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**Dear St. Robert Families –**

With gratitude to God, I am excited to announce that Bishop Boyea is transferring a parochial vicar to St. Robert and Good Shepherd effective Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fr. Ginu Abraham will be joining us from Sacred Heart Parish in Hudson, where he has been serving with their pastor, Fr. Todd Koenigsknecht, for the past 3 years. Fr. Ginu is a religious order priest from the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, and has lived and served in the Diocese of Lansing since 2021. Prior to that, he served for 19 years in the Philippines.

This process has been unfolding quickly and discreetly under the diligent work of our Bishop, who has brought about this good news for us. Now that Sacred Heart Parish has publicized Fr. Ginu's departure from their community, I'm also able to publicize his arrival to our community. Naturally, several developments accompany this good news, and I'd like to address two of them here:

## **MASS TIMES**

*Effective Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>:*

**Daily Masses (Mon thru Sat): 8:30a**

**Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00p, Sunday 8:30a & 10:30a**

**Confessions: Saturday 9:00–10:00a & 4:00–4:45p**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

With Fr. Ginu's arrival, there will be questions about the recent policy changes at St. Robert both in the process for Mass intentions and also the transference of intentions to the Diocese in preparation for the limitations of a one-priest Mass schedule.

I will have answers and clarifications on that topic for us next week. I am asking us all to hold tight for this week so that we can organize and publish everything next Sunday. Thank you for extending some time to allow us to gather the pieces together.

## **YAY JESUS**

In all things, God is good. Let us remember to thank Him for Fr. Ginu and show ourselves faithful to His good gifts.

**– Fr. Brian**