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Memo for Public Release

Date: May 23, 2024

To: All clergy, lay pastoral associates and parishioners

From: Chancery

Re: New pastoral appointments

Most Rev. Héctor Vila would like to announce new pastoral appointments within the Diocese of Whitehorse.

We welcome back Fr. Ain Leetma, a diocesan priest incardinated in the Diocese of Whitehorse. Fr. Ain has been away for several years, and was most recently on assignment in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. He has been appointed Associate Pastor at *St. Ann Catholic Mission* effective May 22, 2024 and will be working with the current Administrator, Fr. Leo Win, in Watson Lake. Fr. Ain will be ministering to the faithful at *St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Mission* (Dease Lake, BC), *Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Mission* (Iskut, BC), and *Our Lady of Good Hope* in BC. As well, he will be serving at *St. Theresa Catholic Mission* (Telegraph Creek, BC) in collaboration with the current lay pastoral associates, Joshua and Denise Grimard.

Fr. Michael Win, a religious priest from the Missionary of St. Paul's Congregation in Myanmar, is currently Associate Pastor at *St. Ann Catholic Mission* in Watson Lake and has been serving at *Our Lady of Sorrows Parish* in Fort Nelson, BC, as well as several Catholic missions in northern BC. Fr. Michael has been appointed Administrator at *Our Lady of Sorrows Parish* in Fort Nelson, BC as of today, May 23, 2024. He will also be serving the faithful of *Sacred Heart Catholic Mission* (Mile 295, BC) and *St. Paul Catholic Mission* (Prophet River, BC).

Fr. Luigi Vettone, a Redemptorist Mater missionary priest from Italy who is incardinated in the Archdiocese of San José, Costa Rica, is currently a Priest-in-Residence at *Our Lady of Victory Parish* in Whitehorse. He has been ministering in Faro, Carmacks and Ross River, Yukon for the last six months. Fr. Luigi has been appointed Administrator of *Catholic Church of the Apostles Mission* in Faro, Yukon (Catholic Church of the Apostles) as of today, May 23, 2024. He will also be serving the faithful of *St. Jude Catholic Mission* (Carmacks, Yukon) and *St. Michael Catholic Mission* (Ross River, Yukon).

We ask for your prayers for these priests, and all our clergy and lay pastoral associates who serve in the Diocese of Whitehorse.