



Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough

January 9, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I wish to announce that effective today, Monsignor Michael Heffernan, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Otonabee, has been appointed Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. Canon law states that the Diocesan Bishop is to appoint a Vicar General to assist in the governance of the diocese and that he is endowed with the same executive power as the Bishop. I am confident that Monsignor Heffernan possesses the pastoral experience, administrative knowledge, and priestly virtues required to fulfill this important office ably and diligently.

I take this opportunity to thank Father Joseph Moran for his long and dedicated service to this Diocese as Vicar General. He graciously remained in this role, at my request, even after his retirement from pastoral ministry last June. Moreover, he has agreed to remain in office until March 1, 2020, to allow for a smooth transition period. I am grateful for his ongoing commitment and priestly service to the people of God.

Monsignor Heffernan will remain as Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and St. John Mission in Keene. I ask your prayers for him as he assumes the role of Vicar General of the Diocese of Peterborough, that God will bless him abundantly and bless the Church through his ministry.

Yours in Christ,

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