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**His Excellency, Most Reverend James P. Powers, announces the following approved appointments and retirements in the Diocese of Superior.**

**EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26, 2021**

**REV. JOSEPH KUMAR MAYAKUNTLA**, Sacramental Minister of the parishes of Bayfield cluster of parishes which include Holy Family, Bayfield, St. Ann, Cornucopia, St. Joseph Mission, La Pointe, St. Francis, Red Cliff and St. Louis, Washburn, has returned to the Diocese of Guntur, India, due to immigration shutdown/Covid resulting in the delay in religious worker visa .

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022:**

**RETIREMENT:**

**REV. MICHAEL T. HAYDEN**, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Stetsonville, has retired from active priestly ministry.

**CLUSTER UPDATE:**

**REV. PATRICK MCCONNELL**, while remaining Pastor of the Medford Cluster of parishes which include Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Medford, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Whittlesey, and Good Shepherd, Rib Lake, is also appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Church, Stetsonville, which is now included in the Medford Cluster of Parishes.

**REV. JAYANNA KANNA**, Sacramental Minister of the Medford Cluster of parishes which include Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Medford, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Whittlesey, and Good Shepherd, Rib Lake, is appointed Associate Pastor of the above-named Medford Cluster of Parishes including Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Church, Stetsonville, which is now included in the Medford Cluster of Parishes.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

**RETIREMENTS:**

**VERY REV. GREGORY HOPEFL**, Pastor of the parishes of St. Francis Solanus, Reserve, St. Philip, Stone Lake, St. Ignatius, New Post, will retire from active priestly ministry.

**REV. EUGENE MURPHY**, Pastor of the parishes of St. Joseph, Amery and Our Lady of the Lakes, Balsam Lake, will retire from active priestly ministry.

**REV. JAMES KINNEY**, Pastor of the parishes of St. Pius X, Solon Springs, St. Anthony of Padua, Gordon, and St. Mary, Minong, will retire from active priestly ministry.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**REV. DAVID NEUSCHWANDER**, Parochial Administrator of the parishes of St. Joseph, Hayward and St. Ann, Cable, is appointed Pastor of the parishes of St. Joseph, Hayward, St. Ann, Cable, St. Francis Solanus, Reserve, St. Philip, Stone Lake, and St. Ignatius, New Post, which establishes the new Hayward cluster of five (5) parishes.

**REV. MADANU KARUNAKAR**, international priest from the Diocese of Nalgonda, India, is appointed Associate Pastor of the parishes of St. Joseph, Hayward, St. Ann, Cable, St. Francis Solanus, Reserve, St. Philip, Stone Lake, and St. Ignatius, New Post, which establishes the new Hayward cluster of five (5) parishes.

**REV. GERALD HARRIS**, Pastor of the parishes of St. Bridget, River Falls and Immaculate Conception, Hammond is appointed Pastor of the parishes of St. Joseph, Amery and Our Lady of the Lakes, Balsam Lake.

**REV. BALA RAJU POLICETTY**, international priest from the Diocese of Nalgonda, is appointed Parochial Administrator of the parishes of St. Pius X, Solon Springs, St. Mary, Minong and St. Anthony of Padua, Gordon.

**REV. JOSEPH F. STEFANCIN**, Associate Pastor of the parishes of St. Bridget, River Falls and Immaculate Conception, Hammond, is appointed Parochial Administrator of the same above-named parishes as well as Director of the St. Thomas More Newman Center, University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

**REV. JOSEPH ANIL KUMAR PASALA, SCJ**, Temporary Sacramental Minister of the Bayfield Cluster of parishes which include Holy Family, Bayfield, St. Ann, Cornucopia, St. Joseph Mission, LaPointe, St. Francis, Red Cliff, St. Louis, Washburn, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Bridget, River Falls and Immaculate Conception, Hammond.

**REV. SARE SAGAR RAJESH**, international priest from the Diocese of Guntur, India, is appointed Sacramental Minister of the Bayfield Cluster of parishes which include Holy Family, Bayfield, St. Ann, Cornucopia, St. Joseph Mission, LaPointe, St. Francis, Red Cliff, St. Louis, Washburn.

**REV. MICHAEL CRISP**, Pastor of St. Michael Parish, Iron River is retiring from the Pastor position and is appointed Sacramental Minister of the same above-named parish.

**REV. ANDREW RICCI**, while remaining Rector of the Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior and Pastor of the parishes of St. Anthony and Holy Assumption, Superior, St. William, Foxboro, and St. Anthony, Lake Nebagamon, is appointed Pastor of St. Michael, Iron River.

**REV. ANTHONI REDDY YANNAM**, international priest from the Diocese of Kadapa, is appointed Sacramental Minister for the Diocese of Superior; specific location to be determined at a later date.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Debra J. Lieberg  
Chancellor  
Secretary to the Bishop

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