

Joyful News Regarding Our Upcoming New Pastor and Goodbye and Thank You from Fr. Resti Galang

Joyful news! The diocese has instructed me to announce this weekend the appointment of Father Renier Siva as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Vacaville effective July 1. He was born in the Philippines and ordained to the priesthood in May 2005. As a seminarian for the diocese of Sacramento, he studied for the priesthood at Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon. He is bringing with him a wealth of pastoral experience ministering in various capacities in different places (in Sacramento and Monterey dioceses). We welcome him in our midst as we assure him of our fervent prayers that the Lord will grant him the graces he needs as he ministers to the people entrusted to his care here in St. Joseph. Further details about him will be published in the coming bulletin.

Goodbye to all! I am bidding my farewell as I say my last weekend masses. Though the effectivity of my new assignment as the priest in charge of St. Catherine of Siena in Vallejo is on July 1, 2016, I will be away for the most part of the next two months starting May 12. I will first be in Ecuador for a short pilgrimage and then to Bolivia for intensive Spanish language studies at the Maryknoll Language Institute. Fr. Cleetus, being our Parochial Vicar, will take a lead role in the parochial affairs during my absence.

Thank you to all of you! I am taking this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude for all the love that I have received while ministering here in the parish. Being the parish where I celebrated my 25th anniversary, St. Joseph Church will forever be etched in my heart. Please always remember my two requests, namely, 1) Please pray for me, and 2) Please do not forget the first request!

A Note About Fr. Renier Siva

Father Renier Siva was born to Mr. Paquito N. Siva and Mrs. Leonor A. Casquete in the central part of the Philippines, specifically Panay Island. He has four brothers and one sister, all living in the Philippines. Fr. Renier started his seminary studies in Manila with the Order of St. Camillus, now known as Ministry to the Infirm (MI) and earned his BA in Philosophy, minor in English. In August of the year 2000, he came to the U.S. to continue his Theology studies at Mt. Angel Seminary run by the Benedictines up in Oregon and graduated with the degree of Masters in Divinity. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 2005. Fr. Renier loves playing all kinds of ballgames, especially basketball and lawn tennis. His favorite scripture quote is: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat..."