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Historic Transition at Anishinabe Spiritual Centre: Governance Transferred to Indigenous Board of Directors

Anderson Lake, Ontario — On Friday, May 30, 2025, the Jesuits of Canada will formally transfer governance of the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre to a newly formed Board of Directors, which will be Indigenous-led and will include the participation of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. This landmark event, taking place at the Centre’s sacred grounds on Anderson Lake, marks a pivotal moment in the path toward reconciliation, self-determination, and renewed spiritual leadership rooted in Indigenous tradition and Catholic faith.

The transfer solidifies decades of Indigenous involvement and vision in the Centre’s programming and cultural teachings. The new Board will oversee Anishinabe Spiritual Centre’s operations, while maintaining strong ties to the Diocese for sacramental guidance and spiritual oversight.

In recognition of its unique spiritual and cultural significance, the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre has also been designated as an official Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Site. This prestigious designation affirms the Centre’s role as a sacred destination for reflection, healing, and reconciliation — aligned with the global Jubilee “Year of Hope” call to renewal within the Catholic Church.

The ceremony will be attended by community leaders, Elders, Fr. Jeffrey S. Burwell, SJ, Provincial, Jesuits of Canada, Bishop Thomas Dowd, Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, Anishinabe Spiritual Centres New Board of Director’s & Members, including board chair Rosella Kinoshameg, as well as the wider public.

Event Details:

- Date: Friday, May 30, 2025
- Time: 6:00 PM to 9 PM
- Location: Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, 1091 Anderson Lake Road, Espanola, Ontario

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