



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

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The Churchwardens
St. Barnabas Anglican Church
70 James Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Friends,

Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please arrange to have this letter read at services in your parish on Sunday, February 16, 2025.

It is my pleasure to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Canon George Kwari to be the Incumbent of the Parish of St. Barnabas, effective May 5, 2025. This appointment has been made with the unanimous support of your wardens and members of Synod, and I am very grateful to them, and to Archdeacon Kathryn Otley, for sharing this time of discernment.

Canon George Kwari was born and raised in the Anglo-Catholic tradition and has a deep understanding and love for its heritage, liturgical practices, and theological foundations. He holds a Master of Pastoral Theology from St. Paul University, Ottawa; a Bachelor of Divinity (Hons) from Africa University, Zimbabwe; a Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons) from Arrupe Jesuit School of Philosophy; and a Diploma in Pastoral Studies from Bishop Gaul College, Harare. He has served as the Incumbent of the Parish of St. Stephen's Ottawa since 2017, having previously served in parishes of the Dioceses of Ottawa, Algoma, and Manicaland, Zimbabwe, since his ordination in 2005. Fr. George is married to Epiphania and they have two teen-aged children, Simba and Ropa.

Fr. George is a highly respected priest of our diocese. He is a wise leader and conscientious pastor who brings to ministry a wonderful combination of strength, gentleness, and holiness. I have every confidence in his abilities and know that he will be entirely dedicated to the well-being of your parish. In his response to your parish profile, Fr. George wrote "It will be an honour to serve as your rector and I am committed to working alongside everyone at St. Barnabas with long-term ministry in mind."

I know you will warmly welcome Fr. George and his family into the life and ministry of your parish. There is every reason to be optimistic as you look to the future. In the meantime, you are truly blessed to be served by Canons Jim Beall and Roger Young; I give hearty thanks for their collective wisdom and generosity of spirit.

With very best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

The Right Reverend Shane A.D. Parker
Bishop of Ottawa

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