



**June 3, 2024**

Bishop Persico has made the following clergy appointments:

### **APPOINTED**

**The Reverend Christopher Beran**, Chaplain of the Penn State Behrend campus, effective immediately and until June 30, 2025, while continuing as Parochial Vicar of St. George Parish, Erie.

**The Reverend Luke A. Dagher**, Parochial Vicar of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, including its secondary mission church of St. Andrew, and St. Stephen of Hungary Parish, all in Erie. The appointment to St. Jude Parish is effective June 17, 2024, and will include St. Stephen of Hungary Parish on July 9 when the partnership of the two parishes begins. Father Dagher is also appointed to the Sacramental Ministry associated with campus ministry at Mercyhurst University, Erie, effective July 9, 2024, and for one year.

**The Reverend Ian R. McElrath**, Episcopal Master of Ceremonies and Associate Director of the Clergy Office, effective July 9, 2024 and until July 31, 2027, while continuing as Chaplain of Mercyhurst Preparatory School, although reduced to part-time, and Chaplain of the Extraordinary Form Mass Community.

**The Reverend Walter E. Packard**, temporary Parochial Administrator of St. Titus Parish, Titusville, and its secondary churches of Immaculate Conception, Mageetown, and St. Walburga, Titusville, effective May 31, 2024 and continuing until a new pastor is appointed or other provisions are made.

**The Reverend Edward J. Walk**, Senior Associate of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Bradford, and its secondary mission church of St. Francis of Assisi, Bradford, effective July 9, 2024 and until July 31, 2027.

### **REAPPOINTED**

**The Reverend Paul S. Siebert**, Pastor of St. Mark Parish, Emporium, with its secondary mission church of St. James, Driftwood, effective immediately and until July 31, 2030.