



the **DIocese**
of **WESTERN**
NEWFOUNDLAND

The Reverend Mickton Phiri,
Diocesan Administrator

January 23, 2026.

To the Clergy and All the Faithful.

Diocese of Western Newfoundland-Labrador Straits.

Grace and peace to you.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to **Canon 3 of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada (as amended by Synod 2024)** and **Canon 11 of the Diocese respecting the Election of a Diocesan Bishop**, that an **Episcopal Electoral Synod** of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland-Labrador Straits has been duly called.

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Place: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Corner Brook.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

This Electoral Synod is convened for the purpose of the election of a **Diocesan Bishop**. Canon 11 of the Diocese makes Canon 3 of the Ecclesiastical Province the primary legislative authority for regulating the electoral synod, with diocesan canons supplementing it. Canon 3 defines an *electoral synod* as “a meeting of a diocesan synod called to elect a bishop,” and further provides that “on the day appointed for the meeting of the electoral synod the members of the synod shall gather for a celebration of the Holy Communion” prior to the conduct of the election.

The Synod will be conducted in conformity with the procedures set out in Canon 3, including the provisions governing nominations, voting by orders of clergy and laity, and the required majorities for election.

Formal call for suggested nominees, notice of nominations, procedural details, and additional documentation required by Canon will be circulated to members of Synod, and made available on our Diocesan website, within the timelines prescribed by the Canons.

I invite you to join in prayerful discernment, holding this process and the day ahead in God’s care, asking for guidance, wisdom, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in all decisions.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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