

**From:** Fr. Michael J. Lumpe  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 4:06 PM  
**Subject:** Update Letter to Priests

Brother Priests,

Happy Easter! The joy of the Resurrection is our true and lasting hope. Yet it is nice to see signs of hope emerge around us. I find it uplifting to hear conversations about emerging from our current quarantine. We still have a way to go and I know it has been especially trying. Thanks so much for your patience and for the unity and generosity you have shown in the exercise of our moral responsibility. And I can't say this enough but thanks for your generous, creative and even heroic steps to keep people connected and to respond to the sick the dying and those who mourn.

Last week I sent a first draft of a model for opening for hearing confessions. The guidance we were getting was that last week and this would constitute the peak times, and it appears that we are there. It also appears that the precautions we have all taken in our communities may have made a big difference in the impact of this peak time. Emerging from this will be slow, deliberate and will require special care. At this time it would help me to gauge interest. If you are interested and able (and if you are not in any of the risk categories) in assisting with Confessions by way of appointment, please indicate so by sending me an e-mail at [bishop@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:bishop@columbuscatholic.org). We will follow up with ZOOM/conference meetings to work out the details so that our efforts are appropriately coordinated, safety for all is maintained, and we are fully prepared.

It has also been good to focus on some of the regular work that is important for our life together. It pleases me to announce the appointment of new parish pastors and administrators. Please see the list below. I thank all those who expressed particular interests and those who responded to my individual requests. As always the priests here are most generous and show great love for the people entrusted to their pastoral care. We are still working through the priest personnel process but I wanted to get this information out to you because in some cases these involve new openings for pastors. Brothers, in the spirit of our collaboration I want to send these openings for your consideration. At the same time, dealing with the immediate needs caused by the virus and the related effects, I am about a month behind where I had originally hoped to be. So, while I send them out, I really need to keep your response time very short. I have individuals awaiting assignments and parishes needing leadership. So if you are seeking to be considered for one of these open pastorates please indicate so by the deadline noted below as I hope to have another meeting of the Personnel Board on Tuesday afternoon of this coming week.

Fraternally,  
Bishop Brennan

**Pastoral Assignments** *(Barring any unforeseen/additional delays as a result of the coronavirus, these assignments are scheduled to begin Tuesday, July 14).*

Fr. Cyrus Haddad, from parochial vicar, St. Joseph Cathedral (Columbus) and chaplain to the Extraordinary Form Mass Community (Holy Family parish, Columbus), to Pastor, St. Colman of Cloyne parish (Washington Court House).

Fr. William Hahn, from Pastor, St. Peter parish (Chillicothe), St. Mary parish (Waverly) and St. Colman of Cloyne parish (Washington Court House) to Director of Vocations, Diocese of Columbus, with residence at the Pontifical College Josephinum (Columbus).

Fr. Michael Hartge, from Pastor, Perry County Consortium of Parishes (St. Rose of Lima parish, New Lexington; St. Patrick parish, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville; St. Bernard parish, Corning) to Vice-Chancellor, Diocese of Columbus.

Fr. Timothy Hayes, from Pastor, St. Timothy parish (Columbus) to Pastor of the newly-formed three-parish cluster of St. Peter parish (Chillicothe), St. Mary parish (Chillicothe) and St. Mary parish (Waverly).

Fr. Larry Hummer, from Pastor, St. Mary parish (Chillicothe), to retirement.

Fr. Hilary Ike, from “in residence,” St. Joseph Cathedral (Columbus), and Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic Community (St. Matthias parish, Columbus) to Administrator, St. Mary Parish (Groveport), continuing with his duties in the Diocesan Tribunal.

Fr. Daniel Ochs, from Pastor, St. Agatha parish (Upper Arlington), to retirement.

Fr. John Reade, from Parish Priest, St. Mary parish (Groveport), to retirement.

Fr. Wojciech Stachura, SAC, (Pallotine Order) to Pastor, St. Christopher parish (Columbus).

Fr. Mark Summers, from Pastor, St. Peter parish (Worthington) to Pastor, St. Agatha parish (Upper Arlington).

**Open Pastorates: Deadline for application is Tuesday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.**

Perry County Consortium of Parishes (St. Rose of Lima parish, New Lexington; St. Patrick parish, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville; St. Bernard parish, Corning) <https://strosepcc.org/>

St. Peter parish (Worthington) <https://stpetercolumbus.com/>

St. Timothy parish (Columbus) <https://www.sttimchurch.org/>

*(Posted earlier)* Our Lady of Lourdes (Ada) and Immaculate Conception (Kenton) <http://oll-ada.com/> <https://www.immaculateconceptionkenton.org/>

If you are interested in applying for one of these three open pastorates and would like information on the parish(es), please contact Mrs. Julie Greer via e-mail this weekend at [jgreer@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:jgreer@columbuscatholic.org).

If you are interested in applying for one of these three open pastorates please submit your name to Fr. Jim Black, Chair, Priests Personnel Board, via e-mail at [frblack@stjoanofarcpowell.org](mailto:frblack@stjoanofarcpowell.org).