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By the Grace of God and Favor of the Apostolic See
Bishop of Monterey

DECREE

Whereas, a parish is a community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church whose pastoral case is entrusted to a pastor under the authority of the diocesan bishop (*CIC* c. 515 1);

Whereas, a pastor, in the parish entrusted to him, exercises pastoral care in the community committed to him by carrying out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, with the cooperation of other clergy and with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful, according to the norm of law (*CIC* c. 519);

Whereas the discipline of the Church expects that a presbyter be assigned as pastor (or the canonical equivalent) of every parish for the well-being of the faithful;

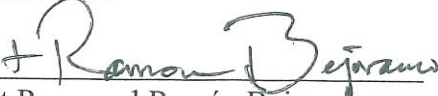
By this decree, I appoint the **Reverend John Farao, OFM Conv.** to be pastor of **Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Pismo Beach, CA** in the Diocese of Monterey in California.

He is required to make an accurate and clear inventory of all ecclesiastical goods owned by the parish; one copy is to be sent to the diocesan curia and the other is to remain in the parish archives; eventual changes in the inventory are to be indicated on both copies and he is to take an oath to administer well and faithfully (*CIC* c. 1283).

He is to make the *Profession of Faith* and *Oath of Fidelity* in the presence of the Vicar Forane (*CIC* c. 833, °6) and take possession of the parish within two weeks (*CIC* c. 527 °3) by taking up residence on August 1, 2026 followed by celebration of the Rite of Installation of a Pastor no later than November 1, 2026 or as prescribed by particular law. (*CIC* c. 527 °2).

This appointment is effective August 1, 2026, for a term of six years.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Monterey in Monterey, California on this 1st day of August 2026.


Most Reverend Ramón Bejarano
Bishop of Monterey


Reverend Timothy Nondorf
Vice-Chancellor

