



# DIOCESE OF BRANDON

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To the Clergy and People of the Diocese of Brandon

Today, December 11, 2017 Mr. Noah Njegovan pleaded guilty to charges before Justice Cummings in the Court of Queens Bench in Brandon. This means there will not be a trial. The next step in the process will be the sentencing hearing scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 10 a.m.

Reparations to the Diocese of Brandon in the amount of \$192,000 have been paid into the Court. \$75,000 of that will be paid to Ecclesiastical Insurance to repay insurance coverage, with the rest being paid to the Diocese.

The sentence will be determined by the sentencing judge after hearing submissions from the Crown Attorney and Defence Counsel on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We cannot predict whether the justice will issue the decision that day or whether the decision will be reserved to another date.

On December 8, 2017, Noah Njegovan relinquished the exercise of ordained ministry pursuant to the Canon XIX of the Anglican Church of Canada. While until now, Noah has been listed as "on leave" from the Diocese of Brandon, the effect of this relinquishment is that he will no longer function or be listed as a priest.

signed

The Rt. Revd William G. Cliff

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