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## Clergy appointments announced by Bishop Braxton

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Lake Charles, has announced appointments and re-appointments for the clergy of the diocese. Most of the appointments are effective July 1.

The Reverend Aubrey Guilbeau, Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland, has been appointed Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as well as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

In announcing the appointment Bishop Braxton said, "In these three positions Fr. Guilbeau becomes my principal collaborator in the governance of the Diocese. It will take time for him to become acclimated to his new responsibilities. Rev. Mr. George Stearns, the Chancellor, Msgr. Jace Es-kind, the Special Assistant for Pastoral Affairs, and I will assist him in learning about the work of the Pastoral Center. While these are administrative positions, the administrative responsibilities in a relatively small Diocese like ours are not overwhelming. Fr. Guilbeau has been well prepared for them at St. Margaret of Scotland. More than that, the priests, deacons, religious and people of the Diocese admire and respect him very much. From my perspective, the most important aspect of these appointments is pastoral - the pastoral concern and compassion that he has demonstrated throughout his ministry and that he will bring to the Cathedral parishioners and to the staff of our diocesan offices.

"I am aware that he assumes these responsibilities at a time when his mother, Theresa, is seriously ill. I have assured Fr. Guilbeau of my prayers and have urged him to make the needs of his mother and his family his first priority during this time."

The Bishop also announced that he was relieving Fr. Guilbeau of the position of Director of Seminarians and appointing the Rev. Timothy Goodly, Pastor of St. Henry and Director of Vocations, to become Director of Seminarians as well.

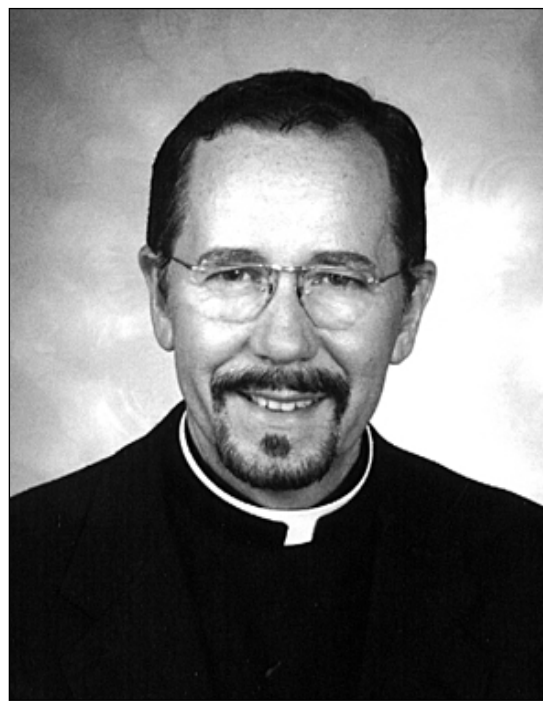
Regarding this appointment the Bishop noted, "Fr. Goodly has served very effectively in the pivotal position of Director of Vocations. In accepting the position of Director of Seminarians, he assumes two of the most important responsibilities in the Diocese. I am confident that his efforts, with the support, efforts, and prayers of us all, will bear fruit. The recent outpouring of love and appreciation that I saw first hand at Fr. Goodly's tenth anniversary celebration was an expression of the effectiveness of his service in the vocation which he is now called to nurture in others."

The Reverend Monsignor Harry Greig, Rector of the Cathedral, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Big Lake.

In announcing this change, the Bishop stated, "As Msgr. Greig takes up his



Rev. Aubrey Guilbeau



Rev. Charles McMillin

new ministry, I wish to express my gratitude to him for his faithful service to the people of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception during these past eight years. He has accomplished a great deal of good there and he enjoys the respect of the parishioners. In the name of the entire Diocese and in my own name, I wish to thank him as well for his work during these past two years as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. I am particularly grateful for his personal kindness to me in assisting me in many ways during the early days of my service here. I hope to continue to have the benefit of his wise counsel in the future."

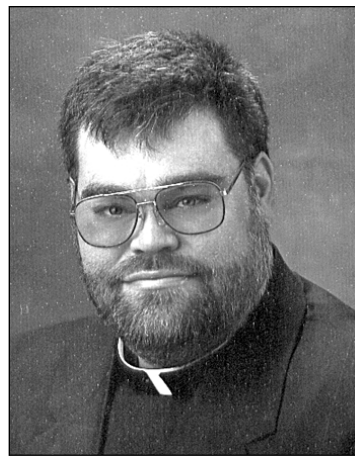
The Reverend Charles McMillin, Associate Pastor of St. Theodore Parish in Moss Bluff, was appointed to the new position of Executive Assistant to Bishop Braxton and as Secretary for Clergy, effective August 1.

Concerning Fr. McMillin's appointments, the Bishop said, "I am aware that I am calling Fr. McMillin to these new responsibilities after only one year of experience in pastoral ministry. However, I and others have noted his maturity and dedication. His unique experiences prior to entering the seminary as a professional in the business world, as a husband and father, as a caregiver to his dear wife, Bridget, and as a widower have given him a deep trust in God and a great sense of compassion for others. These and other gifts will be particular assets in his new responsibilities."

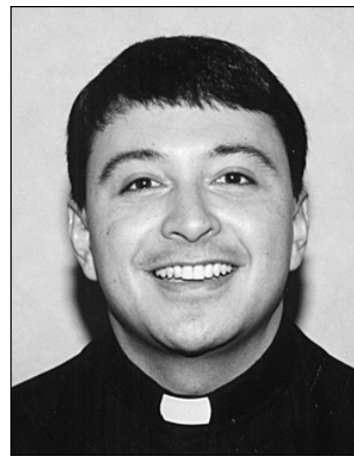
The Bishop also appointed Fr. McMillin as a part time Associate Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Lake Charles, effective August 1. He will reside at the Diocesan Residence.

Commenting on the appointment and reappointment of pastors the Bishop said, "If the Body of Christ is to grow in harmony, a special bond of trust and cooperation must exist between Pastor and Bishop."

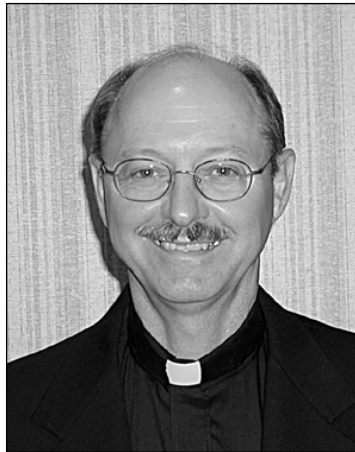
"The Pastor of a parish today faces many challenging responsibilities in the effort to bring his people closer to Jesus Christ. He preaches the Gospel, explains the scriptures and celebrates



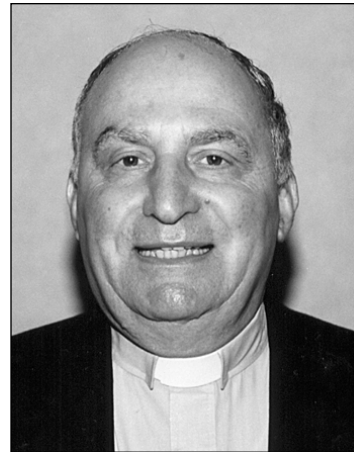
Rev. Clyde Thomas



Rev. Timothy Goodly



Rev. Albert Borel



Rev. John Poerio

the Sacraments. He provides for the religious education and formation of children and adults. He enters intimately into the lives of the faithful in times of joy and sorrow, from birth to death. He has a special concern for the poor, the sick and the victims of injustice and he must be solicitous of those who have been alienated from the Church.

"A good Pastor works in collegial cooperation with his fellow priests, as well as with the deacons, religious and Christian faithful who labor with him. He is the champion of Christian values and Catholic teachings in the larger society and he should be the first to reach out in ecumenical and interfaith collaboration with Christians of other traditions and leaders of other faiths. In the midst of all this, he must care for the administrative and financial needs of the parish. He must do all of this in fidelity to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council."

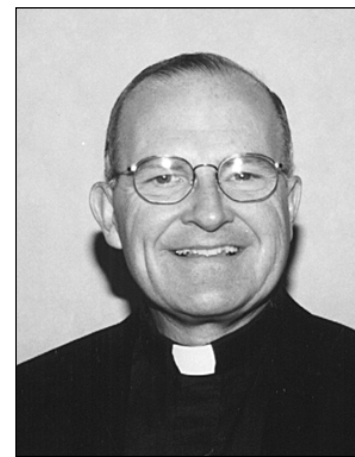
In other new pastoral appointments The Reverend William Miller, until now,

Pastor of St. Raphael Parish in Iowa, was named Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Lake Charles, and The Reverend Anthony Fontenot, until now, Associate Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Lake Charles was named Pastor of St. Raphael Parish in Iowa.

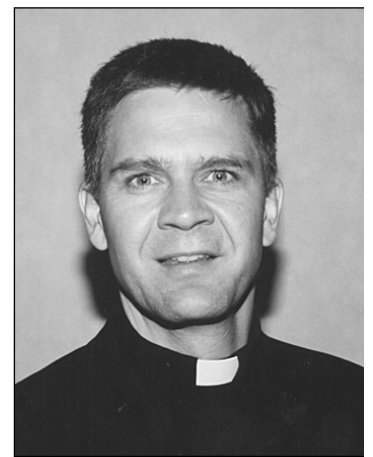
Three priests were reappointed to terms as Pastors - The Reverend Msgr. Charles Dubois, St. Theodore Parish, Moss Bluff, The Reverend E. Joseph McGrath, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Creole and The Reverend Fred Russi, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Oakdale.

Diocesan appointments which impact the tribunal include the naming of The Reverend Albert Borel, J.C.L., Pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Bell City, as Adjutant Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lake Charles. The Reverend Herbert J. May, J.C.L., Pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Parish in Welsh, is appointed Promoter of Justice for the Diocese of Lake Charles.

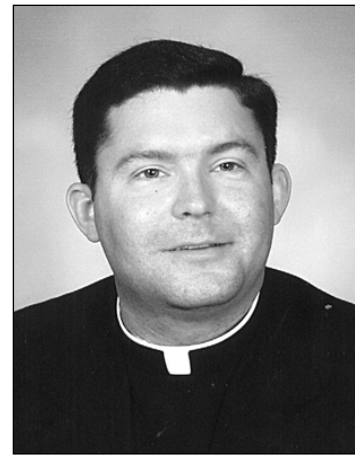
Concerning Fr. May and Fr. Borel, the Bishop said, "I am very pleased that Fr. May



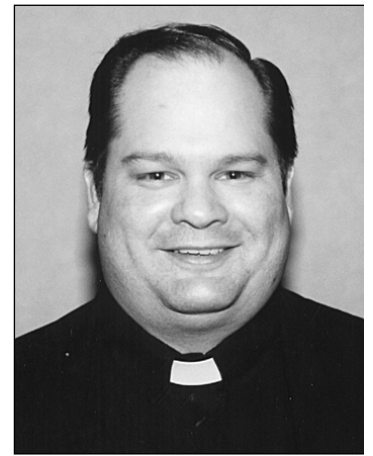
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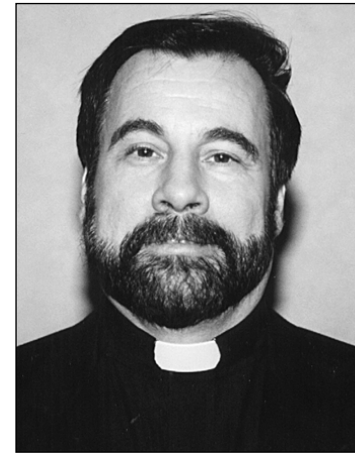
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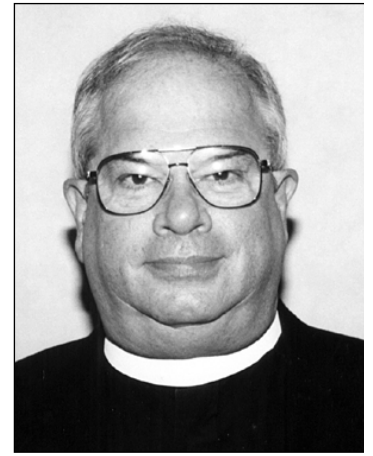
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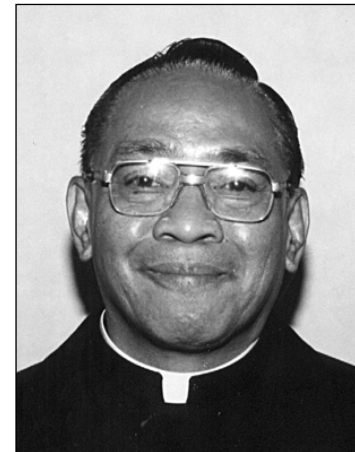
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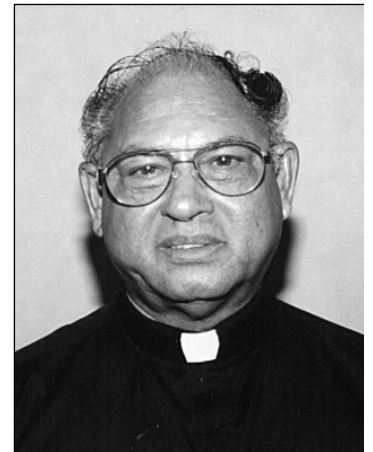
Rev. Herbert May



Rev. Don Piraro



Rev. Alfredo Marco



Rev. Thomas Panthalani

has accepted the additional responsibility of Promoter of Justice in our Diocesan tribunal and that Fr. Borel has accepted the added work of Adjutant Judicial Vicar in addition to their present service in the Tribunal. Their ministry, in collaboration with Msgr. Eskind, our Judicial Vicar, plays an important role in caring for our people at difficult times in their lives."

The Bishop also announced the retirement from active ministry of the Reverend John Poerio, Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Big Lake, after 44 years of faithful service. Fr. Poerio served as pastor of St. Lawrence in Raymond, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Oakdale, St. Raphael in Iowa and St. John Vianney in Bell City prior to his ministry at St. Mary of the Lake.

Administrators were named for two parishes - Our Lady of LaSalette in DeQuincy and Our Lady of the Lake in Lake Arthur. The Reverend Scott DesOrmeaux, until now, Associate Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, was appointed Administrator of the parish. The Reverend Clyde Thomas, until now, Associate Pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians in Jennings, was appointed Administrator of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, effective August 1. Father Thomas will continue his association with Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings.

Other assignments include The Reverend Richard Adiukwu, new to the diocese, appointed Associate Pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Adiukwu will also as-

sume the chaplaincy of the ministry of the Apostleship of the Sea beginning September 30 and will be available to assist in other parishes when needed.

Also, The Reverend Francis Appuhamy, until now, in residence at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Arthur was appointed Associate Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake. The Reverend Roger Appuhamy, until now, Associate Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, was appointed Associate Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland, effective July 11 and The Reverend John Giles was appointed to a second three-year term as Associate Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish.

The Reverend Don Piraro, Director of Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff, was appointed to weekend liturgical ministry at St. Theodore Parish in Moss Bluff, effective August 1.

Two long serving priests are concluding their ministry in the Diocese of Lake Charles. The Reverend Alfredo Marco, Associate Pastor, Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, and Ministry to the Seafarers' Center, will return to the Philippines, after 13 years of faithful service in the diocese.

The Reverend Thomas Panthalani, H.G.N. (Heralds of Good News), Associate Pastor, St. Joseph, Parish in DeRidder, will return to his Community in India after nine years of faithful service in the diocese. Fr. Panthalani has served the People of God in St. John Bosco, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, St. Joseph in Vinton and the Missions of St. Jude and St. Maurice.

## Trinity Sunday

**The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."**

*Matthew 28:16-20*

