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Rev. Ron Beechinor elected Diocesan Administrator until new bishop appointed

Fr. Ron Beechinor will serve as Diocesan Administrator for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon until a new bishop is appointed.

Beechinor was elected administrator Sept. 23 by the Diocesan Consultors, an advisory body that includes Rev. Ken Beck, Rev. Rhéal Bussière, Rev. Paul Donlevy, Rev. Michael Koch, Abbot Peter Novocosky, OSB, and Rev. David Tumback, as well as Fr. Beechinor. Canon law provides for the election of a diocesan administrator by the college of consultors when the bishop's office is vacant.

Long-time Vicar General for the diocese, Fr. Beechinor has filled the role of Diocesan Administrator before, when the diocese was between bishops. He was Diocesan Administrator after Bishop James Weisgerber was installed as Archbishop of Winnipeg in summer of 2000, until the installation of Bishop Albert LeGatt as the diocese of Saskatoon's bishop in October 2001.



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LeGatt was installed as Archbishop of St. Boniface on Sept. 21, 2009, which once again left the position of bishop vacant.

Born in Saskatoon, Fr. Beechinor, was ordained in 1963. He currently serves as Vicar General for the diocese, is Priest Moderator of St. John Bosco Parish in Saskatoon, and is also pastoral services associate for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

In a memo to parish and diocesan leadership and the diocesan faithful about his election as administrator, Fr. Beechinor asked for prayers as he takes on the role, pledging to work cooperatively with all concerned.