



12 July 2017

Re: Clergy Assignments 2017

Dear Parish priests, Pastoral Animators and Parishioners,

The following are the changes in priest personnel that will take effect on Wednesday 23 August 2017:

Father Jean Cornelis Nkuanga will be the parish priest in Falher, also serving St-Isidore and Donnelly.

Father Eucharius Ndzefemiti, SDV will be the rector of the cathedral in McLennan, also serving Guy.

Father Christian Ogbonna, SDV, will be the parish priest in Girouxville, also serving Tangent and Eaglesham. Father Christian has very recently arrived in the Archdiocese. He will live in community with Father Eucharius, at the former chancery office in McLennan. Both priests are members of the religious congregation known as the Society of Divine Vocations (Vocationists).

Father Nel Esguerra will be the parish priest in Peace River, also serving Nampa.

Father Maurice Marion will be the parish priest in Fairview, also serving Hines Creek.

Monsignor Charles Lavoie will be taking up residence in Grande Prairie, and working full time in the Chancery Office as Vicar General and Chancellor.

Father Michael Uso-Ereyi will be on study leave at Saint Paul University in Ottawa. Starting in early September, he will begin a two-year program to acquire a Licence in Canon Law.

Father Cyril Joseph will be on an extended sick leave in India, as he continues to recover from his foot infection. This leave will begin on 13 July 2017.

I am grateful to all of our priests for their spirit of service and cooperation as we make these changes. I know the toll it often takes on priests and parishioners alike when clergy assignments affect them. I pray for the graces that come from the Holy Spirit, to assure peace and joy for these priests and the people they serve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.", with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev. Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan