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News Release

Diocesan Announcement

KALAMAZOO, MI (March 2, 2026): Bishop Edward M. Lohse has made the following pastoral appointments:

The Reverend Arul Shyju Muthaian Rajammal, a diocesan priest for the Diocese of Marthandam, India, in consultation with his Ordinary and in accord with Canon 547, has been appointed as Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. This appointment is effective March 7, 2026 and expires on June 30, 2031.

The Reverend Andrew Schmidt has been appointed to graduate studies in Canon Law at the Pontifical University of his choice as well as to the graduate program at the Pontifical North American College, with residence at the Casa Santa Maria in Rome, Italy. This appointment is effective August 1, 2026 and continues until the completion of the Licentiate examination in June, 2029. Father Schmidt will conclude his appointment as Parochial Vicar at St. Augustine Cathedral on July 31, 2026.

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The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo was founded in 1971. It encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes and missions as well as 20 Catholic schools.
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