



# THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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Dear Members of the Diocese,

Grace and Peace in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We regret to inform the Diocese that our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle has been placed on medical leave by his physician for an indefinite period. While we ask that you please keep our Bishop especially in your prayers, we ask that you respect the Bishop's privacy at this time and refrain from contacting him directly. He is receiving pastoral care from one of our Diocesan clergy.

While the Bishop is on medical leave, as per our Diocesan Constitution, Canon 2 section 51. (1) it states that:

**51. (1) If the See should fall vacant by reason of the death, resignation, or removal of the Bishop, or in the physical or duly certified mental incapacity of the Bishop, the Bishop's Commissary shall be the Administrator of the Diocese following notification to, and approval having been received from, the Metropolitan.**

As the See is temporarily vacant due to the Bishop's incapacity, the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, the Most Rev. David Edwards has been notified and has given approval to appoint the Episcopal Commissary, Archdeacon Sam Rose, to act as the Administrator of the Diocese until Bishop Peddle returns from leave as per the Canon.

Yours,

Canon Bradford Wicks  
Diocesan Chancellor