



CHRONOLOGY

1891

4 October – The Most Rev. Alexandre-Antonin Taché (1823-1894) Archbishop of St Boniface, blesses the bell for the newly constructed Notre Dame du Portage Parish Church, Rat Portage (Kenora).

10 October – James Murphy, chairman of committee to build a new church in Fort William, submits a tender notice in the *Fort William Journal* calling for expressions of interest from local contractors to begin laying foundations for a new church at the corner of Archibald and Donald Streets.

1892

21 August – First mass is celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Fort William, by Father Remi Chartier, Superior of Jesuits in Thunder Bay District and pastor of St Andrew's Parish, 1890-1894.

1893

8 May – Father Joseph Hébert, S.J., 59, Superior at the Fort William Mission (1880-1890) dies at Fort William Mission and is buried in the Mission Bay cemetery.

2 September – The Most Rev. Richard A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, on a pastoral visit to Fort William announces that the new church in Fort William would be under the patronage of St Patrick, that an incumbent priest would henceforth remain with the congregation and that a stained glass portrait of St Patrick would be placed over the main altar.

9 September – The Most Rev. Richard A. O'Connor makes the first pastoral visit of any Bishop to Schreiber in the western portion of his diocese.

21 September – Mission at Fort Frances is

founded by Father Adelard Langevin, o.m.i.

1894

19 March – Rev. Adélarde Langevin, o.m.i. (1855-1915) is consecrated Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface by Bishop Édouard-Charles Fabre of Montréal.

1895

11 January – Under the direction and leadership of Father Edward Devine, SJ, chaplain to the workers and their families on the Lake Superior division of the C.P.R., (1893-1896) a modest Roman Catholic chapel is built in the hamlet of Murillo, approximately 30 km west of the town of Fort William.

10 April – Fire destroys orphanage and Immaculate Conception Church at the Fort William Mission.

1 June – Father Jean-Baptiste Baudin, o.m.i. ends a thirteen year tenure (1882-1895) as pastor of Notre Dame Parish, Kenora.

28 July – First mass is celebrated in the Fort Frances “Chapel House” by Father Dorais, o.m.i.

8 September – Father J. B. Baudin, o.m.i. becomes first resident priest at “Our Lady of Perpetual Help” mission in Fort Frances.

1896

18 November – Construction of the first Roman Catholic Church in Schreiber is completed under the supervision of Father Louis Lafortune, s.j. who becomes its first resident priest in 1912.

1897

4 November – Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) assume responsibility as teachers in the Rat Portage (Kenora) Boarding School (three miles south of Notre Dame du Portage church) with Rev. Charles-Arthur Cahil, o.m.i. as principal.

1898

8 October – Father Roger Arpin, s.j. (1841-1908), pastor of St Patrick’s Parish, Fort William purchases land south of Neebing Avenue to serve as a Roman Catholic cemetery.

1900

5 March – A Temperance Society is formed in St Andrew’s Parish, Port Arthur.

20 March – Slovak members of St Patrick Parish, Fort William arrange to bring in a Slovak priest from Pennsylvania, USA to give a six day mission in their language.

26 December - A group of Roman Catholic families meet in St Patrick’s church hall at 12:00 noon to establish the Roman Catholic Separate School Board of Fort William and to elect eight trustees.

1902

7 January – St Stanislaus School on Myles Street opens as the first Roman Catholic elementary school in Fort William.

1903

12 July – The Roman Catholics of Norman, Ontario purchase a former Methodist church in their town for \$700 and have it

dedicated as their own by the Archbishop of St Boniface, the Most Rev. Adélarde Langevin, o.m.i., under the patronage of “Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.”

1904

24 May – Because of the influx of thousands of immigrants into northern and northwestern Ontario, the region lying north of Lake Nipissing and the French River is detached from the Peterborough Diocese by Pope Pius X to form the new Diocese of Sault Ste Marie with its Episcopal Seat in the town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Henceforth, all parishes and missions from North Bay to Fort William fall under the aegis of the new diocese.

20 September – David Joseph Scollard is selected and appointed the first bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie by Pope Pius X.

1905

8 December – Sisters of St Joseph convent at 213 Myles Street Fort William is officially opened and blessed by Bishop David J. Scollard of Sault Ste Marie.

1906

22 March – Ecole Ste-Marguerite Residential School for Indian children opens on the Couchiching Reserve.

1907

1 May – Father François Maynard, s.j. begins his apostolate among the Slovaks of Fort William’s East End.

28 July – Bishop David J. Scollard blesses the cornerstone and foundation of St Peter’s [Slovak] Roman Catholic Church at 615 Connolly Street in Fort William’s East End.

2 November – St Peter’s [Slovak] Roman Catholic Church is totally destroyed by fire.

1908

21 May – With the financial support of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, construction begins on the new St Joseph’s Boarding School (formerly located on the Fort William Mission) at the corner of Arthur and Franklin Streets, Fort William, Ontario.

1909

8 November – Architectural plans for a new church by Montreal architect G.E. Tanguay submitted by St Andrew’s Parish building committee, Port Arthur, for Bishop Scollard’s approval are rejected as being beyond the financial means of the parish. Construction is postponed indefinitely.

25 June – The first Corpus Christi procession in Thunder Bay is organized by Father François Maynard, s.j. and the parishioners of St Peter’s parish in Fort William’s East End.

1910

1 September – St Agnes mission at the corner of Frederica and Brown Streets, Fort William, is canonically proclaimed a parish with Father Louis Ragaru S.J. as pastor (1910-1913).

6 September – St Martin’s Roman Catholic School, Brown Street, Fort William, opens.

9 December – In his report to Fort William City Council, Assessment Commissioner John Wells establishes the Roman Catholic population of the city at 6,421 - being 32.3% of a total population of 19,858.

1911

24 March – Notre Dame Du Chemin Parish, Pinewood Ontario is canonically erected by Bishop Emile Yelle of Saint-Boniface.

8 October – St Peter's (Slovak) Roman Catholic Church is formally dedicated by Bishop Scollard.

1912

2 January – A group representing Fort William's Italian community meet in the basement of St Peter's (Slovak) Church to form an organizational committee to direct the fundraising and construction of their own church in the city's East End.

21 July – Notre Dame du Portage parish, Kenora, celebrates the first ordination to the priesthood of one of its own parishioners - Joseph Alfred Baribeau - by Archbishop Adélarde Langevin of St Boniface.

29 November – The Roman Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Fort Frances is canonically erected by the Most Rev. Louis Philip Adélarde Langevin, o.m.i., Archbishop of Saint-Boniface.

24 December – St Anthony's Italian Roman Catholic Church at the corner of Dufferin and Banning Streets, Port Arthur, officially opens with a midnight mass celebrated by Rev. Francis Crociata.

1913

9 January–St Joseph's Italian Roman Catholic Church is officially opened and dedicated by the Rev. Francis Crociata.

1914

27 July– Most Rev. D.J. Scollard officiates at the cornerstone laying ceremony for St Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Westfort William. Estimated cost of construction is \$50,000.

22 December–Fire and water damage destroy St Anthony's Roman Catholic Church,Port Arthur, Ontario.

24 December–Notre Dame Church, Kenora, Ontario is destroyed by fire. The loss to the parish is estimated at \$35,000.

1915

17 January–New St Agnes Church in Westfort William is dedicated by Bishop Scollard.

17 May–Rev. Domenico Tomaselli arrives in Thunder Bay to become pastor of St Anthony and St Joseph Italian parishes in Port Arthur and Fort William.

19 December–The first mass is celebrated in the new and enlarged reconstruction of Notre Dame du Portage church, Kenora.

1917

28 June – Bishop David Scollard and Father Louis Lafortune, s.j. visit Dorion, a hamlet 20 km east of Port Arthur, Ontario and meet with the 12 Catholic families to plan the completion of their new chapel.

1920

15 November – World War I memorial in Port Arthur is unveiled on the front lawn at St Andrew's Roman Catholic Church.

1921

17 June – St Agnes' Ladies Aid and Dramatic Club unite in promoting a circus and garden party fund raiser on the church lawn.

1922

1 October – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church (St Casimir, Thunder Bay) is dedicated with Father Francis B. Tomanek officiating.

1925

3 May – The new St Andrew's Church, Port Arthur, is dedicated by Bishop Scollard. Cost is \$100,000, leaving the parish to carry a \$75,000 debt.

1928

21 November – St Patrick Arpin Memorial High School (Fort William) is built at a cost of \$100,000 and officially opened.

1931

23 January – Rev. Sr. Monica, founder of St Joseph's Hopsital (Port Arthur) dies at age 80.

8 June – Fr. Joseph C. Salini, born in Fort William and ordained in the Pro-Cathedral of North Bay, celebrates his first Mass at St Agnes Church. Fr. Salini is the first Canadian-born Italian to be ordained in Canada.

1932

12 January – Father Peter J. Monahan, Pastor of St Patrick's parish, Fort William makes an appeal to his congregation for funds to purchase food and clothing for the needy of the parish and other parishes in Thunder Bay. Three thousand dollars is raised for this purpose.

1935

19 March – The Most Rev. Ralph H. Dignan is consecrated as Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie at St Peter's Cathedral, London, Ontario, by the Most Rev. Andrea Casulo, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

1936

3 April – Bishop Dignan canonically changes the name of St Joseph's Italian Roman Catholic Church, Fort William to St Dominic and Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Polish Roman Catholic Church, Fort William to St Casimir.

28 May – Bishop Dignan canonically erects the Parish of St Augustine of Baird, comprising the Missions of Harstone and Hymers with the Rev. Joseph Carmel McHugh as its first resident parish priest, succeeding Rev. V.J. McGivney.

19 June – Bishop Dignan canonically erects the Parish of the Annunciation B.V.M. of Nipigon with the Rev. John M. Leacy as its first parish priest.

1937

1 July – The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie purchases the Croation Hall, Current River, Port Arthur for \$650 to be used as a chapel

to be known as Our Lady of Loretto. Rev. Alexander J. MacDonald, S.J is in charge.

13 August – Mgr. V. Mazzone, Chargé d’Affaires, Ottawa, notifies Bishop Dignan that the Holy See has canonically ratified the establishment of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

1938

6 March – Bishop Dignan canonically establishes the Deanery of Thunder Bay and appoints Rev. Patrick J. McGuire of St Patrick parish as its dean.

1939

8 December – St Joseph Manor, Port Arthur, Ontario (formerly the Wiley residence, Red River Road) the new home for the aged, receives its first resident. Mother M. Clara is its first Superior.

1940

21 April – Monsignor Domenico A. Tomaselli, pastor of St Anthony’s R.C. Church for 25 years, dies at age 64 in St Joseph’s Hospital, Port Arthur after a lengthy illness.

1941

3 June – La Verendrye Hospital, Fort Frances, Ontario, owned and operated by the Sisters of Charity (Srs. Grises de Montréal) is officially opened.

24 October – Rev. Joseph S. Stankiewicz, formerly assistant pastor at St Patrick’s Parish, becomes pastor of St Casimir (Polish) Parish, Fort William, Ontario.

1942

21 June – The Indian Missions of Lake Nipigon are detached from those of Long Lac and constituted as a separate unit with Father Alexander Rolland, s.j. in charge and headquartered at MacDiarmid.

1943

10 April – Reginald Carroll, Edward Kennedy, Joseph Reguly and John Roenicke, all of Fort William, ON., are ordained to the Holy Priesthood in the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, North Bay, by Bishop R.H. Dignan.

2 August – Holy Angels Catholic Separate School, staffed by the Sisters of St Joseph (Sisters St Bride, St Jude, Inez Marie and Carmela), is opened in Schreiber, Ontario.

28 October – Sisters of St Joseph sell the historic Whalen Residence, Algoma Street, Port Arthur, to the Dominion Government for \$12,000. The property is to be used for a Naval Barracks.

1947

9 April – St Martin of Tours Parish, Terrace Bay, Ontario is canonically erected with Rev. E.M. Skillen as its first pastor.

18 April – The Holy Saviour Parish, Marathon, Ontario is canonically erected with Rev. Regis St James as its first pastor.

1949

20 March – The new Church of the Annunciation, Nipigon, Ontario is officially opened with Rev. J.J. Muldoon as pastor. It replaces a smaller frame church which had become inadequate for the congregation.

1952

27 January – Corpus Christi Parish Church and Rectory on Red River Road, Port Arthur are officially opened and dedicated. Fathers Regis St James, Pastor; Charles Bathurst, S.J., of St Andrew's; and Rosario Venti, of St Anthony's assist Bishop Ralph Dignan of Sault Ste. Marie at the ceremony.

29 April – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort William is created comprising that part of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie west of 86 longitude and all territory in Ontario that once came under the aegis of the Archdiocese of St Boniface.

21 May – The appointment of The Most Rev. E.Q. Jennings as the first Bishop of Fort William is given official notice in *L'Osservatore Romano*.

26 August – Roman Catholics from north-western Ontario gather in St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the installation and enthronement of Bishop Jennings by The Most Rev. Ildebrando Antonutti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

1953

22 February – Official name of the Roman Catholic Church on the Fort William Mission is changed from The Church of the Transfiguration to St Anne.

19 May – One hundred and thirty-two members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada in the Diocese of Fort William gather in the city to organize a Diocesan Council of the League.

20 May – Bishop E.Q. Jennings officially installs the first Diocese of Fort William

Council of the Catholic Women's League.

18 July – Separate parishes are erected in Nipigon (Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and Red Rock (St Hilary) by Bishop E.Q. Jennings

7 December – Under the guidance and leadership of Father Lawrence Wittig (1909-1977) the parishioners of St Patrick Parish, Atikokan complete construction of a new church in the Dunbar Heights area of the town.

1954

6 March – Very Reverend Corrado Martellozzo, C.S., Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of St Charles (Scalabrinians) offers the services of his priests to Bishop Jennings and the Diocese of Fort William.

15 August – Roman Catholics of Current River gather for the official opening of Our Lady of Loretto Parish Church at 290 Grenville Avenue, Port Arthur, Ontario.

1957

20 June – As part of their seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations the parishioners and pastor of Notre Dame du Portage, Kenora witness the ordination of Father Leroux by Bishop Jennings as the first priest to be ordained for their parish.

29 July – Bishop Jennings blesses the newly constructed church in Sioux Narrows.

28 August – The first diocesan fund-raising campaign – "The Bishop's Development Fund" – is launched with a goal of \$875,000.

1958

5 March – The Scalabrini Order (Missionaries of St Charles) begin their pastoral work in the Thunder Bay Diocese with the direction of St Patrick Parish, Atikokan.

7 October – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort William purchases twenty-eight acres of land west of Balmoral Street and south of the Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology campus from the City of Port Arthur on which to build an intercity catholic high school.

1959

7 June – Father Peter Jaworski, M.S., a former Provincial with the La Salette Fathers and the first pastor of Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish, Port Arthur dies and is succeeded by Father Joseph Ferus, M.S.

1960

15 February – Bishop Jennings engages the services of Mickelson, Fraser and Haywood Architects to prepare conceptual drawings for the proposed intercity Catholic high school.

8 August – Bishop Jennings makes an unprecedented commitment that the Bishop of Thunder Bay would in perpetuity confide Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish “to priests of Polish ethnic origin and language.”

12 August – Construction begins on new St Mary’s Parish Centre and Rectory, Fort Frances.

1961

16 January – St Margaret “Chapel-of-Ease”

in the Brent Park subdivision of Port Arthur is elevated to the status of a parish with Father J.E. Roenicke as its first full-time pastor.

15 November – Bishop E.Q. Jennings blesses and officially opens St Joseph Roman Catholic School in Dryden, Ontario.

1962

11 July – Missionary Father Euchariste Benoit, o.m.i. observes on his first visit to North Spirit Lake (170 km north of Red Lake) that all but one family in the community are Roman Catholic.

5 August – Newly renovated church in Armstrong is blessed by Bishop Jennings.

1963

13 August – Father Benoit builds a temporary church at North Spirit Lake, the most northerly mission in the Diocese, made out of lumber hewn from the logs of the region. After a year of construction this modest church is finally usable by the Oblates and the natives of the area.

15 September – Corner stone for the new St Patrick Cathedral, Fort William, Ontario is blessed by Bishop Jennings.

1964

6 September – Corner stone is laid for Our Lady Queen of Poland Church, Port Arthur, Ontario.

1965

28 March –The new St Patrick Cathedral, Fort William, Ontario is dedicated.

13 June – Holy Family Parish Rectory and Outdoor Shrine at 2055 Rosslyn Road Fort William (Neebing), Ontario is blessed by Bishop Jennings.

22 August – Our Lady Queen of Poland Church, 93 N. Algoma Street, Port Arthur, Ontario is dedicated in time to commemorate the first millennium of the Polish nation (966-1966)

1966

23 October – A testimonial dinner is held in honour of Father Joseph Stankiewicz to celebrate his 25th anniversary as Pastor of St Casimir (Polish) Roman Catholic Parish, Fort William, Ont.

24 September – New Holy Angels' Parish Centre and Rectory in Schreiber is officially opened.

21 November – Father Bernard Campbell celebrates the first mass in the newly constructed Immaculate Conception crypt church in Ignace, Ontario.

1967

3 February – First mass is celebrated by Father E.J. Duplain in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Vermillion Bay, Ontario.

28 February – An advisory board is formed to govern the private sector (grades 11 and 12) of St Patrick's Arpin Memorial High School, Fort William, Ontario.

25 June – Bishop E.Q. Jennings blesses and unveils a Trans Canada Highway plaque at Nipigon, Ontario commemorating the first Holy Mass celebrated in northwestern Ontario by Father Claude Jean Allouez, S.J.

near Virgin Falls on the Nipigon River (1667).

4 November – St Margaret Parish rectory at 88 Clayte Street, Port Arthur, Ontario is blessed by Bishop E.Q. Jennings.

1968

11 May – Sisters of St Joseph Avila Centre, south of Lakehead University campus, is dedicated and officially opened.

16 July – The inaugural meeting of the Diocesan Senate of Priests is held in Fort William, Ont.

26 October – The Missionaries of St Charles (Scalabrinians) assume direction of St Anthony's (Italian) Parish (Port Arthur) with Father Umberto Rizzi, c.s. as Pastor and Father Lino Santi, c.s. as Assistant Pastor.

1969

6 July – St Anne's Church on the Fort William Mission is officially opened and dedicated.

20 July – Our Lady of the Lake Mission Church on Eva Lake (Mission of St Patrick Patrick Parish, Atikokan) is blessed by Bishop Jennings.

21 August – The Most Rev. E.Q. Jennings submits his resignation as Bishop of Fort William to the Holy Father, Pope Paul VI.

21 September – Sacred Heart Parish in Sioux Lookout celebrates the opening of their new church.

21 November – Cornerstone of Holy Family Church, Fort William (Neebing) is laid.

1970

15 April – The Most Reverend Norman Joseph Gallagher, 53, Auxiliary Bishop of Montréal, is named Bishop of Thunder Bay.

17 April – As Apostolic Administrator, The Most Rev. E.Q. Jennings officially changes the name of the Diocese from Fort William to Thunder Bay (“Dioecesis Sinus Tonitralis”)

26 May – The Most Reverend Norman J. Gallagher is installed as the Second Bishop of Thunder Bay in St Patrick’s Cathedral.

1971

21 February – On the recommendation of the Senate of Priests, Bishop Gallagher announces the first major transfer of priests throughout the diocese.

12 June – Some parishes in the diocese begin the practice of celebrating the Sunday liturgy on Saturday evenings.

3 September – St Patrick Church in Emo is totally destroyed by fire.

10 December – Bishop Gallagher elevates two Indian Missions – St Francis Xavier in Heron Bay and St Anne on Mission Road in Thunder Bay – to full parish status.

14 December – After much reflection, Bishop Gallagher decides to end diocesan financial support of St Patrick Arpin Memorial High School.

1972

22 February – Twenty years after its founding, the number of Catholics in the Diocese

of Thunder Bay rises from 32,000 to 54,000 - an increase of 68.8%.

12 December – A six per cent assessment is levied on all parishes in the diocese to assist in paying off the Cathedral debt.

1974

10 September – Paul Bruyère, from Fort Frances, is the first native Indian in the diocese to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate.

27 May – Bishop Gallagher recognizes the establishment of the Thunder Bay Catholic Croatian Congregation under the leadership of Rev. Julius Balog. Services are temporarily held at St Andrew’s Church.

1975

28 December – Bishop Norman Gallagher dies at age 58 in Saint Joseph’s General Hospital, Thunder Bay.

1976

24 May – Pope Paul VI appoints Msgr. John A. O’Mara, 52, Pastor of St Lawrence Parish, Scarborough, Ontario, Bishop of Thunder Bay.

29 June – Msgr. John A. O’Mara is consecrated a Bishop by The Most Rev. Philip Pocock, Archbishop of Toronto, in St Michael’s Cathedral, Toronto.

21 July – The Most Rev. John A. O’Mara is installed as the third Bishop of Thunder Bay at St Patrick’s Cathedral.

27 December – Bishop O’Mara establishes a body of Diocesan Consultors to advise him on

matters relating to the Thunder Bay Diocese.

1977

20 January—Bishop O'Mara establishes a Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Thunder Bay Diocese.

6 April—Pope Paul VI appoints Bishop John O'Mara to the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum" for a period of five years.

12 June—The Catholic Women's League of Sacred Heart Parish, Sioux Lookout, celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary.

19 August—Because of personnel shortages the Missionaries of La Salette withdraw from the Red Lake area.

1978

28 April—The first Diocesan Charismatic Conference, organized by the Oblate Fathers at St Agnes Parish (Thunder Bay), is held at St Patrick High School.

1979

18 January—Bishop O'Mara canonically erects St Theresa Parish in Ear Falls.

29 May—Bishop O'Mara canonically erects the Croatian Catholic Parish in Thunder Bay under the patronage of The Assumption of Mary with Father Iligia Puljic, O.F.M. as its first pastor.

1980

12 November – St Dominic Parish at 700 McLaughlin Street, Thunder Bay is suppressed and a new parish under the patronage of St Dominic is erected as the national Italian parish for Thunder Bay South and

the territorial parish for the Northwood subdivision.

1981

8 January – An elementary separate school with twenty students is opened in the basement of Holy Saviour Church, Marathon.

4 May – Scalabrinian Congregation accepts Bishop O'Mara's invitation to assume responsibility for the pastoral care of St Dominic Parish with Father Umberto Rizzi, c.s. as pastor.

1 October – Sisters of St Joseph (Hamilton) assume responsibility for the administration of St John the Apostle Parish, Red Lake.

1982

6 June – New St Agnes Church in Thunder Bay is dedicated by Bishop O'Mara.

1983

7 May – New St Dominic Church is officially opened and dedicated.

1 September – Training programme for Permanent Diaconate begins in diocese.

20 October – Inaugural meeting of The Thunder Bay Education Advisory Commission is held to explore feasibility of extending Catholic secondary education in Thunder Bay beyond grade ten.

30 October – Renovations to the entrance of Notre Dame du Portage Church in Kenora are completed.

1984

12 June – Hon. William Davis, Premier of Ontario, announces that his government would grant Roman Catholic Schools equality of status and financing with the province's public education system commencing in September 1985.

3 October – New Immaculate Conception Church, Ignace is dedicated.

1986

1 February – New St John The Apostle Church in Red Lake is dedicated.

1989

12 September – “Sharing the Challenges” campaign is launched in Thunder Bay Diocese.

1990

6 March – Fire destroys St Anthony's Church in Thunder Bay.

1991

17 December – Decision is made to build Diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre south of Avila Centre in Thunder Bay.

1992

31 May – New St Anthony Church at corner of Dawson and Hilldale Roads is officially opened and dedicated.

1 November – Two Franciscan priests - Rev. Fidelis Wyrabkiewicz, O.F.M. Conv. and Rev. Andrew Werner, O.F.M. Conv. - come

to the Thunder Bay Diocese to serve the Polish parishes of St Casimir and Our Lady Queen of Poland.

1993

18 April – Sisters of St Joseph welcome the community to the twenty-fifth anniversary and closing of Avila Centre, Thunder Bay.

30 August – Sod-turning ceremony is held in Kenora for the new St Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School

1994

2 February – The Most Rev. John A. O'Mara is named third bishop of the St Catharines Diocese by Pope John Paul II after spending eighteen years as Bishop of Thunder Bay.

6 April – Catholic Pastoral Centre in Thunder Bay is blessed and dedicated by Bishop John A. O'Mara.

13 April – Episcopal See of Thunder Bay is vacant as The Most Reverend John A. O'Mara is installed as the third Bishop of St Catharines. Father Edward Kennedy is named Apostolic Administrator of diocese.

1995

24 March – The Most Reverend Frederick Bernard Henry, Auxiliary Bishop of the London Diocese is named fourth Bishop of Thunder Bay by Pope John Paul II.

11 May – The Most Rev. Frederick B. Henry is installed as Bishop of Thunder Bay by His Excellency Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic, Archbishop of Toronto.

18 July – Diocese of Thunder Bay sells property on corner of Banning and Dufferin Streets, former site of St Anthony's Church, to Habitat For Humanity.

1996

7 January – Kateri Church Centre, 451 Syndicate Avenue, is dedicated by Bishop Henry as the third Native parish in Thunder Bay.

4 June – Bishop Frederick Henry officially dedicates a monument to the unborn erected by the local Knights of Columbus in St Andrew's Cemetery, Thunder Bay.

1997

14 January – Catholic Action/St Vincent de Paul store officially opens at its new location on 129 Miles Street, Thunder Bay.

1998

7 October – Our Lady of Charity Mausoleum in St Andrew's Cemetery is officially opened and blessed by Apostolic Administrator, Msgr. Roger Bazin.

1999

22 February – The Most Reverend Frederick Joseph Colli, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, is named fifth Bishop of Thunder Bay by Pope John Paul II.

25 March – The Most Reverend Frederick J. Colli is installed as Bishop of Thunder Bay in St Patrick's Cathedral by His Excellency Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic, Archbishop of Toronto.

30 May – An Ecumenical Faith Gathering is held in the Fort William Gardens, Thunder Bay, as a prelude to the celebration of the Jubilee Year 2000.

2000

22 February – Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus celebrate their 100th anniversary with a mass at St Patrick Cathedral.

30 June – Our Lady of the Way Parish, Pinewood celebrates the 100th anniversary of their church.

2002

14 January – World Youth Day Cross arrives in Kenora and the Thunder Bay Diocese.

15 January – World Youth Day Cross is raised at Old Fort William, Thunder Bay.

18 January – World Youth Day Cross is brought to the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (Nipigon) and to Holy Angels Parish (Schreiber) before leaving for the Moosonee Diocese.

18 – 20 July – WYD "Days In the Diocese" of Thunder Bay welcome pilgrims en route to Toronto for World Youth Day 2002 (23 – 28 July) with Pope John Paul II.

17 August – Bishop Frederick J. Colli ordains Deacon Thomas Mullamangalam to the priesthood in St Patrick Cathedral. This is the first ordination in the diocese for the new millennium.