
APPOINTMENTS 2005



As it is the bishop's duty to fill positions in the Church, I do so with complete trust in the Lord. After having prayed and consulted throughout the past several weeks, I am publishing these appointments which are to become effective August 15, 2005.

REASON FOR THESE APPOINTMENTS

I invite you to accept the present appointments in a spirit of faith. They are calls made to people and communities so that we be able to continue together to build the Body of Christ which is the Church and to pass on to the world in our milieu the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is not really a matter of filling "positions". We must ensure that the Gospel of Salvation is better known, that faith, charity, and hope can be revived by those to whom I give a particular mandate. "There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone" (1 Cor. 12:4). May these appointments, therefore, contribute to the "building of vibrant communities enlivened by youth," according to the pastoral priority adopted for the present pastoral year.

GRATITUDE

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to those who have been terrific partners during the 2004-2005 pastoral year but who, for various reasons, cannot continue. They shall contribute to the Church's life by their prayer and witness. I thank in a special way the pastoral team members, and the volunteers. My deepest thanks to Monsignor Urbain Lang, P.H., who for the past eighteen years ministered to the Grand Falls Regional Hospital. My special thanks are also extended to Father Gaëtan Côté, moderator of the Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs pastoral team since 2001, who for health reasons, asked me, on April 26, to relieve him of his actual functions: I accept his request and I grant him a full year's sabbatical. I thank in a very special way Mr. Paul and Mrs. Julie Arsenault for serving as diocesan directors of the French marriage preparation service, these past 36 years; I extend to them the gratitude of all the couples of the diocese of Edmundston. I thank Mrs. Pauline Aubut, Mrs. Cécile Bellefleur, Mrs. Lorraine Clark, Mrs. Rose Jeppesen, Mrs. Yvette Labonté, Mr. Gérald Lévesque, Mr. Tim Nicholas and Mrs. Louise Ruest for their involvement in parish pastoral ministry. I extend a special welcome to Father Jacques Lapointe, O.F.M., who for the next fifteen months will be working with Immigration Canada at Saint-Léonard and who shall help out according to his availability with pastoral ministry in the English sector. I thank Father Léo Grégoire, I.V.D., will continue to help the English sector, Father Lucien Lévesque Grand Falls Deanery and Father Bertrand Ouellet Restigouche deanery. On behalf of our diocesan Church and in my own name, I want to thank all those who have accepted new pastoral function for the year 2005-2006.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORS

I appoint the following to a five-year term to the College of Consultors which is responsible for ensuring the smooth working of the diocese in the case of a vacancy: Fr. Roger Dionne, V.G., Fr. Aurèle Godbout, C.J.M., president, Fr. Laurent Nadeau, Fr. Joseph Numbi Phaku Mavambu, Fr. Yvan Thériault, Fr. Jacques Thériault, and Fr. Rino Thériault. I renew for a three-year period Mr. Benoit Moreau's mandate as

diocesan youth ministry and family ministry coordinator; the mandate of Fr. Leo Grégoire, I.V.D., as Defender of the Bond at our Marriage Tribunal; the mandate of Sister Irène Pelletier, F.M.A., as coordinator of the diocesan committee for family- and parish-based catechesis; the mandate of Sr. Jacqueline Poirier, F.M.A., as director of the École de la Foi; the mandate of Sr. Paulette Turcotte, F.M.A., as diocesan director of the Mess'AJE Bible sessions; the mandate of Fr. Roch Létourneau, S.M., as chaplain at the Foyer Saint-Joseph, at Saint-Basile; the mandate of Mrs. Jeannelle Morin as financial secretary for the economic affairs commission, and the mandate of Sister Cécilia McGraw, R.H.S.J., as assistant financial secretary. I renew the mandate of Fr. Bertrand Ouellet as State Chaplain of the Daughters of Isabella in the diocese of Edmundston, and the mandate of Fr. Roger Dionne, V.G., as chaplain to the Canadian Legion. I renew for one year the mandate of Fr. Gérald Montminy, S.M., as president of the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy and Culture, the mandate of Mr. Donald D'Amours as coordinator of the *Au rythme de l'Église* radio programme; the mandate of our diocesan Seminary team to guide our candidates to ordination: Fr. Roger Dionne, V.G., coordinator, Fr. Pierre Thibodeau, Sister Lucie Gagnon, D.W., and Mr. Paul Albert; and, until August 15, 2006, the mandate of Fr. Ghislain Rémillard as diocesan chaplain to the Knights of Columbus.

PARISH DIRECTORS

Since August 15, 1999, the pastoral charge of parishes has been in the hands of parish pastoral teams, and I give thanks to the Lord for all their devotedness and the development it has experienced in working together as teams, specially family- and parish-based catechesis and youth ministry. Even if there are few changes in the composition of pastoral teams, for 2005-2006, the teams must be consolidated, as they are called to go further; this shall be done by specifying once again the respective tasks within each team, by pursuing the proposed pastoral restructuring for a pastoral unit, and by establishing parish youth ministry teams. In the parish pastoral team, let us not forget that because of his ordination, the priest-moderator represents Christ the Head of his Church. The priest-moderator presides sacramental celebrations, proclaims the Word, and ensures the unity of the community in his care. He shall convene all the members of his pastoral team at least once a month, and ensure that the members attend the zone's pastoral meetings. Besides this, the priest-moderator is the living link between members of his community and the bishop of the diocese. He shall therefore ensure that what he receives from the bishop is passed on to the proper person(s), and that he communicate to the bishop the greetings, recommendations, and advice of the community. This indispensable mutual communion is the foundation of all worthwhile and lasting pastoral work, and of all honest and professional ministry.

In this spirit, I appoint to a one-year mandate the members of the following parish teams:

UPPER MADAWASKA ZONE

Team ministering to the parishes of Saint-François-d'Assise of Clair, Saint-François-Xavier, and Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire of Connors:

Fr. 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 St-Thomas-d'Aquin, at Lac Baker:

Fr. Jean-Marie Martin, moderator, Mr. Robert Boutot, and Mr. Marcel Pelletier.

Team ministering to the parishes of Saint-Hilaire and Saint-Coeur-de-Marie at Baker Brook:

Fr. Jacques Thériault, moderator, Sr. Elmona Thibodeau, R.H.S.J., pastoral agent, Mrs. Ghislaine Bouchard, Mrs. Rinette Côté, Mrs. Lucille Lagacé, and Mrs. Huguette Laplante.

EDMUNDSTON ZONE

Team ministering to Immaculate Conception Parish:

Fr. Roger Dionne, V.G., moderator, Fr. Gérald Montminy, S.M., Mrs. Mona Albert, Mrs. Louise Boucher, Mrs. Jacinthe Desjardins and Mr. Raoul Ouellette.

According to his possibilities, Father Gaëtan Bernier will collaborate in the pastoral ministry. Father Gérald Montminy, S.M., will continue to share pastoral ministry at the Edmundston Regional Hospital. Sister Yvonne Bouchard, S.S.S., shall coordinate pastoral activities at the convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

Team ministering to Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Parish:

Fr. Normand Godbout, moderator, Sister Alberte Gallant, F.M.A., pastoral agent, Mrs. Gaétane Beaulieu, Mrs. Monette Hébert, Mr. Réal Racine and Mrs. Liette Thibault.

Team ministering to the parish of Saint-Joseph-de-Madawaska:

Fr. Claude Clavet, moderator, Mrs. Brigitte Bossé-Babineau, Mr. Donald Couturier, and Mrs. Linda Deschênes.

Team ministering to Saint-Jacques Parish:

Fr. Rino Thériault, moderator, Mr. Jean-Louis Lang, Mrs. Ginette Bossé-Losier and Mrs. Sophie Roy-Couturier.

Team ministering to the parishes of Sacré-Coeur, Rivière-Verte, and Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska:

Fr. 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 the parish of Saint-Basile:

Fr. Romain Trépanier, S.M., moderator, Mrs. Béatrice Beaulieu, Mrs. Noella Desjardins and Mrs. Louise Doucette.

Sister Alfreda Desjardins, R.H.S.J., the superior, shall coordinate pastoral activity at the Hôtel-Dieu-de-Saint-Joseph at Saint-Basile. Father Roch, Létourneau, S.M., shall continue with his ministry at the Foyer Saint-Joseph.

GRAND FALLS ZONE

Team ministering to the parishes of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Saint-Léonard-Ville, and Saint-Léonard-Parent:

Father Ernest Dumaresq, C.J.M., moderator, Sister Réjeanne Fortin, S.G.M., pastoral agent, Mrs. Fabienne Albert, Mr. Gilles Albert, Mrs. Victorine Cyr and Mr. Jean-Louis Gervais.

Team ministering to Assumption and Saint Georges parishes, and the parishes of Saint-André and Saint-Michel, Drummond:

Father William Rice, moderator, Fr. Frédéric Poitras, Fr. Ghislain Rémillard, Sister Jeannine Cormier, N.D.S.C., Sister Mavis McCluskey, N.D.S.C., Mrs. Patricia Cyr and Mrs Gisèle McCue, pastoral agents, Mrs. Suzanne Desrosiers and Mr. Gildard Lavoie.

Pastoral activity at the Grand Falls Regional Hospital is ensured by the pastoral team. The moderator ensures their coordination.

RESTIGOUCHE ZONE

Team ministering to the parishes of Très-Saint-Sacrement at Saint-Quentin and Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix at Saint-Martin:

Father Roland Poitras, I.V.D., moderator, Mr Paul Avoine, Mrs Hélène Beaulieu, Mrs Noëlla Castonguay, Mrs. Hélène Bernier-Cyr and Mrs. Blanche Michaud-Leclerc.

Team ministering to the parishes of Notre-Dame-des-Prodiges in Kedgwick, and Saint-Jean-Baptiste:

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 ZONE

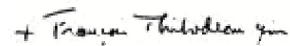
Team ministering to the parishes of St. Theresa, Anderson Road, Assumption, Blue Bell, St. Thomas Aquinas, Plaster Rock, and St. Joseph, Tilley:

Father Pierre Thibodeau, moderator, Mrs. Ann Campbell, Mrs. Georgine Rioux, Mrs. Judy St. Peter and Mr. Harold Short-Evans, pastoral agents, Mrs. Pat Rossignol and Mrs. Rose St. Peter.

Team ministering to the parishes of Our Lady of Mercy, Aroostook, St. Patrick, Limestone Siding, St. Ann, Maliseet, and St. Mary of the Angels, Perth-Andover:

Father Curtis Sappier, moderator, Mrs. Lynn Crawford, Mrs. Shirley Gamblin, Mrs. Becky M^cCarthy, Mrs. Bonnie M^cCarthy and Mr. Norval Sappier.

May the Virgin Mary, to whom I dedicate these appointments, bring us God's bounteous blessings, and may she help us reach new stages in faith development, fellowship, and the evangelical transformation of our world and our prayer life, especially as regards youth ministry. During this Year of the Eucharist, may our holiness increase!



+ François Thibodeau, C.J.M.
Bishop of Edmundston

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