



**Excerpt from the DECREE
concerning the union and change of name
of the Diocese of Labrador City-Schefferville and the Diocese of St.
George's, Newfoundland
from the Congregation for Bishops
and the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples**

The Supreme Pontiff by Divine Providence Pope **BENEDICT XVI**,

considering that a request from Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, of the Diocese of Labrador City-Schefferville and the Diocese of St. George's, will greatly advance the good of souls, and on the advice of the Congregation for Bishops and of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, having heard from the Conference of Bishops of Canada, and having received a favourable opinion from His Excellency the Most Reverend Archbishop Luigi Ventura, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, removes from the Diocese of Labrador City-Schefferville the entire territory of Labrador, more specifically the communities of Black Tickle, Churchill Falls, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador City, Natuashish, Sheshatshiu, Wabush and West St. Modeste, and assigns them to the Diocese of Saint George's, which will henceforth be known by the new name of the *Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador*.

He establishes in the city of Corner Brook the seat of the diocese thus constituted, and the church there dedicated to the Most Holy Redeemer and the Immaculate Conception will retain the title of Cathedral.

When this Decree comes into effect, the priests of that Church are to remain incardinated in it, or to be incardinated into the Church in which they hold ecclesiastical office. ...

The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Congregation for Bishops.

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will continue to direct the government of this ecclesiastical area, and it will be his responsibility to ensure that the true significance of the new arrangement is correctly understood and accepted readily and peacefully by all.

Given at Rome on the 31st day of May in the year 2007.

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