



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

February 26, 2018

Dear Father:

In the proper care for this diocese, a diocesan bishop is mandated by law to have at least one Vicar General to assist him with the administration of his see. After receiving and accepting Bishop Christian's resignation from the Office of Vicar General of the Diocese of Manchester, I continue to be mindful of his many years of service for which I have deep gratitude. I have been praying and reflecting on how best to provide for that Office. As a result of my discernment, and in fulfilment of my obligations, I would like to inform you of my decision.

I have appointed Father Shawn Therrien and Father Jason Jalbert to serve as Vicars General of the Diocese of Manchester. Both are priest for whom I have great esteem and whose prudent judgement I trust.

Father Therrien's specific responsibility will be to serve as Chair of the Priest Personnel Board. He will also serve as Liaison to the Consecrated Men and Women Religious in the Diocese.

Father Jalbert will have the specific responsibility to serve Ex-Officio on the boards of Catholic Medical Center and Catholic Charities of New Hampshire.

As the Vicars General of the diocese, both men have all the authorities granted them by Church Law, and are Ordinaries of the Diocese of Manchester.

I am grateful to both Fathers Jalbert and Therrien for their willingness to help me in my ministry to the diocese and trust that you will join me in providing them the necessary support they will need to fulfil their responsibilities.

As you know well my gratefulness to you for your assistance, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

+*Peter*

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