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## **Diocese of Erie Announces Appointment of Sacramental Assistant in Mercer County**

The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of the Diocese of Erie, has appointed Rev. William Barron as sacramental assistant to several parishes in Mercer County.

In this role, Father Barron will provide sacramental and priestly ministry support to the following parishes:

- Beloved Disciple Parish, Grove City
- Good Shepherd Parish, West Middlesex
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mercer
- Notre Dame Parish, Hermitage
- Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Farrell
- St. Bartholomew Parish, Sharpsville
- St. Columbkille Parish, Stoneboro
- St. Michael Parish, Greenville

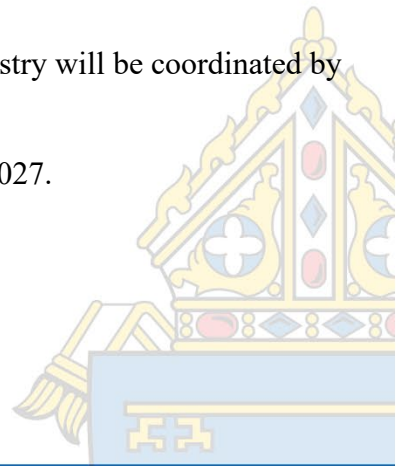
This assignment is intended to support pastors across the region by assisting with sacramental ministry and other pastoral needs, particularly when priests are ill, away or in need of additional assistance.

The role is designed to strengthen parish ministry and does not include changes to parish leadership or Mass schedules.

Father Barron will reside at Good Shepherd Parish in West Middlesex. His ministry will be coordinated by the Very Rev. Andrew Boyd, dean of the area.

The appointment took effect April 6, 2026, and will continue through July 31, 2027.

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