



(CCCB – Ottawa)... His Holiness Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Jean Gagnon as Bishop of the [Diocese of Gaspé](#) , and has appointed on July 2, 2016, as his successor the Most Reverend Gaétan Proulx, O.S.M. At the time of his appointment, the Bishop-elect was Auxiliary Bishop of the [Archdiocese of Québec](#)

. Bishop Gagnon has been Bishop of the Diocese of Gaspé for the past 15 years. He had submitted his resignation to the Holy Father upon reaching the age of 75, as required by the Code of Canon Law.

Bishop-Elect Gaétan Proulx, O.S.M., was born on May 27, 1947, in Saint-Denis-de-Brompton, Quebec. After joining the Servite Order, he obtained a Bachelor's degree in philosophy from the Dominican University College in Ottawa, and a Master's of Theology from Laval University in Quebec. Ordained a priest on June 8, 1975, he served as assistant and master of novices for his community until his departure for France in 1985, where he served his priestly ministry in the Dioceses of Séez and Belley-Ars. In 1989, he was called to Brussels to serve as Master of Formation for the Servites in France, Belgium and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He returned to Quebec in 1991, where he again served as Master of Formation for the Servites of Quebec, while also serving the Saint-Jean-Baptiste-de-la-Salle Parish in Quebec City. In 2000, he became Prior of the Canadian Servite Province and, in 2005, administrator and pastor of Notre-Dame-de-Foy Parish, until his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Québec on December 12, 2011.



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