderator; Mrs. Sophie Roy-Couturier, Mr. Jean-Louis Lang, Mrs. Ginette Bossé-Losier and Mrs. Jeanne d'Arc Michaud. Team ministering to the parishes of Sacré-Cœur (Green River) and Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska: Father Joseph Numbi Phaku Mavambu, F.D., moderator; Sister Florida Lavoie, S.M., Mr. Yvon Cyr, Mrs. Nicole Mazerolle, and Mrs. Rollande Thibodeau. Team ministering to Saint-Basile Parish: Father Romain Trépanier, S.M., moderator; Mrs. Béatrice Beaulieu, and Mr. Gérald Lévesque. (Team to be completed). Father Gaëtan Bernier shall collaborate in the parish ministry according to his capacity. Father Gérald Montminy shall continue to cooperate in the Edmundston Regional Hospital pastoral ministry. Sister Yvonne Bouchard, S.S.S., shall coordinate pastoral activity at the convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Sister Kathleen Landry, R.H.S.J., shall coordinate pastoral activities at the Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph (Sant-Basile).

**GRAND FALLS** – Team ministering to the parishes of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Saint-Léonard, and Saint-Léonard-Parent: Father Ernest Dumaresq, C.J.M., moderator; Sister Réjeanne Fortin, S.G.M., pastoral agent; Mrs. Cécile Bellevleur, Mrs. Victorine Cyr, and Mrs. Yvette Labonté. Team ministering to Assumption, Saint-Georges, Saint-André and Saint-Michel (Drummond) Parishes: Father William Rice, moderator; Fathers Normand Godbout, Frédéric Poitras, and Ghislain Rémillard; Sisters Jeannine Cormier, N.D.S.C., Mavis McCluskey, N.D.S.C., Mrs. Patricia Cyr, and Mrs. Gisèle McCue, pastoral agents; Mrs. Suzanne Desrosiers and Mr. Gildard Lavoie.

**RESTIGOUCHE** – Team ministering to Très-Saint-Sacrement, Saint-Quentin, Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix (St-Martin) Parishes: Father Roland Poitras, I.V.D., moderator; Sister Yvette Morneault, f.m.a., Mrs. Pauline Aubut, Mrs. Hélène Beaulieu, Mrs. Noëlla Castonguay, Mrs. Hélène Bernier-Cyr and Mrs. Blanche Michaud-Leclerc. Team ministering to Notre-Dame-des-Prodiges (Kedgwick) and Saint-Jean-Baptiste Parishes: Father Ivan Thériault, moderator; Mrs. Claudette Babineau, pastoral agent; Mrs. Bernadette Beaulieu, Mrs. Marie-Ange Bernatchez, Mrs. Rosa Borris, Mrs. Albertine Normand, and Mrs. Solange Tremblay.

**SOUTHERN VICTORIA** – Team ministering to St. Theresa (Anderson Road), Assumption (Blue Bell), St. Thomas Aquinas (Plaster Rock), and St. Joseph (Tilley) Parishes: Father Pierre Thibodeau, moderator; Mr. Harold Short-Evans, Mrs. Ann Campbell, Mrs. Georgine Rioux, Mrs. Judy St. Peter, pastoral agents; Mrs. Rose Jeppesen, Mrs. Pat Rossignol, and Mrs. Rose St. Peter. Team ministering to Our Lady of Mercy (Aroostook), St. Patrick (Limestone Siding), St. Ann (Maliseet), and St. Mary of the Angels (Perth-Andover) Parishes: Father Curtis Sappier, moderator; Mrs. Lorraine Clark, Mrs. Shirley Gamblin and Mr. Tim Nicholas. (Team to be completed).

May the Virgin Mary, to whom I dedicate these appointments, bring us countless blessings, and may she help us reach new levels in faith education, fellowship, the evangelical transformation of our world, our prayer life, and, especially, pastoral youth ministry.

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