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New Bishop of Timmins

Dear faithful of the diocese,

On this May 1<sup>st</sup>, Our Holy Father the Pope accepted the resignation I submitted to him as Bishop of Timmins, in accordance with the Church's *Code of Canon Law*.

On the same day, Pope Leo XIV appointed Reverend Roch Martin as the new Bishop of Timmins; he has served as Vicar General of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie since August 1, 2021.

Born on September 26, 1964, in Sturgeon Falls, Bishop-elect Martin initially received training and gained experience in education (1989–1993; Bachelor of Education); following his theological formation (Bachelor of Theology and Master of Arts in Pastoral Sciences), he was ordained a priest on November 10, 1995, and served in several parishes within the same Diocese: Chelmsford, Coniston, Marksay, Whanapitae, Hanmer, and Sudbury.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for this new Shepherd who knows northern Ontario well and possesses a wealth of pastoral experience. Let us pray for him: that the Lord may shower him with blessings in this ministry he is undertaking; that the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Anthony of Padua, our patron saint, may watch over him and the faithful entrusted to his care.

Until his episcopal ordination late summer, I have been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, with the responsibilities of the Diocesan Bishop, in consultation with the College of Consultors.

✕ Serge Poitras

Bishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator of Timmins

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

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