



# THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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Dear Diocesan Family;

I pray this letter finds you and those you love well. I am writing today to share some news with you about someone we all love, our beloved Bishop Sam.

After consultation with his physician and family, he will be taking a medical leave of absence to address ongoing mental health issues that he has been dealing with for the past number of months. This medical leave will take effect immediately.

In Bishop Sam's absence, and with the approval of the Metropolitan for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop David Edwards, I have been appointed to act as the Diocesan Administrator.

I ask for your prayerful support for Bishop Sam and his family as they travel with him on the path of wholeness and healing. I also ask that you respect his privacy and give him the time and space he needs to be restored to health.

A Prayer for Bishop Sam,

*May you be wrapped up in God's love. Found deep in his everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now. Amen.*

Blessings,

The Venerable Charlene Taylor  
Diocesan Administrator



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