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TO: All Parishes and Religious Communities in the Diocese of St. Catharines
FROM: Bishop Gerard Bergie
DATE: May 26, 2017

Dear Clergy, Religious and faithful of the Diocese:

All pastoral nominations noted below take effect **August 1, 2017** unless otherwise indicated.

Appointment of Pastors

Father Benjamin Weber – St. Denis Parish, St. Catharines
St. Patrick Parish, Caledonia – to be announced at a later date

Appointment of Parochial Vicars

Father Stephen Bruzzese – Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, Niagara Falls, July 1, 2017

Clergy Returning to the Diocese

Father David Byrne – assignment to be announced at a later date

For your information

Seminarian Michael Piersanti will be spending his internship year at St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby, beginning in September.

Fr. Mario Fernandes, O.C.D., pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Caledonia, has been appointed by his Provincial Superior, as Director of Ephphatha House Retreat Centre in Edmonton and will be leaving the diocese on July 6, 2017. The Order of Discalced Carmelites will be sending a pastor to serve St. Patrick Parish. I am most grateful to Father Mario Fernandes and wish him many blessings as he assumes new responsibilities in Edmonton.

The Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Ghost) have served the parish community of St. Denis since 2011. I wish to thank them for their dedicated service to the Diocese of St. Catharines. Father Nicholas Twumasi, C.S.Sp., will be going on a well deserved sabbatical.