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Beloved in Christ,

The Code of Canon Law stipulates that the pastoral care of a diocese is entrusted to a diocesan bishop in cooperation with the presbyterate (c. 369). Each diocese is to be divided into parishes (c. 374). The faithful have the right to receive the spiritual goods of the Church, especially the Word of God and the sacraments (c. 213); that is, they have the right to expect the opportunity to be nourished by word and sacraments.

Shortly after being Ordained and Installed as the Bishop of Roseau, July 25, 2024, I made an effort to visit the Parish priests and parishes in the Diocese of Roseau. The purpose of these visits was to familiarize myself with the role of the priest in parish life, where they live/minister, and work, as well as with some of the parishioners among whom they exercise pastoral care. I also visited the parishes, on other occasions for pastoral care, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, for parish feasts and other celebrations.

On these occasions and in dialogue with the priests serving in the various parishes, I have come to a better understanding of the current state of pastoral care in the Diocese. Having reviewed the pastoral needs of the people of the Diocese of Roseau and after prayer and consultation, I have come to the decision that it would be beneficial to implement some pastoral changes. These changes will be by means of transfer from the office of pastor (parish priest) in one parish to another parish, or to another office in the Diocese...(c 190)

The following reassignments and appointments will take effect **Thursday, 28th May 2026**, Pastors are to be in their new Parish on **Sunday, May 31, 2026, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**.

1. Fr. Elveau Augustine, presently parish priest of St. Ann, Massacre to be Pastor of National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, Pointe Michel and Pastor of St. Mark, Soufriere.
2. Fr. Herman Sharplis, presently parish priest of St. Andrews, Vieille Case, to be Pastor of St. Anne, Massacre.
3. Fr. Francis Nwachukwu, presently parish priest of Our Lady of Fatima, Newtown, to be Pastor of St. Andrew, Vieille Case.
4. Fr. Thaddeaus Mamma, presently parish priest of National Shrine of our Lady of La Salette, Pointe Michel and parish priest of St. Mark, Soufriere, to be Pastor of our Lady of Fatima, Newtown.
5. Fr. Godfrey Tarimo, presently parish priest of Our Lady of Health, Castle Bruce, to be Pastor of St. Theresa, Salisbury, and St. Peter, Colihaut.