

DIocese of San Bernardino



Office of the Chancellor

DATE: December 5, 2018

TO: All Parishes, Schools and Off-site Offices

FM: Sister Sara Kane, CSJ *SK*
Chancellor

RE: Retirement Announcements 2018

Msgr. Lopez and I would like to share with you the following announcement regarding two retirements happening at the Pastoral Center this month.

After serving faithfully as Director of the Office of Catholic Cemeteries for 8 years, Deacon John Barna has requested a well-deserved retirement as of December 31, 2018. Deacon Barna through his innovative leadership has brought the Office and Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery in Colton to a very good position in serving the funeral needs of our Catholic faithful. We thank him and wish him a blessed time of renewal and rest.

A new office model will be initiated on January 1, 2019. The Catholic Cemetery Corporate Board will oversee the ministry of the Office and Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery; Mrs. Laura Clark, CFO and Msgr Lopez, Vicar General, will coordinate the administrative and pastoral activities of this ministry at the direction of the Cemetery Board starting January 1st; Mrs. Clark (administrative); Msgr. Lopez (pastoral). A new Cemetery Director will not be named at this time. Please contact them for questions or concerns.

Sister Cathy White S.P. has served in the Diocese for nearly 15 years. We recognize and celebrate her strong leadership as Director of the Office of Child & Youth Protection. Thanks to Sister Cathy, our schools, catechetical and youth programs are safer today. Sister Cathy will be returning to her Mother House with the Sisters of Providence as she retires December 31, 2018. It is with deep gratitude we send Sister Cathy off to Indiana.

Her hard work and dedication are deeply appreciated. She will always have a home in our hearts and prayers.

At this time, Elder Samaniego will be the Interim Director of the Office beginning January 1, 2019.