



From A Bishop's Journal (753)

Pastoral Appointments for 2008-2009

Just as the Lord spent time in prayer before appointing his Apostles, just as the Apostles themselves prayed before naming the heads of the first Christian communities, it is after prayer and consultation that I make the following appointments of those who shall collaborate in the building up of the Body of Christ which is our beloved Church, for the 2008-2009 pastoral year. Allow me, before proceeding with the appointments that are to take effect August 15 of this year, to thank all those who contributed to our diocesan and parish councils but who, for one reason or another, cannot continue: May the Lord give them one hundredfold for all they have done for him and his Church. I want to say a special thank you to the Marist Fathers: We are sorry to lose the services of Father Roch Létourneau, S.M., who is leaving us, thus bringing to an end the presence of the Marist Fathers in our Diocese, after 13 years of dedicated ministry. Here, then, are the 107 appointments involving 22 priests, 8 religious sisters, and 66 lay people (16 men and 50 women).

Diocesan Level

I appoint Father Leo Grégoire, I.V.D. to a three-year term as Defender of the Bond at the marriage tribunal, and supply priest for the Southern Victoria Pastoral Zone; Father William Rice, diocesan bursar; Mrs. Nicole B. Michaud, diocesan bookkeeper; Sister Cecilia McGraw, R.H.S.J., assistant bookkeeper; Sister Irène Pelletier, F.M.A., diocesan coordinator of family- and parish-based catechetics; Sister Paulette Turcotte, F.M.A., diocesan director of the Mess'AJE programme; Father Bertrand Ouellet, collaborator in the Edmundston Regional Hospital ministry and supply priest for the Restigouche and Grand Falls pastoral zones; Father Lucien Lévesque, supply priest for the Grand Falls Pastoral Zone; Father Claude Clavet, supply priest for the Upper Madawaska Pastoral Zone; Fathers Rino Thériault (Immaculate Conception and Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs), Normand Godbout (Saint-Joseph and Saint-Jacques), and Jean-Marie Martin (Villa des Jardins Inc.), supply priests for the Edmundston Pastoral Zone; Father Roger Dionne, V.G., chaplain to the Royal Canadian Legion; Mrs. Patricia Cyr, coordinator of the (French) adult faith education programme. I appoint Father Crépin Nzita Khonde, F.D., a priest of the Diocese of Boma, to a one-year term as chaplain to the Université de Moncton, Edmundston Campus. I welcome Father Crépin among us, and I wish him a happy stay among us.

Pastoral Units for 2008-2009

I appoint the teams involved in the pastoral units to a one-year term:

Upper Madawaska Pastoral Zone

~ Baker Brook, Saint-Hilaire and Lac-Baker Pastoral Unit: Fr. Whalen Bossé, I.V.D., Moderator; Mrs. Diane Bolduc, Mrs. Luce Boutot, Mrs. Gemma Dumont, Mr. Marcel Pelletier and Mrs. Rinette Pelletier.

~ Clair, Connors and Saint-François Pastoral Unit: Fr. Ivan Thériault, Moderator; Mrs. Louise Albert, Mr. Guildas Boucher, Mrs. Sandra Corriveau, Mr. Normand Milliard, Mr. Yvon Morneault, and seminarian intern Jean-François Pelletier.

Edmundston Pastoral Zone

~ Immaculate Conception and Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Pastoral Unit: Fr. Roger Dionne, V.G., Moderator; Fr. Ghislain Rémillard, assistant; Sister Alberte Gallant, F.M.A., pastoral agent; Mrs. Louise Boucher, Mrs. Huguette Murphy, and Mrs. Liette Thibault.

~ Saint-Basile Pastoral Unit (parish, Foyer Saint-Joseph, Hôtel-Dieu): Fr. Jacques Thériault, Moderator; Sister Elmona Thibodeau, R.H.S.J., pastoral agent; Mrs. Louise Doucette, Mrs. Aline Mercure, and Mr. Roger Roy.

~ Saint-Jacques and Saint-Joseph Pastoral Unit: Fr. Claude Côté, C.J.M., Moderator; Mrs. Rina Bossé, Mrs. Céline Boucher, Mr. François Cyr, Mrs. Rina Lavoie, Mrs. Antoinette Levesque, Mrs. Jeannelle Morin, and Mr. Jean-Charles Ouellette.

~ Rivière-Verte and Sainte-Anne Pastoral Unit: Fr. Joseph Numbi Phaku Mavambu, F.D., Moderator; Sister Florida Lavoie, S.M., Mrs. Alice Lavoie, Mr. Martial LeClair, Mrs. Nicole Mazerolle and Mrs. Rollande Thibodeau.

Grand Falls Pastoral Zone

~ Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Saint-Léonard-Parent and Saint-Léonard: Fr. Roland Poitras, I.V.D., Moderator; Mr. Lee Akerley, pastoral agent; Mrs. Fabienne Albert, Mrs. Victorine Cyr, Mrs. Victoire Daigle, Mr. Jean-Louis Gervais, and Mrs. Denyse Morin.

~ Drummond, Assumption, Saint-Georges and Saint-André Pastoral Unit: Fr. William Rice, Moderator; Fr. Frédéric Poitras and Fr. Pierre Thibodeau, assistants; Sister Jeannine Cormier, N.D.S.C. and Mrs. Gisèle M^cCue, pastoral agents; Mrs. Patricia Cyr, Mrs. Suzanne Desrosiers, Mr. Réal Dionne, Mrs. Anne-Marie Laforest, and Mr. Gildard Lavoie.

Restigouche Pastoral Zone

~ Kedgwick and Saint-Jean-Baptiste Pastoral Unit: Fr. Ernest Dumaresq, C.J.M., Moderator; Sister Viola Côté, F.M.A.; Mrs. Claudette Babineau, pastoral agent; Mrs Nicole Babineau, Mrs. Marie-Ange Bernatchez, Mrs. Rosa Borris, Mrs. Albertine Normand, and Mrs. Solange Tremblay.

~ Saint-Martin and Saint-Quentin Pastoral Unit: Fr. Guy Loisel, C.J.M., Moderator; Mrs. Claudette Joubert-Arpin, Mrs. Pauline Aubut, Mrs. Noëlla Castonguay, Mrs. Blanche Michaud-Leclerc, and Mrs. Pâquerette Michaud.

Southern Victoria Pastoral Unit

~ Aroostook, Limestone Siding, Tobique First Nation, and Perth-Andover Pastoral Unit: Fr. Gilbert Doddatto, I.V.D., Moderator; Mrs. Anita Anderson, Mrs. Shirley Gamblin, Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson, Mrs. Kelly Morin, Mr. Paul Morin, Mr. Tim Nicholas, Mr. Wendell Nicholas, Mrs. Doreen Roach, and Mrs. Jacqueline Van Kessel.

~ Anderson Road, Blue Bell, Plaster Rock and Tilley Pastoral Unit: Fr. Curtis Sappier, Moderator; Mr. Harold Short-Evans, Mrs. Ann Campbell, Mrs. Georgine Rioux and Mrs. Judy St. Peter, pastoral agents; Mrs. Rita Baker and Mrs. Patricia Rossignol.

May the Virgin Mary and her divine Son bless us with their greatest gifts.

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