



MANUEL DE JESÚS RODRÍGUEZ
By the Grace of God and of the Apostolic See
BISHOP OF PALM BEACH



No. 012-2026

DECREE

In the matter of:
**APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF
SEVERAL DIOCESAN BOARDS**

Whereas, by divine institution the Diocesan Bishop is entrusted with the pastoral governance of the particular Church committed to his care and exercises ordinary, proper and immediate power according to the norm of law (cf. cann. 381 §1; 391 §§1–2 CIC);

Whereas, the Code of Canon Law provides for the establishment of certain consultative bodies to assist the Diocesan Bishop in the exercise of his pastoral governance, among them the Presbyteral Council (cf. cann. 495–502 CIC), the College of Consultors (cf. can. 502 CIC), and other diocesan consultative bodies established according to the norm of universal and particular law;

Whereas, the Presbyteral Council, representing the presbyterate of the Diocese, serves as a senate of priests whose responsibility is to assist the Diocesan Bishop in fostering the pastoral welfare of the portion of the People of God entrusted to his care (cf. can. 495 §1 CIC);

Whereas, the College of Consultors, selected from among the members of the Presbyteral Council, assists the Diocesan Bishop in those matters determined by universal law and fulfills the responsibilities entrusted to it by the Code of Canon Law (cf. can. 502 CIC);



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Whereas, the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, the United States national particular law *Essential Norms*, the diocesan particular law *Protecting and Safeguarding the People of God* (promulgated on 7 August 2026), and the diocesan policies concerning safe environment and the protection of the people of God, require the establishment of an independent Review Board to advise the Diocesan Bishop in matters pertaining to allegations of sexual abuse of minors and other matters entrusted to it according to ecclesiastical and civil norms;

Whereas, after prayerful reflection, consultation, and discernment, I have determined that the following appointments will contribute to the effective pastoral governance of the Diocese of Palm Beach and to the good of the Christian faithful;

Therefore, by virtue of my office as Bishop of Palm Beach, I hereby decree the following:

I. PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL

The following priests are hereby appointed ex officio members of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Palm Beach for a term of two (2) years, commencing on September 1, 2026, and concluding on August 31, 2028, according to the Statutes of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Palm Beach and the norm of law:

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| 1. Very Rev. Charles E. Notabartolo | <i>Vicar General</i> |
| 2. Very Rev. Antony Pulikal | <i>Chancellor, Moderator of the Curia,
Vicar for Strategic Planning</i> |
| 3. Very Rev. Scott Adams | <i>Vicar for Financial Administration and Economics</i> |
| 4. Very Rev. Ducasse Francois | <i>Vicar for the Clergy</i> |
| 5. Very Rev. Nicholas Zrallack | <i>Vicar for Catholic Education</i> |
| 6. Very Rev. Jaime Dorado | <i>Vicar for Evangelization</i> |
| 7. Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Glen Pothier | <i>Judicial Vicar</i> |
| 8. Very Rev. Kevin Nelson | <i>Dean, Cathedral Deanery</i> |
| 9. Very Rev. Richard George | <i>Dean, Northern Deanery</i> |
| 10. Very Rev. Nibert Jean Pierre | <i>Dean, Central Deanery</i> |
| 11. Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez | <i>Dean, Southern Deanery</i> |



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The following priests are hereby declared to have been elected by the presbyterium of the Diocese of Palm Beach members of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Palm Beach for a term of two (2) years, commencing on September 1, 2026, and concluding on August 31, 2028, according to the Statutes of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Palm Beach and the norm of law:

12. Rev. Noel McGrath
13. Rev. Toan Tran (Dominic)
14. Very Rev. Gavin Badway
15. Rev. Marc Gustinelli

The following priests are hereby appointed members of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Palm Beach for a term of two (2) years, commencing on September 1, 2026, and concluding on August 31, 2028, according to the Statutes of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Palm Beach and the norm of law:

16. Rev. John Mericantante
17. Rev. Dennis Gonzales
18. Rev. John Horan
19. Rev. Matthew DeGance
20. Rev. Michael J. McNally

II. COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS

In accordance with canon 502 §1 CIC, the following priests, selected from among the members of the Presbyteral Council, are hereby appointed members of the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Palm Beach for a term of two (2) years, commencing on September 1, 2026, and concluding on August 31, 2028:

1. Very Rev. Charles E. Notabartolo, V.G.
2. Very Rev. Antony Pulikal, V.E.
3. Very Rev. Scott Adams, V.E.
4. Very Rev. Ducasse Francois, V.E.
5. Very Rev. Jaime Dorado, V.E.
6. Very Rev. Richard George



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7. Rev. Toan Tran (Dominic)
8. Rev. John Mericantante
9. Rev. John Horan, O. Carm.

III. CLERGY ASSIGNMENT ADVISORY BOARD

I hereby establish the Clergy Assignment Advisory Board, with competency over advising the Diocesan Bishop pertaining the assignment of clerics to parishes, missions and chaplaincies within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Palm Beach.

The following persons are hereby appointed members of the Clergy Assignment Board of the Diocese of Palm Beach, for a period of five years, commencing on August 8, 2026, and concluding on August 8, 2031:

1. Very Rev. Charles E. Notabartolo
2. Very Rev. Antony Pulikal
3. Very Rev. Scott Adams
4. Very Rev. Ducasse Francois
5. Very Rev. Nicholas Zrallack
6. Very Rev. Kevin Nelson
7. Very Rev. Richard George
8. Very Rev. Nobert Jean-Pierre
9. Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez
10. Dr. Ellen Wayne
11. Ms. Ana Jarosz
12. Ms. Katie Kervi
13. Ms. Gina-Marie Loree
14. Rev. Thomas Lafreniere
15. Deacon Pedro del Valle



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IV. DIOCESAN REVIEW BOARD -DRB-

In accordance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, the United States national particular law *Essential Norms*, the diocesan particular law *Protecting and Safeguarding the People of God* (promulgated on 7 August 2026), and the diocesan policies concerning safe environment and the protection of the people of God, the following persons are hereby appointed members of the Diocesan Review Board of the Diocese of Palm Beach for a term of five (5) years, commencing on August 8, 2026, and concluding on August 8, 2031.

Voting Members

1. Gina Sanon Nunez, Chair
2. Dr. Paul Ashton
3. Joseph DeGance, Esq.
4. Malory Gargas
5. Dominic Giordano
6. Very Rev. Norbert Jean-Pierre, V.F.
7. Marjory Mallebranche
8. Louise Marra

Advisory, Non-Voting Members

1. Gina-Marie Loree, Chief Safeguarding Officer
2. Rev. Goran P. Losonc Gabric Jovicic, JCD
3. Robert J. Díaz, Esq., Counsel



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V. ADULT ALLEGATION BOARD -AAB-

In accordance with the diocesan particular law *Protecting and Safeguarding the People of God*, the diocesan policies concerning safe environment and the protection of the people of God, the following persons are hereby appointed members of the Adult Allegation Board of the Diocese of Palm Beach for a term of five (5) years, commencing on August 8, 2026, and concluding on August 8, 2031.

Voting Members

1. Dr. Cecelia Crouse, Chair
2. Herminia Garcia,
3. Jithin George
4. Frank Gonzalez
5. Dr. Michelle Prashad
6. Rev. Kevin McQuone
7. Kenneth Marra
8. Dr. Carol Razza
9. Heather Shirm

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VI. SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD -SAB-

In accordance with the diocesan particular law *Protecting and Safeguarding the People of God* (promulgated on August 7, 2026), and the diocesan policies concerning safe environment and the protection of the people of God, the following persons are hereby appointed members of the Safeguarding Advisory Board of the Diocese of Palm Beach for a term of five (5) years, commencing on August 8, 2026, and concluding on August 8, 2031:

Members

1. Rosemarie Banich, Esq., JCL *candidate*, Chair
2. Paul Ashton, Ph.D.
3. Cecilia A. Crouse, Ph.D.
4. Dt. Elizabeth Harris
5. Maryellen Quinn
6. Rev. Kevin McQuone
7. Melanie Wiles
8. Katie Kervi
9. Robert Díaz, Esq.

VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

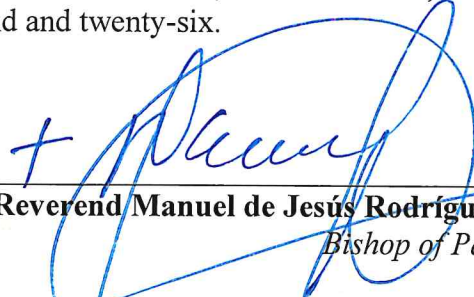
1. The members appointed herein shall faithfully discharge the responsibilities entrusted to them according to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, the United States national particular law *Essential Norms*, the diocesan particular law *Protecting and Safeguarding the People of God* (promulgated on 7 August 2026), and the diocesan policies concerning safe environment and the protection of the people of God.
2. Should any appointed member resign, cease to hold the ecclesiastical office by reason of which he serves, become permanently impeded, or otherwise be unable to complete the term of office, the Diocesan Bishop shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the unexpired term.
3. All previous appointments inconsistent with the provisions of this decree are hereby revoked as of the effective date of this decree.



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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein. Issued and read, at the Office of the Diocesan Bishop, located at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, State of Florida, on the eighth day of the month of August, in the Year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.



Most Reverend Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez, J.C.D.
Bishop of Palm Beach



Very Reverend Antony Pulikal, V.E.
*Chancellor, Moderator of the Curia
and Episcopal Vicar for Strategic Planning*

