



# Diocese of Youngstown

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Parishioners of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish,

This past Spring, I was given some exciting news concerning our diocese regarding the Rogationist Fathers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This community of priests and brothers strive to be good laborers in the Lord's harvest by bringing a wide range of priestly ministry. Today I am happy to announce that the Rogationist Fathers will be arriving around September 25, 2025, and serving at Guardian Angels Parish, Canton.

The Rogationist Fathers will assume leadership of Guardian Angels Parish at the completion of their first year. These men who come from the Philippines will need to be oriented to our diocese. I am grateful to Father Okpara who has accepted additional responsibilities as Diocesan Director of Extern Priests and as pro-tem administrator of Guardian Angels Parish during this next year. Father Okpara will bring a wealth of knowledge as a mentor for our extern priests. Please note that Father Okpara's new assignment is in addition to his current responsibilities as pastor here at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish.

Please know of my continued prayers for Fr. Benson and all the parishioners of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish and I ask for your prayers for me and all the priests of our Diocese. Together let us continue to pray that "All May Be One."

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar  
Bishop of Youngstown