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To the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Nelson,

Dear sisters and brothers,

May the Lord give you peace!

It is with great joy that I announce to you that his Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev. Gregory Bittman, Auxiliary Bishop of Edmonton, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Nelson. Bishop Bittman will assume his new ministry to our Diocese on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 when he will be officially installed as the seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Nelson.

Bishop Bittman has many gifts which will enrich his ministry in our midst. Before embracing his call to the priesthood, Gregory Bittman worked in health care for several years. He gained his Licentiate in Canon Law from Catholic University of America. Following his priestly ordination in 1996, he served in parish ministry. He is also very familiar with Diocesan administration having served as Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Edmonton for almost eighteen years. As you will read in the attached biography, he is a pianist, organist and an avid sportsman. Since 2012, Bishop Bittman has served as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

We express our great gratitude to His Holiness Pope Francis as well as to the Archdiocese of Edmonton for gifting us with our new Shepherd. We thank Bishop Bittman for generously responding to the call to serve our Diocese. We warmly welcome Bishop Bittman as the seventh Bishop of our Diocese.

Sincerely in Christ,

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+John Corriveau, O.F.M.Cap.
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