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## NEW CATHEDRAL RECTOR TO BE INSTALLED

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley, 11th Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids, will install Father John Geaney, CSP, as the new Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on Aug. 8, during the 10am Mass at the cathedral. At the same time the Bishop will welcome Father Marcos Zamora, CSP as a parochial vicar for the Cathedral. Father Geaney, CSP was appointed rector on July 1.

Geaney was involved in media ministry for much of the forty-six years he has been a priest. He created radio and television programs that were distributed throughout the United States and included television documentaries that aired on ABC television as well as on local PBS stations. For 33 years Father Geaney was the host and disc jockey for a program called *Sound and Sense*, which originated on WMAL-AM in Washington, D.C., and at one point was being aired on a national distribution network with more than 170 stations. Geaney also served as the Priest Director of Catholic Relief Services, the National Catholic Bishops international humanitarian agency. Most recently, Geaney was the pastor of St. Augustine Church in Memphis, TN, a parish of African-American Catholics. During his time as pastor of St. Augustine, Geaney was also the spokesperson for the Diocese of Memphis, and communications advisor to Most Rev. J. Terry Steib, SVD, Bishop of Memphis.

Most recently, Father Marcos Zamora, CSP, was the parochial vicar for the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Knoxville, TN. Zamora has spent most of his ministry in New York at the Paulist Fathers founding church, St. Paul the Apostle on New York's West Side, and later was the pastor of Good Shepherd Church in New York's Inwood section. Zamora is an Illinois native of Spanish and American Indian descent, and is fluent in the Spanish language. He also served in the Navy for six years as both an enlisted serviceman and an Ensign Officer in the Supply Corps.

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