



Diocese of Youngstown

March 16, 2026

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Reverend William N. Wainio
University Parish Newman Center
1424 Horning Road
Kent, Ohio 44240

Dear Father Wainio,

By virtue of this letter, I am pleased to appoint you, Diocesan Director of Vocations, effective May 1, 2026, with residence in the rectory at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, McDonald (Queen of Heaven Parish). This appointment remains in effect until revoked by me or my successor.

As full time Vocation Director you will work under the direction of the Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, Vicar for Clergy and Director of Seminarians. I also ask that you work in collaboration with Mrs. Madeleine Francisco, Director of Youth and Young Adult Accompaniment. As part of your efforts in vocations, I ask that you keep regular contact with all our parishes, schools and campus ministries, including the celebration of Masses, and that you serve as a formator and resource to our parish vocation councils.

I am deeply grateful for your willingness to assume this very important pastoral assignment. By making this a full-time position, I hope to convey to everyone throughout our diocesan community that this is a critical time for us, and the enthusiasm and creativity you will bring to these efforts will only serve to bring about greater results.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you as you begin this new and challenging assignment. Together let us pray, "That All May Be One."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar
Bishop of Youngstown

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cc: Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle
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