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To: Diocese of Fairbanks
From: Bishop Steven J. Maekawa, O.P.
Subject: Ministry Assignments, effective 1 July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To provide for the faithful of our diocese, I am pleased to announce the following assignments.

- **Fr. Randy Arca** as Priest *in solidum*, with Fr. Abraham Nemaia, of St. Catherine, Chefornak and Immaculate Conception, Bethel
- **Fr. Raymond Simtong Dayang** as Priest Moderator of Sacred Heart, Emmonak; St. Ignatius, Alakanuk; St. Joseph, Kotlik; and St. Peter, Nunum Iqua
- **Fr. Shepherd Munaro** as Priest Moderator of St. Peter the Fisherman, Toksook Bay; St. Joseph, Tununak; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nightmute
- **Fr. Charles Olweny** as Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick, Utqiagvik (Barrow)
- **Fr. Marlowe Rosales** as Priest Moderator of St. John Berchmans, Galena; St. Peter in Chains, Ruby; and St. Aloysius, Tanana
- **Fr. Joseph Tangka** as Chaplain of Pioneer Home, Denali Center, Fairbanks Correctional Center, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, and Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center

Thank you for your prayers and support of our priests. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Steven J. Maekawa, O.P.
Bishop of Fairbanks



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