



March 24, 2021

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Prince Albert,

Greetings to you as we continue our journey through the last days of the Lenten season with Holy Week soon upon us in which we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ.

It is with sadness that I write this letter to you today. After many conversations and meetings regarding the future of the parish of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Prince Albert with its pastor and parish council, the priests of the City of Prince Albert, the Bishop's Senate, and the College of Consultors, I have come to the decision that Sunday, April 11, 2021 will be the final celebration of the Eucharist at the parish. Subsequently, the parish will be closed for worship and the juridic person of the parish will be suppressed.

It is my prayer that the parishioners of Our Lady of Czestochowa find another spiritual home among the parishes in Prince Albert. It is important for these parishioners to respect the history and the culture of the parishes that they attend. Conversely, it is up to the faithful of these parishes to welcome new people to their parish.

Fr. Michael Fahlman continues as the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Christopher Lake and the Chancellor of the Diocese of Prince Albert, as well as his other duties and responsibilities.

It is with great regret that I have come to this decision. It is my prayer that everyone involved will find peace with this decision.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Albert Thévenot M. Afr.
Bishop of Prince Albert

'To help our people rediscover Christ, the incarnate word of God because we are all called to holiness'