



THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

September 23, 2021

Very Reverend Mark Stec, V.F.
Pastor
St. Joseph Parish
220 S. Elliott Street
Olney, IL 62450

Dear Father Stec,

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

With this letter, I am pleased to re-appoint you as Vicar Forane of the East Vicariate for an additional four years, in accord with canons 553-555 of the Code of Canon Law. Thank you for your willingness to continue to serve in this capacity.

In addition to the responsibilities and faculties granted by the Code of Canon Law for Vicars Forane, you will continue, *ex officio*, as a member of the Priests' Personnel Board and the Priests' Wellness Committee. At the same time, you will continue, *ex officio*, as a member of the **COMMITTEE for THE PASTORAL PLAN FOR PARISH RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING.**

Please inform your parishioners that you have been re-appointed as Vicar Forane. It is important for them to understand that this is an important ecclesial appointment for the good of the Vicariate and the entire Diocese.

Let us pray that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit in this ministry so that together we may continue building up the Body of Jesus Christ in your Vicariate and throughout the Diocese of Belleville.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

Very Reverend Steven Beatty, V.G.
Ecclesiastical Notary

Enclosure: Extract from the Code of Canon Law, Chapter VII, Vicars Forane (cc. 553-555)

Copy: Very Reverend Steven Beatty, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

P.S. The substance of this letter should be communicated to the members of your parish and distributed as an insert in your parish bulletins on the weekend of October 2-3, 2021.

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