

## BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

March 11, 2021

The Incumbent & Church Wardens
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church
2 George Street South
Smiths Falls, Ontario
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Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please arrange to have this letter shared in your parish on Sunday, March 14, 2021.

It is my pleasure to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Robert Sicard to be an Assistant Curate in the parish of St. John the Evangelist Smiths Falls, effective March 15, 2021. Bob is a transitional deacon, and will be serving with you for the next several months as part of a formation period to prepare him for ordination to the priesthood.

Bob holds an MBA from the University of Toronto and a certificate in Christian Studies from the Renison Institute for Ministry. He was ordained as a deacon in 2006, and, while serving in the dioceses of Huron and then Ottawa, he continued to be employed as a senior executive in the oil industry—part of a successful career in that sector which spanned over 40 years. He served part-time as a chaplain for eight and a half years in a large retirement facility in Waterloo prior to moving to Ottawa in 2017, where he has provided assistance in the parish of St. Paul's Kanata, and has shared his many gifts with the Property & Finance Committee of our diocese.

Bob is married to Kathy, and they have two adult children and two grandchildren. You will enjoy meeting Bob and I know you will warmly welcome him into your parish community.

I am very grateful to the Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah and your wardens for their support of this short-term assistant curacy, which will be of great benefit to Bob, and our diocese, as the future unfolds.

With kindest blessings,

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Shane A.D. Parker Bishop of Ottawa

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