



THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

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BISHOP GUGLIELMONE APPOINTS VICAR GENERAL, DEANS, OTHERS

I am pleased to announce the appointment of The Very Reverend Richard D. Harris as Vicar General for the Diocese of Charleston. I am grateful to Fr. Harris for generously accepting this appointment which will be effective at noon on December 12, 2009, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father Harris will continue as Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Columbia, but will resign his position as Diocesan Vicar for Vocations. Deacon Joseph Cahill will temporarily administer the vocations program until a new Vicar is appointed.

I am most grateful to Monsignor Martin Laughlin for his many years of service to the diocese, especially as diocesan administrator during the "*sede vacante*" and as vicar general for me during these last nine months. His generosity has been an inspiration. Monsignor Laughlin will stay on as a vicar general until January 15, 2010, to assist in the transition.

Effective December 12, 2009, the following appointment has been made by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone:

The Very Rev. Richard D. Harris
Vicar General
Diocese of Charleston

Effective December 1, 2009, the following appointment has been made by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone:

Rev. Edward W. Fitzgerald
Director of the Diaconate Formation
Diocese of Charleston

Effective January 1, 2010, the following appointments have been made by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmono for a three-year term:

Very Rev. Monsignor Joseph F. Hanley, VF

Dean

Coastal Deanery

Very Rev. Paul M. Williams, O.F.M., VF

Dean

Midlands Deanery

Rev. Ronald R. Cellini, VF

Dean

Lowcountry Deanery

Very Rev. Monsignor Steve Brovey, VF

Dean

Piedmont Deanery

Very Rev. Karl Roesch, O.S.B., VF

Dean

Pee Dee Deanery

Effective November 21, 2009, the following appointment has been made by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmono.

Rev. Richard Tomlinson

Parochial Vicar

Stella Maris Parish, Sullivan's Island

and

Chaplain, Bishop England High School

Daniel Island

Effective October 30, 2009, **Father Basil Congro** has resigned as Pastor Jesus, Our Risen Savior Parish, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Effective December 1, 2009, the following appointment has been made by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmono:

Rev. Frank Palmieri, C.R.M.

Pastor

Jesus, Our Risen Savior Parish, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Effective December 26, 2009, the following appointment has been made by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmono.

Rev. José Hugo Ruiz-Marentes, O.F.M.

Parochial Vicar

St. Gregory the Great Parish, Bluffton, South Carolina

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