



## STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEATH OF BISHOP EMERITUS NICOLA DE ANGELIS, C.F.I.C.

June 16, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Peterborough,

We were saddened to learn today of the death of the Most Reverend Nicola DeAngelis, 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. Bishop DeAngelis entered eternal life in Montefiascone, Italy, where he had resided in recent years after retiring from office in 2014.

A member of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop DeAngelis was born in 1939 in Pozzaglia, Sabina, Italy. He came to Canada at the end of the 1960's and studied for the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. He later obtained a doctorate in theology from the Toronto School of Theology.

Bishop DeAngelis served in several Toronto parishes and was the vice-chancellor of the Archdiocese from 1979 to 1984. From 1985 to 1992, he served in Rome as treasurer and then general superior of his religious congregation. In 1992, he was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

On December 28, 2002, Pope St. John Paul II appointed the Most Reverend Nicola DeAngelis to be the Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. During the years of his Episcopal service here, Bishop DeAngelis was known as a strong and faithful shepherd with a kindly and fatherly style. He was concerned for the life of the clergy, the wellbeing of parish communities, and was very dedicated to Catholic education. This was evident in his pastoral presence at Catholic schools, both public and private, and in his founding of Sacred Heart College. Bishop DeAngelis took great steps to set the Diocese on a sound financial footing and did so with the help of dedicated and knowledgeable lay advisors. In all of this he lived out his Episcopal motto "Unum Estis in Christo" (You are one in Christ) seeking to build up and strengthen the body of Christ, especially the Diocesan Church under his care.

Bishop DeAngelis' Funeral Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Saturday June 17, in Montefiascone. Although I am not able to attend on such short notice, I am pleased that Father John Perdue, a priest of the diocese on graduate studies in Rome, will attend and bring a message of condolence and prayers from me and the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Peterborough.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Nicola DeAngelis, that God admit him, a faithful and true shepherd, into the company of the saints.

Yours in Christ,

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