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To all priests of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Re: Director of Pastoral Planning and Director of English Pastoral Services

Dear brother priests,

Since Monday, January 27th, 2020, Cynthia (Cindy) Dwyer has assumed a new diocesan position: *Director of Pastoral Planning and Director of English Pastoral Services*. Robert Larivière will continue as Director of French Pastoral Services.



In this new position, Cindy will work with me and the diocesan curia, as well as with parishes and various partners, to create a diocesan pastoral plan. This plan which will be developed in multiple phases will require consultation and involvement of all stakeholders. Once our pastoral plan is developed and accepted, she will provide leadership in its implementation within the Diocese.

Cindy holds a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Assumption University in Windsor; she also completed her Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) internship at St. Joseph's Regional Mental Health Care London, with a full time CPE residency specializing in End of Life Care at Beaumont Health, Royal Oak, Michigan. She is Board Certified with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) with ecclesial endorsement from the Most Reverend Ronald P. Fabbro, csb. She serves as the NACC Canadian Liaison, at the provincial and at the national level.

Prior to accepting this appointment, she served as Manager of Pastoral Care, Mission Integration, Volunteers and Ethics at St. Joseph's General Hospital Elliot Lake, and Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare in Windsor.

Cindy's pastoral gifts include service in various healthcare settings and a passion for a mission-focused approach to service, which will be essential in developing our pastoral plan. Her participation in the Family of Parishes process for the London Diocese as a member of the Windsor Deanery gave her valuable experience in planning at the diocesan level.

I believe that Cindy will be a valuable addition to our Diocesan team. Her office is located at the Diocesan Centre in Sudbury; she can be reached at 705-674-2727, ext. 251, or by email at c.dwyer@ssmd.ca.

Yours in Christ,

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Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie