

A new Pastoral Year
A 73rd Season for Inter-Par

Again this year we intend to present you
with news from across the Diocese of
Hearst-Moosonee, from the Church in Ca-
nada, the Pope and the Universal Church

**A
warm
welcome
Fr. Christian
&
Fr. Hilary**

Diocese of Hearst-Moosonee

H. E. Pierre-Olivier Tremblay OMI
Bishop
Sylvie Vallée
Bursar

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out to people in over 30 communities
across Northern Ontario and beyond.

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And off we go again! A new pastoral
year, a 73rd season for Inter-Par.

The return to school once again
marks the beginning of a new pastoral
year. Although the summer season is
filled with moments of vacation and
rest, it is not a complete pause. Bishop
Tremblay has been very busy.

On August 20, Fathers Christian E.
Attama and Hilary O. Agbo, originally
from the Diocese of Benue in Nigeria,
arrived at the Timmins airport. Bishop
Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, O.M.I., and
Father John Okoh were present to wel-
come them. After a few days in Kapus-
kasing with Father Paul Awowole and
the chancellor—during which they
completed several Canadian adminis-
trative procedures—they took part on
Monday in the ordination of Bishop
Roch Martin, the new bishop of Tim-
mins. The next day, they took part in
the blessing and consecration of the
new church in Attawapiskat.

From August 26 to 28, they spent
time with Father John Okoh in Coch-
rane. All three come from the same
diocese; in fact, John and Christian
were in university at the same time.
During their stay in Cochrane, they
completed their G1 driver's test. Be-
lieve me: anyone who can drive in
Nigeria can certainly drive in Canada—
except in winter, of course. They will
complete their G2 after taking driving
lessons in the Longlac–Geraldton area.

On August 28, after visiting the
bishop's residence and the cathedral in
Hearst, Bishop Tremblay drove them to
the region of Longlac, Geraldton, and
Aroland, where they were introduced to
the various communities during the
Sunday Masses. They spent a few days

To begin the year, we would like to in-
troduce the arrival among us of two
priests from Nigeria, as well as the
blessing of the new church in Attawa-
piskat (next week's Inter-Par).

with Father Hugo Tremblay, who intro-
duced them to pastoral realities and the
basics of mission work in this vast re-
gion.

As for Father Hugo, he will continue
his ministry in the Sault Ste. Marie area.
We thank him warmly for his years of
service among us and wish him well in
his new ministry.



Father Christian Attama
is appointed pastor of
Saint John the Baptist in
Longlac and Saint Teresa
of the Child Jesus in Ger-
aldton.



Father Hilary Agbo is ap-
pointed pastor of the
missions Infant Jesus in
Long Lake #58 (58 & 77)
and Immaculate Heart of
Mary in Aroland.

For both Christian and Hilary, this is
their first visit to Canada, and first out-
side of Nigeria as well.

We keep them in our prayers, as well
as their families who have allowed them
to go forth.

We entrust their ministry to Saint
Teresa of the Child Jesus, the universal
patroness of missions.

We thank them for their dedication
and their missionary spirit.

May the Virgin Mary continue to
watch over you.