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### KEARNY PARISH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

The Most Reverend George M. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church has appointed Father Paul Gulya to be Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus ANCC parish in Kearny, NJ. Father Paul was one of the founding co-pastors of the parish in 2013 and most recently served as a supply priest for various parishes of the ANCC and also for other parishes in an ecumenical capacity. He also served as chairperson of the ANCC national convocation this past summer.

Father Paul was ordained to the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, CT in May, 1981. He is a 1981 graduate of Mount St. Mary's Seminary and University, Emmitsburg, MD, from which he holds Master of Theology and Master of Divinity degrees.

Not hiding his enthusiasm, Father Paul states that "having co-founded and launched the Sacred Heart of Jesus ANCC parish, it brings me great joy to have seen its growth and to return as the Pastor and spiritual leader of this vibrant faith community. I am looking forward to helping this parish to continue on its pilgrimage to the fulfillment of 'God's Kingdom in our midst' by ensuring that our hearts and our doors are always open to those who may feel excluded or disenfranchised from their faith. "

Sacred Heart of Jesus ANCC parish, which serves Hudson County and the greater-Kearny area, is a key parish of the American National Catholic Church.

The American National Catholic Church is an all-inclusive church of the Catholic tradition where all are welcome regardless of lifestyle or circumstance. The ANCC embraces and promulgates the spirit of progress and reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. Additionally, Sacred Heart of Jesus ANCC parish recognizes the diversity of the community in which they live and worship and are actively seeking to integrate Spanish-language prayers into many of their liturgies.

Mass is offered every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at 380 Kearny Avenue, Kearny, NJ in worship space that Grace United Methodist Church generously shares with Sacred Heart of Jesus American National Catholic Church. All are welcome, without exception, to visit any Sunday. For more information visit their web site at [www.SacredHeartANCC.org](http://www.SacredHeartANCC.org).

