

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie



Diocèse de Sault Ste-Marie

May 6th, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Sometimes we must leave the beaten trail and dare to explore new avenues. Over the past year, we have all experienced new ways to fulfill the mission entrusted to us by God and we have witnessed many creative means by which we were able to bring about innovation in our ministry. Like many of you, I've watched many tutorials on the internet to learn how to set up a website, participate in a 'Zoom' meeting, etc. We had to become pioneers, forced to leave our comfort zones to venture out onto new paths.

Answering the call by Bishop Dowd to serve in our diocese as Vicar General, meant that I had to step out of my comfort zone. With the grace of God, I have accepted to serve God and His Church in this capacity. In the exercise of this new ministry entrusted to me, I will rely on the guidance of our Bishop, as well as on the support of my colleagues and of our diocesan Church as a whole. I am looking forward to working with Bishop Dowd, the diocesan team and the greater community of our diocese, in unity with Christ, in the new ministry delegated to me.

I assure you all of my humble prayers and I ask that you keep me in yours.

Yours truly in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'R. Martin, pte'.

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