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To: All Clergy, Religious, Staff, and Faithful of the Diocese of Biloxi

From: Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III 
Bishop of Biloxi

Date: May 15, 2023

After 14+ years of service as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Monsignor Dominick Fullam has requested to return to full-time pastoral ministry as Pastor of St. Michael Parish, Biloxi. Effective today, May 15, 2023, I have granted his request to resign from the office of Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, as well as the Presbyteral Council, College of Consultors, and the councils, boards, and committees associated with the office of Vicar General. He will continue as pastor of St. Michael Parish.

Monsignor Fullam's work has been exemplary, and I express the deep gratitude of myself and the previous two bishops he has served. His service has been a blessing to all of us in the Diocese of Biloxi.

Effective today, May 15, 2023, I have made the following appointments:

Father Adam Urbaniak is appointed Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. He remains Pastor of Our Lady of Victories Parish and is released of his appointment as Director of Vocations.

Father Vincent O. Ajayi is appointed Episcopal Vicar for Temporal Matters. He will retain his appointment as Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Long Beach. His responsibilities will include the oversight of financial matters (budgets, investments, grants, etc.), health and property insurance, personnel and priests' pensions and benefits, facilities, construction, etc.

Father Braxton J. Necaise is appointed Director of Vocations while remaining Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Hattiesburg.

Effective June 15, 2023:

Father Cuthbert O'Connell is appointed Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Lizana, and Our Lady of Chartres Mission in the Delmas Community, and hospital ministry at

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Singing River Gulfport Hospital. At the same time he is released from his appointment as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Father Satish Adhav is appointed Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Long Beach, and is released from his appointment as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

Father David Milton Maria Augustin, H.G.N., is appointed Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Moss Point, and St. Ann Mission, Hurley, and is released of his appointment as pastor of St. Ann Parish and Our Lady of Chartres Mission.

Effective August 16, 2023, Father Peter Varghese, C.M.I., is appointed Pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Biloxi. He is released from his appointment as pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish and St. Ann Mission, effective June 15, 2023. Also effective August 16, 2023, Fr. Varghese is appointed to priestly ministry at Ocean Springs Hospital and to priestly ministry for Senior Housing Ministry. From June 15-July 15, Father Varghese will be in residence and filling in for priestly ministry at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Gulfport. From July 16-August 15, he will be in residence and providing priestly ministry at St. Ann Parish and Our Lady of Chartres Mission.

Effective July 27, 2023, Father Mike Somers, S.V.D. is appointed Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

Deacon David Allen is appointed Parish Life Coordinator *pro tem* for St. John the Evangelist Parish June 15-July 26, 2023.