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BISHOP RIESBECK MOVING TO SAINT JOHN, NB

The Most Reverend Christian Riesbeck, CC, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, has been appointed by the Holy See to the office of Bishop of the Diocese of Saint John, New Brunswick, effective December 9.



The Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa will be leaving the region this December.

Pope Francis has appointed His Excellency Christian Riesbeck to the office of Bishop of the Diocese of Saint John, NB.

Born in Montreal in 1970, ordained to the priesthood on October 12, 1996 (Companions of the Cross), and installed as Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa in 2014, his ministry has included pastoral assignments in Eastern Ontario and Houston, TX, and the office of Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast said, “Today, I offer sincerest congratulations to Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC on his appointment by Pope Francis as Bishop of Saint John.

“The people of New Brunswick will come to know him as a dynamic pastor who encourages all to be missionary disciples ready to share his episcopal motto *Evangelii gaudium*—the ‘joy of the gospel’—with others.

“Since 2011, the Archdiocese of Ottawa has gleaned his wisdom as a canonist and been challenged by his energy as a pastor. I have personally profited from his advice as chancellor and been blessed by his service as my auxiliary bishop for five years.

“I am sure the clergy, religious and lay faithful of Saint John will soon know and love this remarkable servant of Christ and his Church.

“We will miss Bishop Christian. Our prayers and best wishes accompany him.”

The Diocese of Saint John, New Brunswick has 28 parishes, 68 churches and chapels, with a Catholic population of 115,400 served by 53 priests, two deacons, and 66 Sisters who are members of institutes of consecrated life.

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