



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**The Diocese of St. Paul in Alberta rejoices in the news from the Vatican this morning; that Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Paul Terrio, and has today appointed Msgr. Gary Franken, Vicar General of the Vancouver Archdiocese, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of St. Paul in Alberta. As well, the Holy Father has appointed Bishop Paul Terrio as Apostolic Administrator of the St. Paul Diocese until the installation of Bishop-Elect Franken.**

**Bishop Paul Terrio, the faithful, the religious and clergy congratulate Bishop-Elect Franken on his appointment, and we welcome him with warm hearts to Alberta and to the Diocese. We all look forward to his episcopal ministry among us and we assure him already of our sincere collaboration but especially of our prayers for him.**

**May our Good Shepherd and His Blessed Mother accompany Bishop-Elect Gary as he undertakes this new pastoral service for and with the Diocese of St. Paul in Alberta.**