

PRESS RELEASE

Acceptance of Bishop Claude Champagne's Resignation and Appointment of an Apostolic Administrator

The Chancery of the Diocese of Edmundston, New Brunswick, informs the clergy, religious communities, and all the faithful of the Diocese of Edmundston that **His Holiness Pope Leo XIV** has today accepted the resignation from the pastoral governance of our diocese submitted by **His Excellency Bishop Claude Champagne, O.M.I.**, due to reaching the age limit.

In accordance with the Code of Canon Law, His Holiness accepted this resignation today. By the same act, in order to ensure pastoral governance and the continuity of diocesan life during the vacancy of the see (sede vacante), the Holy Father has appointed **His Excellency Bishop Michel Proulx, O.Praem**, Bishop of Bathurst, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Edmundston.

The diocesan community is invited to express its gratitude to Bishop Claude Champagne, O.M.I., for his years of dedicated pastoral ministry and to keep Bishop Michel Proulx, O.Praem, in their prayers as he assumes his new office.

Further details and the canonical and pastoral implications of this appointment will be provided shortly, but the appointment takes effect immediately.

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