

## OUR PASTOR ELECTED DEAN

**Please join us in congratulating Msgr. Bronkiewicz on his election and Bishop's appointment as Dean of our new Deanery.**

On April 12, 2017, at the annual Chrism Mass at Saint Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport, Bishop Caggiano announced the election and appointment of the first Deans of our 9 new Diocesan Deaneries. Msgr. Bronkiewicz was elected Dean by the priests of our new Deanery, which embraces 7 parishes – the parishes of Ridgefield, Wilton, Georgetown, Redding, Easton and Weston. Bishop Caggiano called Monsignor to confirm his election and appointment.

We all hope that this new deanery structure, replacing our previous vicariate structure, will strengthen fraternal support among our clergy, foster regional planning and collaboration to make better use of talent and resources, and provide for greater accountability. As a Dean, Monsignor will also serve as a member of our new Diocesan Clergy Assignment Board, a consultative body which assists our Bishop in assigning priests and deacons to ministry, and our Diocesan Presbyteral Council (Council of Priests) which advises our Bishop in matters concerning the governance of our Diocese.

Our new deanery structure took effect April 11<sup>th</sup>. We ask you to keep Monsignor and the other Deans in your prayers as our Diocese moves forward to implement this new initiative.