



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

# NEWS

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**(KALAMAZOO, MICH.) January 24, 2012:** Bishop Paul J. Bradley has announced the following clergy assignments for the Diocese of Kalamazoo which become effective January 25, 2012, unless noted otherwise.

**Rev. James Adams** has been appointed Chaplain for Hackett Central Catholic High School, Kalamazoo. Fr. Adams continues his responsibilities as Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage.

**Msgr. Leonel Cartagena**, a priest from the Diocese of Mocoa-Sibundoy, Columbia, has been welcomed into the presbyterate of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Msgr. Cartagena has been appointed Parochial Vicar for St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek. Msgr. Cartagena will also provide sacramental and pastoral ministry for the Hispanic communities in the Southern and Eastern deaneries.

### **New pastoral team for St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo:**

**Msgr. Michael Hazard**, has been appointed canonical Pastor for St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo. Msgr. Hazard continues in his positions as Vicar General for the Diocese and Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo.

**Rev. Stanley Witek**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar for St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo. Fr. Stanley will have the responsibility of the daily sacramental and liturgical needs of the parish community, in cooperation with Deacon Hall, the Parochial Administrator (see below), and under the supervision of Msgr. Hazard, the Canonical Pastor.

**Deacon Patrick Hall** has been assigned as the Parochial Administrator, as well as the Permanent Deacon, for St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo. Deacon Hall, who will continue his responsibilities as Director of the diocesan Office of Safe Environment, will have responsibility for the daily administrative and pastoral needs of the life of the parish under the supervision of Msgr. Hazard, the Canonical Pastor, and in cooperation with Father Witek, the Parochial Vicar.

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**The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo** is the territory of Catholic churches and community led by Bishop Paul J. Bradley. The diocese was founded in 1971 when the Second Vatican Council called for the creation of smaller dioceses so that bishops could be more available to the people they serve. Today the diocese encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest

Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes as well as 22 Catholic schools. [www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org](http://www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org).