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St. Patrick Parish
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To the Catholic Faithful of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish in Bisbee

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am grateful to Fr. Samuel Jandeh who served as your Parochial Vicar since 2012. Fr. Samuel is one of our international priests from the Via Christi Society who came here from Nigeria. I am also grateful to you and the parish staff for the welcoming environment that you provide to him when he first arrived. It is not always easy for our international missionaries to adapt to the culture of the United States and your efforts helped him greatly. I have appointed Fr. Samuel Jandeh as Administrator of St Francis of Assisi Parish in Superior effective July 1, 2015.

In light of that fact, I am pleased to appoint Fr. Matthew Thayil, as Sacramental Minister for St. Patrick Parish effective July 1, 2015. Fr. Matthew is a religious order priest of the Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales. He comes to us from India and has served as the Administrator and Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Hayden these last 2 years. He served previous at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Tucson. He brings many gifts, a strong spiritual presence and many talents. I believe that he will be a blessing to your parish.

I know that you will support Fr. Matthew as you did Fr. Samuel and that he will be well received by the whole community. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you as well as for Fr. Matthew and Fr. Samuel as they begin their new assignments.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D.
Bishop of Tucson