



Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria

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MEMO

Date: December 18, 2019
To: Clergy, Parishes, Religious, Principals, Staff
From: Bishop Gary Gordon
Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor
Re: Pastoral Ministry Changes

As we continue to develop a model of collaborative and shared ministry in our Diocese, Bishop Gary has, in consultation with the Priest Personnel Committee, made the following pastoral ministry changes:

Effective January 2, 2020:

Fr. Stephen Paine has been granted a **sabbatical** for a year and thus will be relinquishing his pastorship of St. Edward's Parish in Duncan, St. Louis de Montfort Parish in Lake Cowichan, and Queen of Angels School in Duncan. Fr. Stephen will be engaged in priestly and personal renewal through study, prayer, rest, and will retain his priestly faculties and be in and out of the Diocese during his sabbatical year.

Fr. Roger Poblete has been appointed **Parochial Administrator of St. Edward's Parish** in Duncan, and Bishop's Delegate of **Queen of Angels School**, in addition to his pastoral responsibilities as Pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Duncan.

Fr. John Laszczyk has been appointed **Parochial Administrator Pro-Tem of St. Francis Xavier Parish** in Mill Bay, in addition to his pastoral responsibilities as Vicar General, Judicial Vicar, and Rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

We are grateful to the priests in our Diocese who continue to assume additional responsibilities, as they respond to multiple pastoral needs in service to the parishes and school communities during these challenging times.

Thank you for your support and prayers for the ongoing pastoral needs of the Diocese of Victoria.