

## PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Revised according to most recent elections and appointments, September 08, 2020

	REPRESENTATIVE	TERM
Western Deanery	Rev. Dale Tuckerman	9/2019 - 9/2022
Northern Deanery	Rev. Thomas Connolly	9/2020-9/2023
Southern Deanery	Rev. Alejandro Zepeda	9/2017 - 9/2021 <sup>+</sup>
Palouse Deanery	Rev. Jeff Core	9/2017 – 9/2021 <sup>+</sup>
East Spokane Deanery	Rev. Jeff Lewis*	9/2017 - 9/2021 <sup>+</sup>
North Spokane Deanery	Rev. Paul Vevik	9/2019 – 9/2022 <sup>+</sup>
South Spokane Deanery	Rev. Kyle Ratuiste	9/2017 – 9/2021 <sup>+</sup>
At Large	Rev. Steve Dublinski	9/2019 – 9/2022
At Large	Rev. Miguel Mejia	9/2019 – 9/2022
At Large	Rev. Rory Pitstick	9/2019 – 9/2022
Religious	Rev. John Murphy, SJ	11/2018 - 9/2021
Appointed by Bishop	Rev. Matthew Nicks*	consultor to 9/2021
Appointed by Bishop	Rev. Gus Ruiz*	consultor to 9/2021
Appointed by Bishop	Rev. Joe Bell*	consultor to 9/2021
<i>Senior Priest</i>	<i>Rev. Joachim Hien</i>	9/2016-9/2019
Vicar General	Rev. Darrin Connall*	<i>Ex officio</i>
Vicar for Priests	Rev. Pat Kerst*	<i>Ex officio</i>
Vicar for Finance	Rev. Vic Blazovich *	<i>Ex officio</i>

### OFFICERS

President: Bishop Thomas Daly

Chair: Rev. Matthew Nicks Vice Chair: Rev. Kyle Ratuiste (one year terms, elected 09/19/2019). Remain in office as of Sept. 10, 2020 until other provision is made)

\* Diocesan Consultors

[The following notes indicate changes in Council membership and responsibilities under Bishop Daly.]

- At the Presbyteral Council Meeting October 16, 2015, Bishop Daly determined that the seven geographical divisions of the Diocese formerly known as “regions” will now be called “deaneries.” The “regional representatives” will now have the title of “dean.”

### COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS

- Can. 502 §1. From among the members of the presbyteral council and in a number not less than six nor more than twelve, the diocesan bishop freely appoints some priests who are to constitute for five years a college of consultors, to which belongs the functions determined by law. When the five years elapse, however, it continues to exercise its proper functions until a new college is established.

On September 29, 2016, Bishop Daly appointed the following seven priests to constitute the College of Consultors:

- Very Rev. Darrin Connall
- Rev. Vic Blazovich (replacing Rev. Msgr. Brian Mee as consultor *ex officio*)
- Rev. Pat Kerst
- Rev. Joe Bell
- Rev. Gus Ruiz
- Rev. Matthew Nicks
- Rev. Jeff Lewis

A consultor who had been elected to the Council remains on the Council as an appointed member. In accord with canon 502§1, this college is established until September 28, 2021 or until a new College is constituted.

- Joachim Hien was appointed to the Council as the senior priest representative.
- Consistent with their articles of incorporation, every September the Bishop appoints certain members of the Presbyteral Council to serve as the third member of the Board of Directors for each of the civilly incorporated parishes in the Diocese of Spokane.

At the Presbyteral Council meeting on June 8, 2017 modifications were made to the Deaneries.

- the Northern Deanery—Our Lady of the Lake in Suncrest was transferred from North Spokane to the Northern Deanery.
  - Cheney, Medical Lake and its missions were transferred from South Spokane to the Western Deanery
  - Paul Heric, whose parish (St. Rose, Cheney) is now in the Western Deanery was appointed to complete his term as Dean of the Western Deanery (to September 2019)
- At the same meeting, it was recommended that at deanery meetings the issue of elections of priests at large to the Council should be discussed.

At the Presbyteral Council meeting of June 5, 2019, the following provisions were made:

- Fr. Jeff Core, transferred from St. Mary, Spokane Valley to St. Thomas More, Pullman, will serve as dean of the Palouse Deanery, completing the term of Fr. Lucas Tomson (9/2017-9/2020)
- Fr. Jeff Lewis, transferred from St. Peter, Spokane, to St. Mary, Spokane Valley, will serve as dean of the East Spokane Deanery, completing the term of Fr. Jeff Core (9/2017-9/2020).
- It was noted that the terms of M. Nicks, L. Nsubuga and G. Ruiz will end 9/2019. However, Frs. Nicks and Ruiz are consultors. The question has not been answered whether the Bishop will appoint them to the Council.

\*By directive of Bishop Daly on September 8, 2020, the terms of Council members scheduled to expire September 2020 were extended for one year in light of conditions due to the Covid pandemic.

Rev. Thomas Connolly was elected ad Dean of the Northern Deanery (September 2020-September 2023).