

DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE



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to priests, deacons and parishioners of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie  
Thursday, June 18, 2020

***RE: Election of a Diocesan Administrator***

Dear brother priests, dear deacons and parishioners,

Since Bishop Marcel Damphousse has officially taken office as Coadjutor Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, the Episcopal See for the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie is now vacant. According to Canon Law, a Diocesan Administrator must be appointed to ensure the proper functioning of the Diocese until the arrival of the new Bishop. The responsibility for electing a Diocesan Administrator rests with the College of Consultors.

This morning, Thursday June 18, 2020, the College of Consultors met by ZOOM. After having considered the needs of our Diocese as well as the gifts and talents of priests who could assume this responsibility, the College of Consultors elected Msgr. Jean-Paul É. Jolicoeur as Diocesan Administrator. His mandate is effective immediately and will end once a new Bishop is appointed. We welcome him as interim leader of our Diocese.

Msgr. Jolicoeur is committed to working collaboratively with the College of Consultors in order to meet the pastoral needs of all regions within the Diocese.

We thank him for accepting to render this Church service and we assure him of our support and prayer.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Jean Vézina  
Chancellor of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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