DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

A Personal Reflection on the Appointment of Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

I welcomed the news of Bishop Wayne Lobsinger's appointment as the new Bishop of Peterborough with mixed feelings. I am grateful that he has been entrusted with this new opportunity to serve the Church, and I rejoice with the people of Peterborough, who will welcome a bishop of deep faith, a generous spirit and a genuine pastoral heart.

At the same time, I am saddened that I will be losing a brother bishop and a wonderful co-worker in the Lord's vineyard here in Hamilton.

Although our time serving together as bishops has been relatively brief, from the moment I arrived in Hamilton, Bishop Lobsinger welcomed me with great kindness and generosity. I have come to appreciate his wisdom, his knowledge of the diocese, his collegial spirit and, above all, his sensitivity to the needs of priests and the faithful. He has been a trusted brother bishop in ministry and a generous support as I began my service as Bishop of Hamilton.

Bishop Lobsinger is a shepherd who relates to people with warmth, humility and genuine care. He is deeply respected and appreciated by his brother priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. His ministry has been marked not simply by the responsibilities he has carried, but by the relationships he has built and the lives he has touched.

I know that the same gifts that have enriched the Diocese of Hamilton will now be a blessing to the Diocese of Peterborough. The Church is sending him to a new vineyard, but he carries with him the same pastoral heart and desire to serve God's people.

Bishop Lobsinger: thank you for your friendship, your generosity and your faithful service. Please know that you leave Hamilton with our gratitude, our affection and our prayers. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry, and may you find great joy and fulfilment in walking with the people of Peterborough as their new shepherd.

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