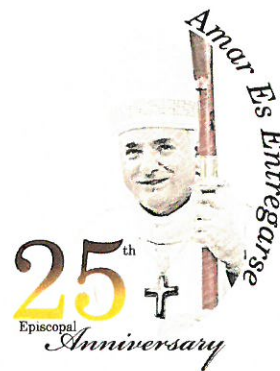


DIocese OF SAN BERNARDINO

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

“Celebrating 25 Years of *Amar Es Entregarse*”



Date: March 20th, 2017 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TO: Brother Priests
Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Coordinators
Parish, School, and Pastoral Center Staff

FM: Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez 

RE: Personnel News and Actions

I. EPISCOPAL AND PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES:

Bishop Barnes extends his thanks and prayers to the many Bishops, priests, deacon couples, religious and lay leaders who joined him for his 25th anniversary Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Chino Hills on Saturday, March 18th. The entire Liturgy was truly a sign and witness of our unity as a Diocesan Church under the leadership of our Bishop. Parishes are encouraged to let people know of the monthly prayer intention from Bishop Barnes. Also, ongoing anniversary celebrations will continue throughout the year.

A special congratulatory blessing from Bishop Barnes is sent to *Reverend Paul Baseford, Reverend Patricio Guillen, and Reverend Richard Humphrys* who all celebrated their 60th anniversary of Priesthood ordination on March 19th.

II. APPOINTMENT OF NEW SEMINARY RECTOR:

With the consultation of the Ministerial Personnel and Placement Board (MPPB) of the Diocese, Bishop Barnes appoints *Reverend Jorge A. García* as new Rector of St. Junipero Serra House of Priestly Formation effective May 8th, 2017. Father García will succeed Very Reverend José A. Sanz, DLP, who has served faithfully as Rector since 1995. Father Sanz will continue to serve on the seminary faculty in the Philosophy Studies Department. We congratulate Father Sanz who led our seminary program through the dynamic years of a rapid increase in seminarians, the construction of a new seminary facility, and the creation of the new on-line philosophy track with Holy Apostles Seminary. Thank you, Father Sanz, for your outstanding service and commitment to the

many priests ordained under your 22-year term as Rector and the 40 seminary students currently in formation. A Mass of Installation for Father García (the current seminary Vice Rector) will be scheduled at a later time.

III. RESULTS OF MINISTERIAL EVALUATIONS:

Bishop Barnes and the MPPB membership commend and congratulate the following priests who have successfully completed the ministerial evaluation process; both priests have shown very fine pastoral leadership and their appointments are indicated as follows:

- *Reverend Luis Alberto Guido* is hereby promoted and appointed to the Office of Pastor of St. Louis of France Parish, Cathedral City, for a new and final term of six (6) years effective July 1st, 2017.
- *Reverend Miguel Ceja* is hereby re-appointed as Administrator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Riverside, for a new term of three (3) years effective July 1st, 2017.

Please keep Father Guido and Father Ceja in your prayers as they prepare to begin new terms of pastoral leadership at their respective parishes. Their appointment by Bishop Barnes is a great indication of commendation for their service and ministry to the people of their parish communities.

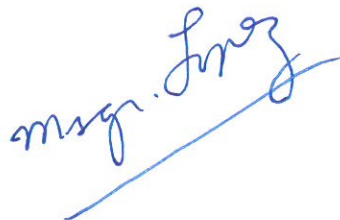
IV. OTHER PARISH APPOINTMENTS:

The following Pastors requested and have been granted by Bishop Barnes a one-year extension on their terms of office effective July 1st, 2017 through June 30th, 2018. Please keep them in your prayers that they might continue to exercise very good pastoral ministry: *Rev. Msgr. Philip A. Behan, Rev. David Foxen, MSC; Rev. Howard A. Lincoln; Rev. James McLaughlin.*

V. MARCH 31st IMMIGRATION MEETING FOR PRIESTS:

This is a reminder that all priests of the Diocese are asked by Bishop Barnes to attend a special meeting on the current immigration situation developing in our Country. This is a required and mandatory pastoral meeting to take place on **FRIDAY, MARCH 31st, 2017** here at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, San Bernardino. A confidential letter is being sent to all priests with the specific times that priests must attend. Please be attentive to receiving this letter in the mail and please make plans to attend.

May the Lord bless your Lenten Season and penitential practices.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "msgr. Lopez", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.