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A message from the Ontario Provincial President



A Heartfelt Welcome and Prayers for Bishop Alan Campeau

With immense joy and gratitude, we extend our warmest congratulations to His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Alan Campeau, on his installation as the new Bishop of Thunder Bay! The installation took place Thursday, February 27th, at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Cathedral in Thunder Bay, marking a momentous occasion for the diocese and the entire community.

We rejoice with Bishop Campeau and offer our sincerest well wishes and prayers for a vibrant and compassionate ministry ahead. May God grant him the strength, wisdom, and joy needed to fulfill this important role within the Church. We pray that the Lord will bless him abundantly, fill his life with His divine joy, and sustain him with His unwavering grace.

Bishop Campeau succeeds Bishop Fred Colli, who retired on July 1, 2024, after an incredible 25 years of dedicated service as head of the diocese. Bishop Campeau's appointment, announced on January 10th, signifies a new chapter filled with hope and promise.

Born and raised in Belle River, Ontario, Bishop Campeau's journey of faith led him to St. Peter's Seminary in London in 1983. His academic achievements include a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Philosophy from King's College at Western University, followed by a Master of Divinity degree from St. Peter's in 1990. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of London in that same year.

In 1995, answering a call to serve, he accepted an invitation from Bishop Fred Henry to minister in Northwestern Ontario, helping to address the shortage of priests in the region.

For the past 30 years, Bishop Campeau has served in numerous pastoral roles throughout Thunder Bay, extending his ministry to parishes in Kenora, Sioux Narrows, Nestor Falls, Dryden, Ignace, and Vermilion Bay. His dedication also led him to serve

several missions, including those within the Grassy Narrows, White Dog, and Eagle Lake First Nations communities.

Since 2008, Bishop Campeau has served as dean for the diocese's western deanery and has been a long-standing member of the priests' council. Most recently, he served as the pastor of St. Joseph parish in Dryden, Immaculate Conception parish in Ignace, and Our Lady of Fatima parish in Vermillion Bay.

Let us celebrate Bishop Campeau's dedication to his ministry and his commitment to spiritual leadership. We wish him all the best in his new role and offer our full support and prayers as he embarks on this inspiring journey.

With love,

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