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## News Release

### Diocesan Announcement

KALAMAZOO, MI (February 25, 2026): Bishop Edward M. Lohse has made the following pastoral appointments:

#### RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT

**The Reverend German Perez-Diaz** has submitted his letter of resignation as Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford and Sacred Heart, Bangor which has been accepted by Bishop Lohse.

**The Reverend Jacob Thomas** has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford and also appointed as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor. Both appointments became effective February 1, 2026 and continue until June 20, 2032.

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The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo was founded in 1971. It encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes and missions as well as 20 Catholic schools.

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