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Looking Ahead - A Personal Note from Father Ken

Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of Prince Albert,

I am most grateful to God for this new invitation to join you in ministry in the Diocese of Prince Albert. It would be an understatement to say I was surprised to receive the phone call from the Apostolic Nuncio informing me of my appointment as bishop. I remain humbled by it, and I sincerely thank Pope Leo for offering me this opportunity to serve the people of Prince Albert.

I am also grateful for the dedicated leadership of Archbishop Stephen Hero and encouraged by the fruits of the diocese's synodal process, which has given shape to the five pastoral priorities found in *Cor Novum: A New Heart*. I am happy to contribute to the implementation of these priorities alongside the people of the diocese in years to come.

A particular word of thanks to Monsignor Maurice Fiolleau, for his dedicated service as Diocesan Administrator in recent months. I appreciated his welcoming spirit on receiving the news of my appointment, and I look forward to working with him.

It is truly a blessing to be entrusted to serve as your bishop. I am eager to meet you, to learn about your lives, your joys and struggles, and to walk with you as your brother in Christ.

With an open heart, I come to Prince Albert ready to listen, to learn, and to serve.

In Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Father Ken Thorson, O.M.I
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