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To: Diocese of Fairbanks

From: Bishop Chad W. Zielinski

Subject: Assignments for Fr. Simon Jingbe, Fr. Piotr Oprych and Fr. Ross Tozzi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In order to better serve the faithful of our diocese, I'm making some pastoral changes this summer. This letter will address assignments for priests on the road system and for those departing the Diocese of Fairbanks for ministry elsewhere. Another letter will be forthcoming soon to address some more pastoral changes within our parishes in our rural villages.

Effective 1 June 2022, the following priests will be appointed:

- Fr. Simon Jingbe as Parochial Administrator of St. Raphael in Fairbanks.
- *Fr. Piotr Oprych* as Parochial Vicar of both St. Marks Parish and Sacred Heart Cathedral, both in Fairbanks, AK.
- *Fr. Ross Tozzi* as Pastor of St. Marks Parish in Fairbanks, AK. He will remain as Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral and as Vicar for Clergy and consecrated life.

The following international priests have fulfilled their contractual ministry here in the Diocese of Fairbanks and will be leaving this summer:

- Fr. Szymon Czuwara will be transferring to the Archdiocese of Denver end of June 2022.
- Fr. Stan Roz, SVD will return to his religious community in Poland prior to 1 July 2022.

Please continue to pray for vocations in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska

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