

# **INSPIRED TO SERVE**

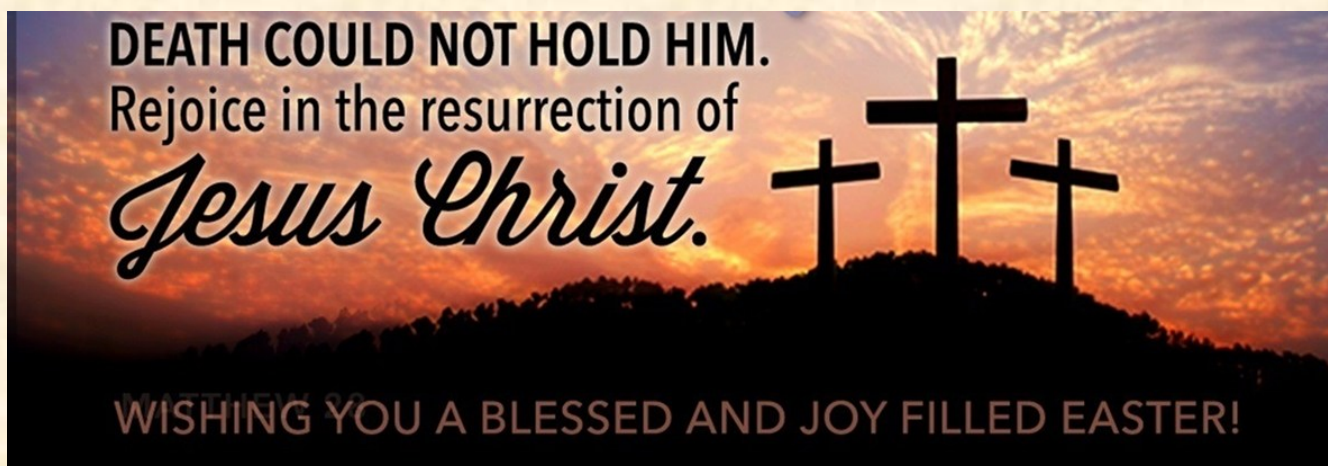
**CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN CORPS**

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## Director's Message

**Dear Pastoral Visitors,**

As we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful and compassionate ministry you offer every day. Your presence brings hope, healing, and the love of Christ to those who need it most.

Easter reminds us that light triumphs over darkness, and life conquers death. Thank you for being bearers of that light in hospital rooms, hallways, and hearts. Your dedication is a living witness to the Resurrection.

As St. Paul of the Cross, once said, "Let us always keep in mind that we have been created to love and serve God and to bring His glory to the world." This reminder drives us forward, helping us to build a future that reflects this very sacred calling. Thank you for being a part of this vision.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter season in advance. May the Risen Lord continue to strengthen you in your ministry and fill you with His peace and grace.

**With gratitude and Easter joy,**

**Romani Perera**



## Welcome To Our TEAM

Fr. Biju Antony



Fr. Biju was ordained as a priest in April 2003 and has dedicated his ministry to mission and parish work. Since 2013, he has served in the USA as Parochial Vicar at St. Peter's Church in Fort Yates, ND, and Parish Administrator at St. Lawrence Church in Flasher, ND.

He speaks several languages.

He is assigned to I-10 West Hospitals in Katy.

## Fr. Ian Balisnomo

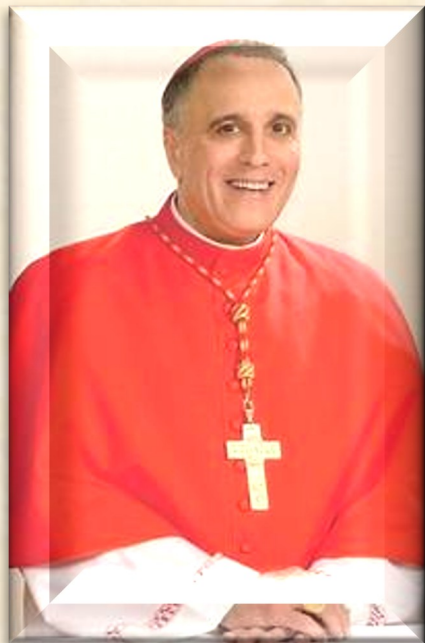
The CCC Team would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Ian for his dedicated and faithful service to the Catholic Chaplain Corps over the past eight years.

Please join us in congratulating Fr. Ian on his new assignment as Parochial Vicar at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church in Katy. We pray that God continues to bless him abundantly in this new chapter of his priestly ministry.



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*Thank You!*  
*Cardinal Daniel DiNardo*



On Jan. 20, Pope Francis accepted Cardinal DiNardo's resignation and named Bishop Vásquez of Austin as his successor.

"I am delighted by the appointment of Bishop Vásquez as the **next** Archbishop of Galveston-Houston," Cardinal DiNardo said. "I give gratitude to the Holy Father for naming an experienced, prayerful and humble Shepherd to lead this local Church."

(Archdiocese article: webpage (2025)).

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*Welcome Archbishop*  
*Jose S. Vásquez*



*Congratulations!*

**March 25, 2025** Mass held Tuesday,  
at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

MARCH 25, 2025

Message from Archbishop Vásquez

"I am grateful to God for bestowing this responsibility on me and I am humbled by this appointment. As I begin my service in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, I entrust myself to the tender embrace of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to the compassionate protection of St. Joseph."

(Archdiocese article: webpage (2025)).



# Education Corner

Please join me in welcoming our new  
Foundation Course Instructor:

**Mr. Enrique Contreras-Martinez**



Enrique currently serves as the Director of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care at St Luke's Health in The Woodlands. He graduated from the University of Dallas with a BA in Philosophy and Letters and obtained his Masters in Divinity from The University of Thomas at St Mary's Seminary.

He is a board certified chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains since 2006 and an Adjunct professor of Ethics and Theology at St. Mary's Seminary since 2019. Prior to taking on the direction of Mission and Spiritual Care, he served as staff chaplain at Baylor St Luke's Medical Center, where he did his residency in Clinical Pastoral Education in 2003-2005. He continued his ministry at Texas Children's Hospital and in 2018 came back to St. Luke's to join the Spiritual Care Team. Enrique is also the Ethics lead for the north part of the Houston Market in Commonspirit Health.

## Foundation Course Fall 2025

Invite a friend to the CCC Ministry

### Prince of Peace

Dates: Aug 19, Sept 9, Sept 23 and Oct 7

Tuesdays, 10 am– 1pm

### St. Dominic Village Center

Dates: Aug 21, Sept 11, Sept 25 and Oct 9

Thursdays, 10 am— 1 pm

To know more about the Catholic Chaplain Corps Pastoral Visitors classes for 2025, please scan the QR Code or Contact us at: 713-747-8445

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## Enrichment Seminar



### Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services

St. Martha's Catholic School (In Person)

**Tuesday, April 22**

2:00 pm– 4:00 pm

2411 Oak Shores Dr.

Kingwood, TX 77339

