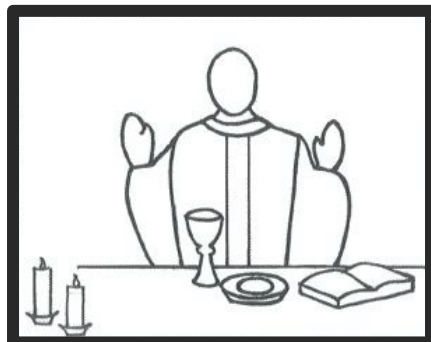


BISHOP STIKA ANNOUNCES PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS FOR DIOCESE

Father Antonio Giraldo, who has served as part-time Associate Pastor at St. John Paul Catholic Mission in Rutledge and also has been an assisting Priest in residence at Holy Trinity Church in Jefferson City, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Townsend effective July 1, 2017.



Fr. Antonio was born in Columbia, South America and is the youngest of 16 children in his family. Fr. Antonio came to the United States in 1972, became a permanent resident in 1975, and earned his Bachelor's of Science degree in Marketing from Northern Illinois University in 1979. Fr. Antonio entered the Seminary of St. John Vianney in Pereira, Columbia and was ordained a Priest in Marsella, Columbia in November of 1997. He became a US citizen in 2000 and came to the Diocese of Knoxville in 2002. Since 2002, Fr. Antonio has faithfully been serving the Diocese of Knoxville:

<i>2002-2009</i>	<i>St. Therese of Lisieux in Cleveland, TN, Associate Pastor,</i>
<i>2009</i>	<i>Incardinated in the Diocese by Bishop Stika</i>
<i>2009 –2010</i>	<i>All Saints Parish, Associate Pastor</i>
<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>St. Therese of Lisieux, Cleveland, TN, Parochial Administrator</i>
<i>2010-2014</i>	<i>St. Thomas the Apostle</i>
<i>2014-2017</i>	<i>Mission of St. John Paul II, Rutledge, Part-time Associate Pastor</i> <i>Holy Trinity, Jefferson City, Assisting Priest in Residence</i>
<i>2017</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi Church, Townsend, TN—Parochial Administrator</i>

Each summer, Fr. Antonio looks forward to the opportunity of leading a mission trip to his former home parish in Columbia, South America.