



Statement on the Resignation of Abbot John Braganza OSB

Abbot John Braganza OSB of Westminster Abbey, Mission, B.C., has announced his resignation effective May 3, 2022. This has occurred after months of personal and community discernment.

Abbot John has served as abbot for sixteen years with many accomplishments with regard to the life of the monastery and the Seminary of Christ the King, which the Abbey conducts. At this time, however, it has become evident that there is need for change and renewal, for both Abbot John and for the community. Concerns have arisen regarding his interpersonal relations. There are neither allegations of sexual misconduct nor of any misconduct with minors.

Fr Benedict Lefebvre OSB, Prior of the community, will be the temporary administrator of the Abbey.

The monastic chapter will meet July 11 of this year for an abbatial election. Abbot John will be away for a suitable period of time. Prayers are requested for Abbot John and the community in this time of transition.

Abbot John and the community of Westminster Abbey