



## FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

As you read this I am hopefully safely in the middle of my Camino, praying and walking/hiking/reflecting over 100 kilometers to the Church of St. James /Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. The basilica has historically been a place of pilgrimage on the Way of St James since the Early Middle Ages and marks the traditional end of the pilgrimage route. I will be carrying the needs and intentions of parishioners with me on my Camino/retreat. Your prayers for a safe and spiritually renewing experience are appreciated. See you next Sunday!

I am happy to share with you the following appointment from Cardinal Cupich:

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Dear Father Nacius,

In accord with canon 553 of the Code of Canon Law, I am pleased to appoint you as dean of Deanery I-C. This responsibility will be fulfilled concurrently as Pastor of the Church of St. Mary Parish. Your term of office, which is renewable, is effective September 1, 2023, and will conclude on June 30, 2026.

Know that I am grateful for your willingness to serve the Archdiocese and, in particular, the People of God in this deanery through the Office of Dean. As dean, you will be assisting me, the vicar general and your episcopal vicar to better provide for the pastoral governance of this Archdiocese, particularly through your fraternal support of your brother priests in your deanery. As we continue with the spiritual renewal of *Renew My Church*, we know the importance of building positive community among priests, grounded in prayer and accompaniment.

The Office of Dean is described in canons 554 and 555. In general, it is the dean's responsibility to promote and coordinate common pastoral activity within the deanery, to see to it that the priests and deacons in the deanery diligently perform their proper roles and duties, that the parishes in the deanery are being administered properly in accord with liturgical norms and canon law, as well as Archdiocesan policies and procedures, and that parish sacramental records are correctly inscribed and kept in good condition. In addition to these provisions, your role as dean will be more fully explained and discussed in future meetings with the episcopal vicars and other deans.

Father Nacius, you have my personal support and prayers for you in this ministry. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards, I remain.

*Rev. Robert F. Felle*

Ecclesiastical Notary



Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Monseñor Carlo Cupich*

Archbishop of Chicago

*Enclosures*

cc: Most Reverend Jeffrey Grob, Episcopal Vicar,  
Vicariate I Most Reverend Robert Casey, Vicar General  
Deacon David Keene, Ph.D., Chancellor  
Reverend Michael Knotek, Executive Secretary, Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
Reverend Kurt Baras, Vicar for Priests  
Reverend Michael Foley, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Meg Hall, Director, Archives and Records

God bless you in "Eucharistic lives" of gratitude, generosity and compassion,

*Fr. Mike Nacius*