



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

November 9, 2022

The Churchwardens
Area Parish of the Valley
c/o Holy Trinity Anglican Church
68A Renfrew Street
Pembroke, Ontario
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Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you from Christ Jesus.

Please arrange for this letter to be read at morning services in your parish on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

It is a pleasure to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Nicholas Forte as an Associate Incumbent in the Parish of the Valley, effective January 1, 2023. His first Sunday with you will be January 8. This appointment follows the enthusiastic and unanimous recommendation of your parish committee and your incumbent, the Reverend Matthew Brown, and I am very grateful to them and Archdeacon Patrick Stephens for prayerfully and carefully sharing in the discernment process. I am also glad to report that the Reverends Gillian Hoyer and Claire Brama also met with Nicholas, and are very happy with this appointment,

Nicholas was ordained in 2015 in the Diocese of Quebec and served in parish ministry there until 2018 when he moved to a regional ministry in the Eastern Townships within the Diocese of Montreal. He holds a Master of Divinity from Trinity College, a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto, and a Certificate of Art and Design from Centennial College.

In his written response to your parish profile, Nicholas said "I am deeply committed to social engagement and the work of Justice, which I believe can only be done through the hard but loving work of community; which is one reason I am drawn to your Area Parish. It is tremendously heartening to see parishes choosing to join together and work towards a common purpose. And while the challenges may be daunting, I think that wherever disciples of Christ gather to do God's work, no matter how small or simple, great things can be done. As your profile says so wonderfully, "We are a work in progress, but we know we are God's work in progress."

Nicholas is a warm, gentle, intelligent, and well-grounded priest, who will become a strong part of your clergy team. I know you will warmly welcome him when he moves into the Valley in early January.

With kindest blessings,

Yours in Christ,

The Right Reverend Dr. Shane A.D. Parker
Bishop of Ottawa

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