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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I received the announcement made in Rome today that my resignation from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Saint John has been accepted and that the Holy Father has appointed

H.E. the Most Reverend Christian Riesbeck, C.C.

as the new Bishop of Saint John, New Brunswick. Until today, he has served as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

The Holy Father has appointed me, as of this day, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Saint John, until the installation of Bishop Riesbeck on December 9, 2019, the liturgical Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Between now and then, please keep Bishop Riesbeck in your prayers.

In thanksgiving, for my twelve years of service as Bishop of Saint John, I will visit the three regions to con- celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and say farewell.

You are all invited! I have asked the priests to do me the honour of con-celebrating.

St. Michael's Basilica, Miramichi, November 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Dunstan's, Fredericton, November 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Cathedral, Saint John, November 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

A reception will follow.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Robert Harris
Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Saint John