



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

January 13, 2012

## **Bishop Walter Hurley announces the following pastoral appointments:**



**Father James Richardson** is appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Grand Rapids, effective Jan. 28, 2012

**Father Robert Sirico** is appointed part-time Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Grand Rapids, effective January 27, 2012. Father Sirico continues to serve as President of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty.

**Father Aaron R. Ferris** is appointed temporary Administrator of St. Jerome Parish, Scottville and St. Mary Parish, Custer effective January 27, 2012 through March 29, 2012.

Effective March 30, 2012, Father Ferris is appointed Canonical Administrator of St. Mary Parish, Grand Rapids.

*The Community of Saint Philip Neri, formerly located in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, has been welcomed and received into the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Father Richardson and Father Sirico are members of this religious community of priests and brothers who will reside at Sacred Heart of Jesus Rectory in Grand Rapids.*

### **Diocesan staff announcement:**

**Mr. D.J. Florian** joined the diocesan staff as Director of Pastoral Services effective January 3, 2012. Mr. Florian will oversee diocesan ministries and programs which serve the parish communities.

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