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Hearst, ON 25 August 2026 — On August 20, Fathers Christian E. Attama and Hilary O. Owicho, originally from Nigeria, arrived at Timmins Airport. Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, o.m.i. and Father John Okoh were there to welcome them. After spending a few days in Kapuskasing with Father Paul Awowole and the chancellor—during which they finalized certain Canadian administrative procedures—they attended the ordination of Bishop Roch Martin, the new bishop of Timmins, on Monday, as well as the blessing and consecration of the new church in Attawapiskat on Tuesday, August 25.



From August 26 to 28, they will stay in Cochrane with John Okoh. All three are from the same diocese.

On August 28, they will then travel to the Longlac, Geraldton, and Aroland area, where they will be introduced to the various communities during Sunday Masses. They will then spend a few days with Father Hugo Tremblay, who will introduce them to the pastoral realities and the basics of mission work in this vast region.

For his part, Father Hugo will continue his ministry in the Sault Ste. Marie area after the long weekend in September. We warmly thank him for his years of service among us and wish him the best of luck in his new ministry.

Father Christian Attama will be appointed pastor of Saint Jean Baptiste in Longlac and of Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus in Geraldton, while Father Hilary Owicho will take charge of the missions Infant Jesus in Long Lake #58 and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Aroland.