

*From the Permanent Council of the CCCB*

*Bishop Bourgon receives two appointments  
for the service of the Church in Canada*

Since his appointment, Bishop Robert Bourgon has been understandably quite busy. In addition to being bishop of a huge diocese following the creation of the new diocese of Hearst-Moosonee, he has recently been entrusted with important positions for the Church in Canada. Thus, in a letter dated August 22, and acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the CCCB, the Permanent Council agreed to appoint Bishop Robert Bourgon for a three year mandate (September 2019–2022), renewable, as a consultative member of the Standing Committee for Responsible Ministry and the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons. This committee was established following a resolution of the Plenary Assembly of Bishops of Canada and is mandated to prevent sexual abuse and the ongoing implementation of the CCCB's guidelines published in October 2018 entitled Protection of minors from Sexual Abuse: Calling Canadian Catholic Catholics for Healing, Reconciliation and Transformation.

In another letter, dated October 17, signed by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, Moderator of the Canadian Appeal Tribunal, Bishop Bourgon received a three-year term of office as Judicial Vicar of the Canadian Appeal Tribunal effective January 1, 2020, again from the Permanent Council of the CCCB. This tribunal deals with cases of declaration of nullity of marriage. Bishop Bourgon will exercise his mandate in accordance with canon law and will appoint judges for specific cases.

We are very pleased that the bishops of Canada place so much faith in our bishop.

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