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## CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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### **Tomás Cano Appointed as the Cathedral's Parish Nurse**

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA — The Cathedral of the Annunciation announced today the reestablishment of the Parish Nurse program. The Very Reverend John J. M. Foster, J.C.D., Pastor of the Cathedral of the Annunciation, has appointed Tomás Cano, R.N., B.S.N. as the parish's new Parish Nurse.

Tomás Cano is a graduate of Annunciation School and St. Mary's High School. He graduated from Ohio University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is a licensed Registered Nurse. Tomás works in the Emergency Department of St. Joseph's Medical Center in Stockton.

First established at the Cathedral of the Annunciation in the late 1990s, the Parish Nurse program has been blessed over the years with the ministry of several dedicated medical professionals who have served as health resources for parishioners and staff. The impetus to restart the Parish Nurse program now started last Fall when the Diocese of Stockton began its "Caring for the Whole Person" ministry, an initiative of the Bishops of California and Catholic healthcare systems supporting parishes, community services, and families in ministering to those who are seriously ill or at the end of life.

In his new ministry as Parish Nurse, Mr. Cano will recruit medical professionals from the parish to function as a Health Ministry Team, serving as a resource for parishioners and parish staff concerning healthcare matters.

In appointing Tomás Cano as the Parish Nurse for the Cathedral parish, Father Foster said, "I am delighted that Tomás accepted the invitation to reinvigorate the Cathedral's Parish Nurse program. I look forward to working with him and those recruited for the Health Ministry Team as they begin their service in 'Caring for the Whole Person' in our parish."

In beginning his new ministry, Mr. Cano said, "Stockton has always presented a very complex and deep medical need. Working at Dignity Health Saint Joseph's for over fifteen years has helped me identify additional services from which our community would benefit. Caring for people has always been my calling, and I am very fortunate to be given this opportunity to support our community through Christ."

Cathedral parishioners can reach Tomás Cano at [ParishNurse@annunciationstockton.org](mailto:ParishNurse@annunciationstockton.org) or by leaving a voicemail at the parish office at (209) 463–1305.

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The Cathedral of the Annunciation serves as the mother church of the Diocese of Stockton and the parochial church of the Cathedral parish. Located next door to Dameron Hospital and south of Stockton’s Miracle Mile, the parish has about 2,100 families, a K–8 school, and a preschool and extended care.

Each weekend, the Cathedral has four Masses in English and two in Spanish to celebrate the Lord’s Day. Mass is celebrated weekdays at 8:00 a.m. Infant baptisms, the anointing of the sick, marriages, funerals, and Quinceañeras are celebrated in English and Spanish throughout the year. The sacrament of penance is available on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

In addition to the pastor and parochial vicar, the Cathedral parish is served by four permanent deacons and a talented lay staff.