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November 24, 2023

TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HAMILTON TO BE READ AT ALL SERVICES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Dear friends,

I am pleased to announce that the Reverend Andrew Rampton has accepted my offer to serve as rector of St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, on a full-time basis, beginning January 1, 2024.

Andrew is a graduate of Huron College in London, Ontario, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. Upon graduation, Andrew was ordained deacon in 2017 and priest in 2018. Since his ordination he has served as acting chaplain for Huron University College at Western University; chaplain for St. John's College, University of Manitoba; rector of St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg; and he currently serves as rector of Holy Trinity in Winnipeg. Andrew also serves on the National Liturgical Advisory Committee, the National Worship Conference Steering Committee, and is active in community engagement. I am delighted to welcome him to Niagara where he'll have the opportunity to share his many gifts with your parish.

Let me take a moment to thank the members of your parochial team for their care, openness, and faithfulness through this discernment process. I am especially grateful to the guiding leadership and wise counsel of your wardens through this interim period. Together, I know we pray every blessing upon the Reverend Dr. Leonel Abaroa-Boloña as he embarks on his new ministry at Church of the Ascension, Hamilton. The Reverend Dr. John Stephenson will be a blessing to your parish through the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

In due course, I know you will plan a special welcome for Andrew and his partner Adam. In the meantime, please keep them in your prayers during this time of transition as they prepare to move to Ontario, and please be assured of my abiding prayers for you all too.

Sincerely,

Bishop of Niagara

cc: The Reverend Andrew Rampton
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