

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN
SECRETARIAT FOR CLERGY

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PRIESTS AND DEACONS
FROM: REVEREND MONSIGNOR GERALD E. GOBITAS *fat*
RE: NEWS RELEASE
DATE: 16 MAY 2016

ALLENTOWN PARISH TO BE SERVED BY RELIGIOUS ORDER

Saint Stephen of Hungary Parish in Allentown will be entrusted to the religious order known as the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP) for the parish's spiritual and temporal care effective July 1. The Fraternity will nominate a pastor for the parish in the near future.

Saint Stephen of Hungary Parish will remain a parish of the Diocese of Allentown, under the direction of Bishop John Barres. The new pastor and his successors will administer the temporal goods of the parish in accordance with diocesan standards.

The most notable change will be that celebration of all Masses will be in the extra-ordinary form (also known as the Traditional Latin Mass) and the celebration of the sacraments will follow the liturgical books in use in 1962. Saint Stephen Parish in Allentown has been home to the Latin Mass community in this Diocese since 2007.

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter was founded in Switzerland in 1988. Its North American District is headquartered in Elmhurst Township near Scranton. The charism and ministry of FSSP priests is centered on and nourished by the Traditional Latin Mass.

FSSP priests are active in 34 dioceses in the United States including the Dioceses of Harrisburg and Scranton in Pennsylvania.