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Priest Assignment Announcement

April 3, 2023 (KALAMAZOO, MICH.): The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley has announced the following priest assignments.

Msgr. Michael Osborn, Vicar General/General Secretary and Moderator of the Curia, will conclude his current duties and other roles to which he has been assigned on May 31, 2023. Effective July 1, 2023, Monsignor Osborn will assume his new duties as Vice Rector and Director of Human Formation at Mount Saint Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.* Msgr. Osborn, who earned his bachelor's in History from the University of Michigan, completed theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome while in formation at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City. He was sent subsequently to complete advanced degrees in Canon Law in Rome, obtaining his Licentiate from the Pontifical Gregorian University and his doctorate from the Pontifical Lateran University. In addition to his extensive pastoral ministry in Parishes and work in the diocesan Tribunal, Msgr. Osborn previously served within the Vatican Curia at the Pontifical Council Cor Unum and the Congregation Pro Gentium Evangelizatione (aka Propagation of the Faith). Msgr. Osborn's background also includes his appointment as Dean of Men and Adjunct Professor in the School of Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. He was appointed Vicar General/General Secretary and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Kalamazoo in 2015.

Very Reverend Fabio Garzón, Pastor and Moderator of the Collaborative of St. Peter Parish, Douglas, St. Basil Parish, South Haven and San Felipe de Jesus, Fennville, has been appointed Vicar General/General Secretary and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese effective June 1, 2023. Fr. Garzón is also currently the Diocesan Vicar for Religious and Dean of the Northern Deanery. While his duties as Vicar for Religious will continue, Father Garzón will conclude his assignments as Dean and Pastor/Moderator on June 30, 2023, in order to assume fully his new responsibilities as Vicar General in Kalamazoo. Fr. Garzon brings a wealth of experience throughout his 36 years as a priest to this leadership role serving the Local Church. In addition

to his studies in Rome, Fr. Garzon has extensive knowledge and experience in various leadership positions within the Society of St. John Bosco (Salesians) in his native Colombia prior to his arrival and eventual incardination many years ago as a priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

In announcing these appointments, Bishop Bradley affirmed the Diocese's important responsibility in assisting the formation of priests for the Church. "Along with the primary sacramental and pastoral care of the Faithful entrusted to Bishops, we must also have solicitude for, and to contribute resources and personnel to assist in the needs of the Church, both for the United States and for the Universal Church," he explained. "Of paramount importance, especially today, is the responsibility that all Bishops bear together in providing the very best formation, education, and preparation for those whom the Lord has called to the Priesthood. Dioceses that provide priests to teach and form these vocations, and especially those that sustain seminaries to accomplish this critical task, must make sacrifices to succeed in doing all they can to identify and train those who are to be shepherds 'after the Lord's own Heart';. In the world of today, our seminaries must rely on the generosity of many Dioceses to provide for the faculty and formators needed. On behalf of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, we are sacrificing our pastoral resources in the way of Msgr. Osborn to be able to offer this assistance to the formation of priests in our Country. Please prayerfully ask the Lord of the Harvest to bless us with many holy vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, and to strengthen the Sacramental Marriages and families from which they come."

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* **Mount St. Mary's Seminary**, the second-oldest Catholic theologate in the United States, opened its doors in 1808 and was founded by the French immigrant missionary priest, Father John Dubois. Mount St. Mary's is currently the largest Catholic Theological Seminary in the United States. For more information visit: <https://seminary.msmary.edu>