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Pope Francis Accepts Resignation of Bishop Michael Warfel of Great Falls-Billings; Succeeded by Coadjutor Bishop Jeffrey Fleming

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WASHINGTON - Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Michael W. Warfel from the Office of Bishop of Great Falls-Billings. Bishop Jeffrey M. Fleming, up until now coadjutor bishop of the same diocese, will succeed him as bishop of Great Falls-Billings.

The resignation and appointment were publicized in Washington, D.C. on August 22, 2023, by Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Fleming's biography may be found [here](#).

The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is comprised of 94,158 square miles in the State of Montana and has a total population of 433,562 of which 29,607 are Catholic.

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