



Office of the Bishop

November 26, 2025

Reverend Cerlouie Jimenez
Chancellor, Diocese of Nelson
c/o 2547 Hebert Road
West Kelowna, BC V4T 2J6

Dear Father Cerlouie:

As you have heard, I have received good news and recovered significantly after the procedure earlier in the month. Another is scheduled for this Friday; the neurosurgeon has told me that this may complete the repair or require at most one more procedure.

To assist in the governance of the Diocese during my convalescence, which is likely to last two or three months, I am appointing you and Father Sekanga as my Episcopal Vicars with the ordinary executive power described in canon 479, §§1 and 2). You are to exercise this power in close contact and collaboration with the Vicar General. This appointment expires one year from today's date; you will continue to function also as Chancellor.

I further grant you the same special mandates granted to the Vicar General in the enclosed letter, to be exercised when he is unavailable or at his direction.

Your assistance during these difficult times—and your concern and prayers for me—are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

cc: Most Reverend Ivan Jurkovič
Most Reverend Richard W. Smith
Reverend Sebastian Puthenpura