



DANIEL ELIAS GARCIA
BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND
THE AUTHORITY OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE
BISHOP OF MONTEREY

**DECREE
MERGING VICARIATES**

Canon 374 §2: To foster pastoral care through common action, several neighboring parishes can be joined into special groups, such as vicariates forane.

When the Diocese of Monterey was established in 1967 it was deemed useful to create deaneries in the diocese which, over the years has encompassed various parish configurations and numbered three then four deaneries. In 2012 my predecessor Bishop Richard Garcia renamed these deaneries to be called vicariates and expanded them to five and in 2019 increased the number to eight vicariates.

Given the number of parishes in the San Benito County Vicariate and the relatively close proximity of the parishes in said vicariate to the parishes in the Southern Santa Cruz County Vicariate, I deem it no longer efficient to have San Benito Vicariate as a separate vicariate. Further, it is deemed expedient to reassign St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish to the San Luis Obispo County Southwest Vicariate to better reflect its geographical and cultural similarity to the parishes in that vicariate.

Therefore, having considered the provision of canon 374 §2 and the relevant facts;

And having heard the Presbyteral Council on August 23, 2023;

And having determined that the pastoral needs of the parishes and pastors require it;

I have deemed it useful that in accordance with canon 374 §2, I establish a singular vicariate to serve the San Benito County and Southern Santa Cruz County and transfer St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish to the San Luis Obispo County Southwest Vicariate. I hereby decree that San Benito County Vicariate be and hereto is extinctively merged with the Santa Cruz County Southern Vicariate and further, that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is transferred to the San Luis Obispo Southwest Vicariate effective September 14, 2023.

Henceforth, there will be seven vicariates in the Diocese of Monterey, each with a Vicar Forane, including:

The Monterey Peninsula Vicariate which shall consist of:

San Carlos de Borromeo Cathedral Parish, Monterey
St. Francis of the Redwoods Mission Station, Big Sur
Carmel Mission Basilica Parish, Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carmel Valley
St. Jude's Catholic Parish and Shrine, Marina
St. Angela Merici Parish, Pacific Grove
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Seaside
St. Joseph Parish, Spreckels

The Salinas Area Vicariate which shall consist of:

Christ the King Parish, Salinas
Madonna del Sasso Pro Cathedral Parish, Salinas
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Station, Salinas (Santa Rita)
Sacred Heart Parish, Salinas
St. Mary of the Nativity Parish, Salinas

The Salinas Valley Vicariate which shall consist of:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Station, Chualar
St. Theodore Parish, Gonzales
Holy Trinity Parish, Greenfield
Mission San Antonio de Padua Parish, Jolon
St. John the Baptist Parish, King City
San Lucas Mission Station, San Lucas
Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission Station, Soledad
Our Lady of Solitude Parish, Soledad

The San Luis Obispo County Southeast Vicariate which shall consist of:

St. Patrick Parish, Arroyo Grande
St. Joseph Parish, Nipomo
St. Francis of Assisi Mission Station, Oceano
St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Pismo Beach
Nativity of Our Lady Parish, San Luis Obispo
Old Mission Pro Cathedral Parish, San Luis Obispo
Santa Margarita de Cortona Parish, Santa Margarita

The San Luis Obispo County Southwest Vicariate which shall consist of:

St. William Parish, Atascadero
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Station, Bradley
Santa Rosa Parish, Cambria
Old Santa Rosa Chapel, Cambria
St. Joseph Parish, Cayucos
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Los Osos
St. Timothy Parish, Morro Bay
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Paso Robles
Our Lady of Ransom Mission Station, San Ardo
Old Mission San Miguel Parish, San Miguel

The Santa Cruz County Northern Vicariate which shall consist of:

Resurrection Parish, Aptos

St. Michael Parish, Boulder Creek
St. Joseph Parish, Capitola
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Davenport
St. John Parish, Felton
Christ Child Parish, Los Gatos
Holy Cross Parish, Santa Cruz
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Santa Cruz
Shrine of St. Joseph Guardian of the Redeemer, Santa Cruz
Villa Maria del Mar Chapel, Santa Cruz
San Agustin Parish, Scotts Valley

The Santa Cruz County Southern Vicariate which shall consist of:

Our Lady of Refuge Parish, Castroville
Holy Eucharist Parish, Corralitos
Sacred Heart and St. Benedict Parish, Hollister
Old Mission San Juan Bautista Parish, San Juan Bautista
Immaculate Conception Parish, Tres Pinos
Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Watsonville
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Watsonville (Pajaro)
St. Patrick Parish, Watsonville

The presbyters of these vicariates are expected and strongly exhorted to meet regularly, undertake those tasks assigned to them, and join efforts together in those matters affecting their vicariate. They are also to cooperate and collaborate with the diocesan bishop in the governance of the diocese according to the norm of law.

This decree is to be communicated to the presbyters of the Diocese of Monterey and is to be published on the Diocesan website.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Pastoral Office of the Diocese of Monterey in Monterey, CA this 14th day of September 2023.



Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia
Bishop of Monterey



Deacon Hugo Patiño
Chancellor





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VICARIATES & VICARS FORANE

Monterey Peninsula Vicariate

Parishes: 7 / Mission Stations: 1

Vicar Forane: Very Reverend Peter Crivello, V.F.

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San Carlos de Borromeo Cathedral Parish, Monterey

St. Francis of the Redwoods Mission Station, Big Sur

Carmel Mission Basilica Parish, Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carmel Valley

St. Jude's Catholic Parish and Shrine, Marina

St. Angela Merici Parish, Pacific Grove

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Seaside

St. Joseph Parish, Spreckels

Salinas Area Vicariate

Parishes: 4 / Mission Stations: 1

Vicar Forane: Very Reverend Fredy Calvario, V.F.

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Christ the King Parish, Salinas

Madonna del Sasso Pro Cathedral Parish, Salinas

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Station, Salinas (Santa Rita)

Sacred Heart Parish, Salinas

St. Mary of the Nativity Parish, Salinas

Salinas Valley Vicariate

Parishes: 5 / Mission Stations: 3

Vicar Forane: Very Reverend Enrique Herrera, V.F.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Station, Chualar

St. Theodore Parish, Gonzales

Holy Trinity Parish, Greenfield

Mission San Antonio de Padua Parish, Jolon

St. John the Baptist Parish, King City

San Lucas Mission Station, San Lucas

Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission Station, Soledad

Our Lady of Solitude Parish, Soledad

San Luis Obispo County Southeast Vicariate

Parishes: 6 / Mission Stations: 1

Vicar Forane: Very Reverend Matthew Pennington, V.F.

Phone: (805) 544-2357 / Email: frmatt@nativityslo.org

St. Patrick Parish, Arroyo Grande

St. Joseph Parish, Nipomo

St. Francis of Assisi Mission Station, Oceano

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Pismo Beach

Nativity of Our Lady Parish, San Luis Obispo

Old Mission Pro Cathedral Parish, San Luis Obispo

Santa Margarita de Cortona Parish, Santa Margarita

San Luis Obispo County Southwest Vicariate

Parishes: 7 / Mission Stations: 2 / Chapels: 1

Vicar Forane: Very Reverend Edwin Limpiado, V.F.

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St. William Parish, Atascadero

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Station, Bradley

Santa Rosa Parish, Cambria

Old Santa Rosa Chapel, Cambria

St. Joseph Parish, Cayucos

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Los Osos

St. Timothy Parish, Morro Bay

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Paso Robles

Our Lady of Ransom Mission Station, San Ardo

Old Mission San Miguel Parish, San Miguel

Santa Cruz County Northern Vicariate

Parishes: 9 / Shrines: 1 (Oblates) / Chapels: 1

Vicar Forane: Very Reverend Roy J. Margallo, V.F.

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Resurrection Parish, Aptos

St. Michael Parish, Boulder Creek

St. Joseph Parish, Capitola

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Davenport

St. John Parish, Felton

Christ Child Parish, Los Gatos

Holy Cross Parish, Santa Cruz

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Santa Cruz

Shrine of St. Joseph Guardian of the Redeemer, Santa Cruz

Villa Maria del Mar Chapel, Santa Cruz

San Agustin Parish, Scotts Valley

Santa Cruz County Southern Vicariate

Parishes: 8

Vicar Forane: Very Reverend Jason Simas, V.F.

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Our Lady of Refuge Parish, Castroville

Holy Eucharist Parish, Corralitos

Sacred Heart and St. Benedict Parish, Hollister

Old Mission San Juan Bautista Parish, San Juan Bautista

Immaculate Conception Parish, Tres Pinos

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Watsonville

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Watsonville (Pajaro)

St. Patrick Parish, Watsonville