



Office of the Bishop

August 7, 2025

Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

As you know, in December 2024 I had major surgery at Vancouver General Hospital. Once again, I am facing another surgery within the next four to six weeks for the same condition.

My surgeon has asked me to limit the amount of time using electronic devices and to give my brain a rest in preparation for the upcoming surgery. At this time, I will be stepping back from some of my day to day duties in order to prepare for the surgery. Our Vicar General Fr. Sebastian, in consultation with me, will be leading my Advisory Team in addressing the needs of the diocese.

I ask that you continue to pray for me as I prepare for yet another surgery. I will continue to hold all of you in prayer and ask God's blessing on you for your love and goodness. God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson