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Dear Friends,

I am writing to advise you of a number of parish appointments that will take effect in January 2016. As you may recall from an earlier announcement, **Fr Ed Moloney** will conclude his appointments as parish priest of Maryborough and as supervising priest for the parish of Gordon in mid-January. He will then take up an appointment as a member of the staff at Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne. In view of Fr Ed's move, several other moves will occur.

Fr John Monaghan will conclude his time as parish priest of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake and Wycheproof and will take up an appointment as parish priest of Maryborough.

In addition to his current responsibilities, **Fr Eugene McKinnon** will become parish priest of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake and Wycheproof. **Fr Peter Jose** will move from his current role as assistant priest in Mildura to be assistant priest for Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake and Wycheproof.

Fr Damian Styles, currently serving as a chaplain with the Australian Army, will be on loan to the diocese of Ballarat for 2016 and will be assistant priest in Mildura.

In addition to his current responsibilities, **Fr Gary Jones** will be supervising priest for the parish of Gordon.

I thank all these priests for the service they are providing in their current roles and for their generosity in accepting these new appointments.

I also offer my thanks to the three young Redemptorist priests who have been with us for the past twelve months: **Fr Peter Danh** who has been in Wendouree, **Fr Joseph Tuyen** who has been in Maryborough and **Fr Anthony Tran** who has been in Colac. These three will continue their ministry with the Ballarat diocese till the end of this year as planned. In the new year Fr Peter will join the Redemptorist community in St Albans South, Fr Joseph in Keysborough and Fr Anthony in Auckland. I thank these three confreres for their ministry among us and I pray for them in their new ventures.

God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat