



January 6, 2005 - Archdiocese of Boston Names Administrators for Newton Parishes

(Boston, Massachusetts) January 6, 2005...Following his decision to re-evaluate the plan for reconfiguration in Newton, Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley today announced that he is appointing administrators for Corpus Christi, St. Bernard, Mary Immaculate of Lourdes and St. Philip Neri parishes.

Fr. James Mahoney will be appointed administrator of Corpus Christi and St. Bernard parishes effective January 19. Fr. Mahoney will also continue in his assignment as Director of the Clergy Support and On-Going Formation Office until a successor is named for that office. Fr. Joseph McGlone will conclude his assignment at Corpus Christi parish on January 19 following 32 years as pastor there. Archbishop O'Malley has granted Fr. McGlone's request for Senior Priest-Retired status. Fr. Paul Kilroy will conclude his assignment at St. Bernard parish on January 19 following 3 ½ years as pastor there. Fr. Kilroy has accepted a new assignment as parochial vicar at Our Lady Help of Christians parish in Newton, effective January 19.

Fr. Paul Cornell will be appointed administrator of St. Philip Neri parish on January 19. Fr. Charles McCoy will conclude his assignment at St. Philip Neri on January 19 following 12 ½ years as pastor there. Archbishop O'Malley has granted Fr. McCoy's request for Senior Priest-Retired status.

Fr. Paul Cornell will be appointed administrator of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes parish on January 24, in addition to his assignment as administrator of St. Philip Neri parish. Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc will conclude his assignment at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes on January 24 following 2 ½ years as pastor there. Fr. LeBlanc has accepted a new assignment as pastor of St. Peter parish in Plymouth effective January 24. Fr. Aidan Walsh, currently pastor of St. Peter parish, is being reassigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Boston effective January 24.

Commenting on the important role Fr. Mahoney and Fr. Cornell will play in determining the best way to meet the needs of parishioners of these communities going forward, Archbishop O'Malley said, "It is my hope that the Catholic community in Newton will work closely with Fr. Mahoney and Fr. Cornell to build on the work already underway to determine how our resources can be best utilized in providing for the ongoing pastoral care of these parish communities."

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