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St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of the Church

**New Director of the Office of Faith Formation and Evangelization
Effective February 1, 2021**

Dear Fathers, Deacons, Seminarians, Chancery, Cathedral and Parish Staff:

I have appointed Father Jimmy Macalinao Director of the Office of Faith Formation and Evangelization, effective February 1, 2021. Father Macalinao will continue as parochial vicar of Holy Rosary Parish in Antioch on a part time basis.

Father Macalinao, 52, has served at Holy Rosary since his ordination to the priesthood in 2018. A native of the Philippines, he has a long history of ministry in our diocese, having been ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2013 and serving as campus minister at Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School for ten years. He is the first permanent deacon from our diocese to be ordained to the priesthood. He holds a master's degree of Theological Studies from the Franciscan School of Theology and a doctorate of Ministry in Spirituality from the Washington Theological Union.

I have been very impressed by Father Macalinao's pastoral zeal as a newly ordained priest serving in his first assignment at Holy Rosary Antioch. Given his extensive background in teaching and youth ministry, and the degrees he has earned in ministry and theology, I am confident Father Jimmy is the one to inspire our faith formation teachers, our directors of religious education and our young people to come to know, love and serve Jesus Christ better in these challenging times.

We are lucky to have a priest of his competence and leadership skill in our diocese. I hope all will join me in welcoming him to our diocesan leadership team.

With the assurance of my continued prayers and blessing, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Barber S.J." with a small cross at the beginning.

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

For the greater glory of God