



Trois-Rivières, June 24, 2022

Peace and joy on this feast day of St. John the Baptist, the patron saint of French Canadians!

Today, Pope Francis appointed me to be your new Bishop. It is with joy and humility that I accept this new mission.

To introduce myself briefly and simply, here are three things you should know about me: I am passionate about Jesus, his Church and his mission; I often express myself through music; and even though I am a Quebecer, I have many ties to Ontario and the North. Actually, I lived in Ottawa for several years, where I worked closely with all the French-language Catholic school boards of Ontario. My family, on my mother's side, is from the Midland region.

I spent part of my ministry as a priest in Chibougamau. As an Oblate missionary, I am sensitive to the great challenge of working for reconciliation with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit. I want to go about this task humbly, with all of you, by first listening to the local indigenous people and their communities.

I will be visiting you for the first time in the next few days. I look forward to meeting you in person! The inauguration of my episcopal ministry will take place at a date to be announced soon, probably towards the end of August.

I warmly thank Archbishop Terrence Prendergast for his excellent and generous ministry over the past number of months. Together with you, he has faithfully stood firm.

We have a great mission ahead of us. May the Lord bless us and fill us with his joy and love!

In our communion in the mission,

Most Reverend Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, OMI  
Bishop-designate of Hearst-Moosonee