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I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Most Rev. Monsignor Gary Franken on his appointment as the bishop-elect of the Diocese of St. Paul.

Bishop-Elect Franken brings a wealth of experience and ministry to the Diocese of St. Paul guided always by his faith in Jesus Christ. My brother bishops and I look forward to welcoming Bishop-Elect Franken to Alberta and working with him closely.

In his calling as a priest, Bishop-Elect Franken has shown himself to be a true shepherd of God's people with a passion for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others in word and in action. The Diocese of St. Paul will be well served by him as he brings his many gifts to the exercise of the episcopal ministry

I also thank Bishop Paul Terrio for his decade of leadership and ministry to the people of the Diocese of St. Paul. His counsel has been valuable to me as a brother bishop since 2012 and before then as a priest in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. I join with many people in extending to him our congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

✠Richard W. Smith
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