



APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA

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APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

July 2024

(Fifth Official Circular)

After a time of prayer and consultation, for the good of our Vicariate of Northern Arabia, the following decisions have made:

NEW APPOINTMENTS, with immediate canonical effect.

Rev. F. Avil Manoj Rosario, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed as Assistant priest of St Daniel Comboni Parish, Abbassiya, Kuwait, according to can. 545-552, for one year of probation period followed by succeeding years if accepted.

Rev. F John Britto, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed as Assistant Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bahrain, according to can. 545-552, for one year of probation period followed by succeeding years if accepted.

Rev. F. Robert Jomel Mendoza III, AVONA diocesan priest, is appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Vicariate, according to can. 482, 3., with canonical effect May 1st, 2024.

Rev. F Robert Jomel Mendoza III, AVONA diocesan priest, with the consent of the Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia, is appointed by His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, archbishop of Bombay, as Judge of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Bombay with canonical effect from June 1st, 2024 for cases in the Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia.

Rev. F. Joshi Antony Komarakkaran, O.S.S.T., with the consent of his Vice-provincial, is appointed as Assistant priest of St Arethas and Companions, Martyrs, Parish in Riyadh, according to can. 545-552, for one year of probation followed by succeeding years if accepted.

Rev. F Thomas George, diocesan priest of the Syro-Malankara diocese of Bathery, India, with the approval of his Ordinary and the Malankara Major Archbishop, is appointed as Assistant priest in St Daniel Comboni Parish in Kuwait, according to can, 545-552, for one year of probation period followed by 2 years if accepted.

Rev. F. Michel Vadakkeveetil Varkey, diocesan priest of the Syro-Malankara diocese of Muvattupuzha, India, with the consent of his Ordinary and the Malankara Major Archbishop, is appointed as Assistant Priest in Our Lady of Rosary, Qatar, according to the can. 545-552, for one year of probation followed by 2 years if accepted.

NEW APPOINTMENTS with canonical effect on September 1st, 2024

Rev. F. Sojan Paul, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed as Parish priest of St Daniel Comboni Parish, Kuwait.

Rev. F. Paulraj Devaraj, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed as Parish priest of Our Lady of Rosary, Qatar.

Rev. F. Shaju Mathew, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed as Parish priest of St Joseph parish in Dammam, KSA.

Re. F. Sliman Hifawi, diocesan priest of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with the consent of his Ordinary, is appointed as Assistant priest of Holy Family Co-Cathedral parish in Kuwait, according to can. 545-552, for one year of probation followed by succeeding years if accepted.

Rev. F. Rosario Colaco, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed as Assistant priest in Our Lady of Rosary, Qatar, according to can. 545-552, for one year of probation followed by succeeding years if accepted.

Rev. F. Chakravarthige Bennette Shanti Fernando, diocesan priest of Chilaw, Sri Lanka, with the consent of his Ordinary, is appointed as Assistant priest in Our Lady of Rosary, Qatar, according to can. 545-552, for one year of probation followed by succeeding years if accepted.

Rev F. Joy Mathew, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is transferred as Assistant priest to the Holy Family Co-cathedral parish in Kuwait.

Rev. F. Xavier D' Souza OFM Cap, is appointed as Assistant priest in Our Lady of Arabia, Jeddah, according to the can. 545-552, for 3 years.

Rev. F. Armando Cristobal Baraan OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is transferred as Assistant priest in St Joseph parish in Dammam.

Rev. F. Carlos Alberto Ceballos Medina, diocesan priest of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and Neo-Catechumenal Community Missionary, with the consent of his Ordinary, is transferred as Assistant priest in Our Lady of Rosary parish, Qatar for one year renewable.

AVONA MINISTRY

Rev. F. Shilu Jacob Thomas is appointed as Director of the *AVONA Family Ministry*. He will compose his team with correspondents in the different countries of the Vicariate.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Rev. F. Gaspar Fernandes, OFM Cap is appointed as Spiritual Director of the English Marriage Preparation Course in Kuwait.

Rev. F Armando Cristobal Baraan OFM Cap, is appointed as Spiritual Director of CFC-SA.

Rev F. Jins Valiyakulathil Davasia O.SS.T. is appointed as Spiritual Director of CHARIS- SA

New appointments will be published later, depending on obtaining visas.

The new appointed brothers will proclaim publicly the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity on assuming an office to be exercised in the name of the Holy Church (Can 833, nn5 & 6). The Chancellor will prepare the official documents to be signed.

The newcomers and those who have not yet done so, will sign the Office of Care Document during the priest meeting in October 2024. F. Stephen will prepare the documents to be signed.

AUTHORIZATION

The following Fathers have completed their mission and are authorized to return to their respective religious Provinces or diocese:

- Rev. F. Johny Lonis Mazhuvanchery, OFM Cap. (8 years of service).
- Coepiscopo John Thundiyath, from the Syro-Malankara diocese of Pathanamthitta, India (5 years of service).
- Rev. F. Shaji Mathew Vazhayil, diocesan priest of the Syro-Malankara archdiocese of Thiruvalla, India (6 years of service).
- Rev. F. Johnson Nedumpurath, SDB ((9 years of service).
- Rev. F. Abraham Barnaba, diocesan priest of the diocese of Chilaw, Sri Lanka (5 years of service).
- Rev. F. Augustine Vadakathalackal, O.S.S.T., by his own request, is authorized to join his Vice-province (4 years of service).
- Rev. F. Michael George Gonzales Cadhit, diocesan priest of the archdiocese of Medellin, Colombia, Neo-Catechumenal Community Missionary (7 years of service).

I thank out-going brothers for the Pastoral care provided to the People of God in the Apostolic Vicariate. I wish all the best for our brothers joining their Provinces or dioceses and I give my blessings for the new nominated and appointed designations. Our responsibility is great but must be lived with humility and dedication.



+ Aldo BERARDI, O.S.S.T.

Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia

