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## *PRESS RELEASE*

### **Vancouver Monsignor named Bishop of Prince George**

VANCOUVER (Jan. 3, 2013) – Pope Benedict XVI Thursday announced the appointment of Msgr. Stephen Jensen, currently Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, as Bishop of Prince George, B.C.

In a press release, the Apostolic Nunciature to Canada announced that the Pope has accepted the resignation of Prince George Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI. Under canon law, diocesan bishops must submit their resignation to the Pope on reaching the age of 75. Bishop Wiesner turned 75 last June.

Vancouver Archbishop J. Michael Miller called the appointment “a great blessing to the Diocese of Prince George,” but “a loss for the Archdiocese of Vancouver.”

Archbishop Miller said in choosing Msgr. Jensen, “The Holy Father has chosen a worthy shepherd and successor to Bishop Wiesner, and we shall all pray that his ministry will be fruitful for the entire People of God entrusted to his care.”

The Archbishop described Msgr. Jensen, 58, as “indefatigable in carrying out his priestly ministry” and said those who know and work with him “shall miss his exemplary simplicity, his wisdom and his wit.”

“He is an inspiration to us all.”

A date for Msgr. Jensen’s installation in Prince George has not yet been set.

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