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ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Mark Hagemoen Appointed Bishop of Saskatoon, SK, Canada

**Dear Clergy, Religious, Lay Leaders, Brothers and Sisters of the
Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith:**

*This morning at noon Vatican time it was announced that I have been appointed
by Pope Francis as Bishop of Saskatoon.*

This appointment comes as a great surprise for me. The news of the appointment
is bitter-sweet.

Of course, I respond with obedience and enthusiasm to this new appointment, and
I look forward to serving the People of God of the Diocese of Saskatoon as their new
bishop. They have waited a year for this appointment, and I will strive to serve them to
the best of my ability, with great help from Almighty God.

However, I do regret leaving this wonderful diocese!! The news comes at a time
when we are in the midst of many developments and projects. In accord with wise
discernment, these will continue. I will continue to administer the Diocese until my
installation in Saskatoon later in the fall. Following this, an Apostolic Administrator will
be appointed until the new bishop is installed.

Over the coming weeks I will communicate with you in regards to further
developments. At this time I ask your prayers and blessings during this time of
transition. I will also hold you all in prayer, along with the people of the Diocese of
Saskatoon. Finally, we pray to God for His guidance regarding the appointment of a new
Bishop for the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith!

Sincerely, in Christ,

✠ Mark A. Hagemoen