



PRESS RELEASE

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, ON, February 2, 2016 - **This morning in Rome, the Holy Father, Pope Francis announced the appointment of Reverend Father Robert Ovide Bourgon as Bishop of Hearst and Apostolic Administrator of Moosonee.**

Father Bourgon is currently pastor of the Catholic parishes of Cartier, Dowling and Levack, as well as Judicial Vicar, Chancellor and Vicar General of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

Father Robert Bourgon was born on March 10, 1956 to Robert Vianney Bourgon and Jean Sellick. He was raised in Creighton Mine, Ontario. He attended St. Peter's Seminary in London and was ordained to the priesthood on May 8, 1981. He obtained a Doctorate in Canon Law from St. Paul University in Ottawa on April 17, 1997.

Father Bourgon becomes the eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Hearst. The date of his ordination will be announced in the near future.

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