



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE 10th BISHOP OF HAMILTON

It is a joy for me to communicate to the Diocese of Hamilton, that at noon (Rome time) November 1, 2025, it was announced that Pope Leo XIV appointed **Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.**, *currently Bishop of Charlottetown, as the 10th Bishop of Hamilton!* With his acceptance of the appointment, he is now our Bishop! Henceforth, when we pray for the Bishop in the Eucharistic Prayers of Holy Mass, we pray for him by name, Joseph.

Until Bishop Dabrowski ***“takes possession of the See”***, the Holy See has asked me to manage the ongoing governance of the Diocese by appointing me Apostolic Administrator in the intervening months. I am happy to serve!

The transfer of duties of governance will be effective on February 2, 2026, *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*. It is one of the most important events in the liturgical and administrative life of the Diocese.

For now, it is incumbent on us to rejoice that the Lord has provided another Bishop for our Diocese; one who already knows the blessings we celebrate in Hamilton: a large, well educated and culturally diverse Presbyterate; a growing Permanent Diaconate; active Finance, Stewardship, and Pastoral Offices, the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives; the Catholic Cemeteries; Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre; and a busy Marriage Tribunal; a strong Catholic Education system in the seven Catholic District School Boards; the largest Catholic Health Care System in Canada in the St. Joseph's Health Care System; a vibrant Pastoral and Administrative Staff serving in the Diocesan Chancery. Bishop Dabrowski will also know of the fine formation and education offered to our 20 Seminarians at St. Peter's Seminary, London, St. Alban's Seminary in Valladolid, Spain, St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, and Sacred Heart Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We will gather joyfully as a strong community of vibrant faith to celebrate his “taking possession of the See of Hamilton”!

Until then, we pray in thanksgiving for Bishop Dabrowski. Thank you, dear Bishop, for saying “Yes” to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the call of the Holy Father, Leo XIV, to lead the Diocese into the future with faith and HOPE. Your appointment is the apex of our Jubilee Year of HOPE celebrations. “May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfillment!”

In Christ and Mary Immaculate,

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Hamilton.
November 3, 2025



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