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Appointment of bishop of the eparchy of Saskatoon of the Ukrainians, Canada

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Michael Smolinsky, C.Ss.R., until now provincial superior of the Congregation of the Redemptorists in Canada, as bishop of the eparchy of Saskatoon of the Ukrainians, Canada.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Michael Smolinsky was born on 10 September 1972 in Saskatoon, Canada. He entered the novitiate of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) on 1 September 1997, and gave his religious vows on 15 August 2002. He attended the University of Saskatchewan, where he was awarded a licentiate in education, and obtained a Master of Divinity from the University of Saint Michael's College in Toronto. He also attended courses on Eastern Christians at the Sheptytsky Institute of Saint Paul University in Ottawa.

He received priestly ordination on 5 July 2003 in the Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Saskatoon, from the then-Bishop Kyr Michel Wiwchar.

He has held the following offices: director of a reception house (2005-2015); extraordinary member of the Provincial Council of the Redemptorists (since 2008); parish priest of Saints Peter and Paul in Saskatoon (2015-2019). Since 1 August 2019 he has served as regional superior of his Congregation.