



Diocese of Thunder Bay

Newsletter

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

St. Vincent School, Thunder Bay

May 6 - 12, 2018

The grades 2-6 students at St. Vincent School take part in their first Living Rosary Celebration as part of Catholic Education Week. (See pp. 10-11 for more photos.)

A Jewel to be Treasured

During the week of May 6-11, 2018 we celebrated “Catholic Education Week” in all our schools and churches across Ontario. The theme for this week was “Renewing the Promise.” Some might ask “what promise?” The promise is one that was made to parents many years ago that a Catholic education would be provided for their children if they worked together and cooperated in building this important educational system. In union with bishops and clergy, and the Ontario government, school boards were established so that parents could send their children to a Catholic school, where the environment and teaching would assist the child to grow both in faith and in knowledge, and especially in moral character as taught to us by Jesus and found in the gospels.

Parents requested this education for their children and many parents, my own included, sacrificed money and time to make sure the Catholic system continued to grow. In renewing the promise, we reflect on two previous documents by the bishops of Ontario on education called “This Moment of Promise” from 1989 and “Fulfilling the Promise” from 1993. Catholic education has always been a priority for the bishops of Ontario. Over the years and to this day they continue to work with boards, trustees, teachers and support staff to help Catholic education become stronger. It is an integral part of the educational system of Ontario and has been so for over 160 years. Almost 600,000 students are educated in our Catholic schools in the province of Ontario.

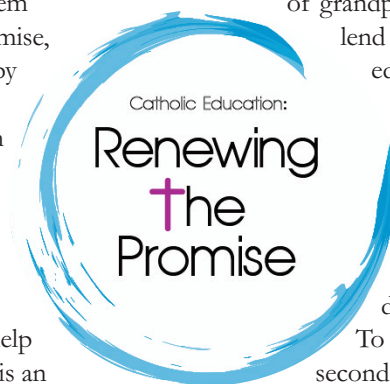
I believe that Catholic Education is a “Jewel to be Treasured”. I had heard this phrase used once before in describing our Catholic system and at times I think we might take it for granted, since it has been around for so long. It can be a danger for us to take things for granted. It is important that we remind our Provincial Members of Parliament about our desire for Catholic Education and seek their continued support for our system. It cannot be taken for granted, for we are aware that there are some who would want it abolished altogether. Our system is based on our Catholic faith, and everyone involved, whether they are administration, teaching staff or support personnel along with parents and clergy, must do their part for the good of our system and for the good of the many thousands of students in it. It is not a perfect system, but our work together always makes it better and stronger.

Catholic Education week combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology. We are reminded of these themes often in the writings and talks of Pope Francis. In renewing the promise today, we are pledging our continued support for Catholic education in our province, and even though we might not have children in our system any longer, we recognize the importance of parents having the choice to send their children to a Catholic school where knowledge and faith are taught and witnessed.

We need the support of our priests who visit our schools and share in special liturgies and Masses for our students and emphasize faith for them; we need the support of parents who see the school as an important place not only for education but also as a place where their children will socialize and interact with others in a community of caring and sharing; we need the support of grandparents and the Catholic community to lend a hand in helping our system of Catholic education to grow and flourish. We all have a part to play, and each part is essential, especially when our system is challenged by others.

May and June are months when many students are preparing for graduations and sharing some discernment about their future vocation. To see the many graduates of our Catholic secondary schools going out into the world, to use their gifts and talents to build a better world for all, is the proof of the importance of “Renewing the Promise” today. As a Catholic community, many of us who are graduates of our Catholic education system, let us always resolve, whether we are laity or clergy, that we will always work together and in harmony and in solidarity for the good of Catholic Education in our diocese and in our province. It is a part of who we are as a Catholic community and it brings great gifts to our Church community and to our local community with benefits for all. It is a jewel which we must treasure, and only in working together will it be maintained and strengthened for our future generations of children.

We celebrate Catholic Education and we give thanks to God and those who sacrificed and worked in the past to create and pass down this jewel to us and our community. How fortunate we are to have such a gift. Let us make sure we safeguard it and treasure it for all.



THE MOST REV. FRED J COLLI
BISHOP OF THUNDER BAY



Corpus Christi Parish

Evolving St. Vincent de Paul Services: Our Story and Our Need

Corpus Christi St. Vincent de Paul has operated in the parish for over 25 years and its primary function is as a food provider to those in need. The format for that service has changed over the years as demand and supply also changed. In the beginning it was merely a few bags of groceries provided to walk-ins at the office. Then it became more organized and a group of delivery volunteers took over, until that became rather untenable as the volunteers aged and found it more and more difficult to make the deliveries.

Finding the need to be more accountable we went to an open pantry operating from our Narthex where we would register those coming in and hampers would be provided from our stock in the basement pantry.

The early days would see 25-30 families served each week, and by 2017 that number rose to over 100 weekly, putting pressure on our storage capacity as well as our aging cadre of volunteers.

After looking at numerous scenarios it became apparent that we could not continue in this manner and a decision was made to close the pantry and find another way to serve the community.

That way was to approach a number of schools in the north ward to see if we could assist with their breakfast/lunch programs, and the answer was a resounding YES.

To facilitate this change we arranged with a local wholesaler to provide a fixed amount to each school every month based on the number of students involved. From September 2017 to June 2018 we expect to provide approximately \$15,000 in healthy food choices.

Providing students with adequate meals means they don't fall asleep mid-morning, thereby making possible an education that may very well relate to the need to have fewer food banks.

This year will be a year to change the executive. At this point, after over a year of notices, no one has come forward to continue this most important ministry. To fill the vacated executive spots we would need a chair/president, a qualified treasurer and a meeting secretary. The demand on the executive and council has changed dramatically in the past year as it has gone from a very

physical food bank regime — 50,000 lbs of food a year — to a more administrative role.

I feel we cannot let all the efforts of those that have worked so hard to maintain an integral part of our parish just wither away, and this is our last opportunity to share the word about this most serious and valuable work. Please see the plight of this very worthwhile ministry and what we would lose should it close when a few hours per month would mean a huge difference to so many people. If we are able to continue, there are also other opportunities to assist our youth that could be considered.

A decision on the future of SSVP needs to be made by June 15, 2018 to prepare for the new school year. Please look carefully at the need and contact me if you have any questions.

We can't let our future — our students — down for the sake of a few hours that would see this Christian cause continue to thrive.

Thanks very much!

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In January 2018, there was a celebration at St. Dominic Parish in honour of the Holy Infant, organized by Fr. Maurizio and Beverly Quaresima. A group of Thunder Bay Filipinos brought their Infant Child Jesus statues to have them blessed at the Mass. After Church, the community invited everyone to the Hall for refreshments.

This tradition was brought to the Philippines by missionary priests from Spain and Mexico centuries ago. At Cebú City, Philippines, a great church was erected by the people in honour of "Santo Niño".

Filipinos are especially warm and friendly people,



embracing all people, delighting in the sharing of cultures. We are delighted to open our arms to embrace the many hundreds of Filipinos in Thunder Bay.

In March 2018, St. Joseph's Table took place at St. Dominic Parish. The Table is a charitable church/community event. Funds in the past have benefitted local and out of town charities. The pastor and the committee together decide which projects to support. The first Table was celebrated in 2002, and ever since, we have celebrated with new projects, new events, and new kinds of baked goods.

Gifts are accepted from all over the community and are put to good use in preparing baked goods and Easter baskets which are available to buy.

Guests are given plates full of various kinds of pasta, prepared in different ways, along with salad and sweets. A free-will offering is accepted for the lunch.

Special draws for an elaborate bird house made by Tony Zavagnin, and a cedar outdoor wishing well made by Richard Ezack were some of the great items offered.

Thunder Bay's own "Alpine Dancers", representing three different age groups, performed to everyone's delight. Bishop Colli is always invited for the Benediction, and he always enjoys all the festivities.

The St. Joseph Table requires lots of workers and



Photo by: Noah Barile

2018 St. Joseph Table Committee

Front (l-r): Melina Sgarbossa (Convenor), Luciana Manzon, Edda Buset, Claudette James, Joanne Ceci, Liza Sacino, Maria Bertoldo, Lucia Morson, Debbie Beaven, Rita Florido, Wanda Perozjek, Diane Stolz, Giovanna Bertolo

Back (l-r): Albina Bordignon, Barry James, Gerry Sacino, Silvana Visintin, Corrina Tremonti

a lot of preparation to bring the Table to its final lovely appearance. Added to the décor are numerous bright cloth banners, with "Welcome" written on them along with the national flag and a cross or religious symbol appropriate to their respective culture.

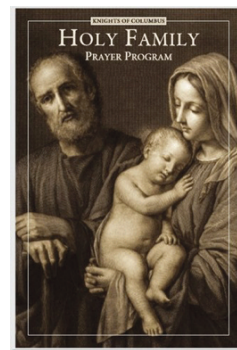
Many thanks to everyone who contributed, worked, or patronized this event!

**REV. DAN LAPOLLA, C.S.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH**





Holy Family Prayer Program
(l-r): Eric Kaminski, Master 4th Degree, Ontario District;
Derek West, Deputy Grand Knight;
Msgr. Pat Stilla;
Larry Pankuch, Grand Knight 1447;
Louis Romito, Past Grand Knight 1447;
Father Biju Mathew;
Dick O'Donnell, 4th Degree



On February 3, 2018 at the 12:10pm Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, the Knights of Columbus Fort William Council 1447 presented the Icon of the Holy Family Prayer Program to a large congregation. Msgr. Pat Stilla presided over the ceremony inaugurating the program. Members of Council 1447 and Sir Knights of the Father Baxter General Assembly 870 4th Degree formed the honour guard at the presentation.

The Knights, recognizing the vital role of families in the world today, sponsored the 17th Prayer Program designed to strengthen Catholic families and prayer lives. This year's Family Prayer Program for the Knights of Columbus focuses on the Holy Family.

This program features an image of the Holy Family blessed by Pope Francis. The Icon of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is a copy of the original Icon featuring an etching of the Holy Family by the 18th-century artist Giovanni Balestra. The Holy Family Icon will be touring our diocese for the next few months with the prayer service being held at each church.

Our family is the basic church, and what we do within our families reflects in what we do in our church and the communities we live in. Prayer is our way of communicating with our God.

LOUIS ROMITO
PAST GRAND KNIGHT 1447

St. Martin of Tours Parish CWL

On February 11, 2018, the members of St. Martin of Tours CWL welcomed two new members and presented long term service awards.

Pictured at right with Fr. Terry Sawchuk are (l-r): Danielle Gagne (10 years), Pat Maenpaa and daughter Emily Joubert (new members), Clarita Olive (10 years), Leonine Cormier (40 years).





Rite of Election 2018

February 17



Two catechumens offered their names for enrollment at the Rite of Election Mass. Pictured above with Bishop Fred Colli are (left) Katie Darci with sponsor Shelley Prevost and (right) Melissa Vondrasek with sponsor Ryan Brady.

Three candidates completed their initiation into the Catholic Church. Pictured below are (l-r): Murray Munro with proxy sponsor Janice Harasyn (missing: sponsor Colleen Flanagan), Glenna Scali with sponsor Rocky Scali, Kristin Grady with sponsor John Mackeo, Bishop Fred Colli, Deacon John Myers.



Mass of Chrism



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On Thursday, March 22, 2018 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Bishop Fred Colli, assisted by the Rev. Victor DeGagné, blesses the Oil of the Sacred Chrism that is used by the bishop and priests throughout the Diocese of Thunder Bay in the administration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders.



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Two Cursillistas from the Diocese of Thunder Bay travelled to Kingston, Ontario to help the Diocese of Kingston facilitate their very first Cursillo, March 8-11, 2018. The 13 candidates and team enjoyed a weekend of short talks, sharing, fellowship and prayer held in a comfortable, relaxed and informal setting at Providence Motherhouse in Kingston.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018

The parishes of Holy Angels, Schreiber, and St. Martin of Tours, Terrace Bay, were honoured to host the 2018 Diocesan Celebration of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 8, 2018. Approximately 200 people were in attendance, including a large delegation from various parishes in the city of Thunder Bay and neighbouring towns as well as friends and neighbours from local Protestant communities. The afternoon celebration included Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the Divine Mercy chaplet, and veneration of the relic of St. Faustina. Mr. Gene Bannon shared an inspirational testimony on the message of Divine Mercy and its importance in everyday life. Msgr. Stilla was on hand to hear confessions prior to and during the service and was kept busy throughout as the sacrament was in high demand. The afternoon concluded with some much appreciated acts of mercy – giving food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty. A soup and sandwich supper, prepared by local CWL council members, was served at Holy Angels School gym. Next year's diocesan celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will be held on April 28, 2019, at Holy Family Church, Thunder Bay.

**REV. TERRY SAWCHUK
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH AND
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH**





On May 6th, celebrating an early Mother's Day Mass in Italian with Fr. Dan Lapolla, c.s. at St. Dominic Church, the Ladies Venet Society celebrated a long and grand history of their organization, giving thanks to God, and honouring both the living and deceased members and the great work that they have done over many years in the name of charity. These women have worked many years supporting charities.

From its beginnings in the East End of Fort William in 1940 to its charitable works today, the Ladies Venet Society has continued to contribute to the cultural fibre of our community. Formed for the express purpose of uniting women who trace their cultural roots to the Northern regions of Italy, the members have continued to meet to exchange common ideas and to carry out fundraising events that are beneficial to local charities.

For many years the Society has celebrated events that are a reflection of major festivals of their homeland. In November, the Castagna Chestnut Harvest was celebrated to remind members of the festas in their villages when roasted chestnuts were peeled and dipped into the "novello" — the first wine. Before the Lenten season began the members held a "Carnevale" Tea at the DaVinci Centre. Guests were treated to afternoon tea with an Italian flavour,

where the atmosphere and costumed servers were reminiscent of the famous parades and balls of Venice. This became the major fundraiser for the ladies, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the guests had an enjoyable afternoon and that a local charity benefitted from their support.

Many city organizations benefitted from the fundraising efforts of the Venet Ladies. For many years the George Jeffrey Children's Treatment Centre was a major recipient.

Other beneficiaries of major donations included the Cancer Society, Northern Cancer Research, and the Alzheimer's Society. The Venet Society contributed over \$60,000 to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre. St. Joseph's Foundation received over \$15,000. A pledge was also made to the Foundation for St. Joseph's Hospice Palliative Care Campaign.

Present Executive Council Officers are: President, Evelyn Mina; Vice-President, Eugenia Bortolon; Secretary, Sylvia Kayzer; Correspondence, Anna Panontin; Treasurer, Rosanna Rambaldini; and Vice-Treasurer, Lucina Zussino.

**REV. DAN LAPOLLA, C.S.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH**



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St. Vincent School celebrated Catholic Education Week in a number of ways this year! The Grade 6 class made a banner using rainbow colours to represent God's promise to us and to convey their message of hope. The Grades 2-6 students celebrated the Living Rosary, and the entire student body, together with parents and grandparents, took part in a prayer service, with the Grade 2 and 3 students performing liturgical dances to two songs.





Catholic Leadership Day is held annually during Catholic Education Week. Organized by St. Ignatius and St. Patrick High School Chaplains, Ms. Lacaria and Ms. DeBruyne, high school students lead the day for over 50 students from the three "feeder" schools, (St.) Pope John Paul II, Bishop Gallagher, and Bishop E.Q. Jennings.



TEC Educating and Evangelizing Through Good Friday "Tableau"

Stations of the Cross: On Good Friday evening, Corpus Christi parishioners were invited to pray the Stations of the Cross, with the "pictures" of each station made up of youth and young adults. For at least fifteen years, live Stations of the Cross have been held at Corpus Christi on Good Friday, originally organized through the TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) program, under the leadership of TEC Director, Debbie DeBruyne. For many years after, the Youth Ministry team at Corpus Christi organized them, and for the past two years, they returned to being organized by Debbie, through TEC. Debbie explained, "It is a teaching moment and a way for TEC to evangelize parishioners and parish youth." The youth involved always comment on how this experience helped them to better understand the Stations of the Cross and what Jesus and the others there experienced. Those who come to watch and pray feel that seeing real people in the tableau "pictures" brings them to a deeper place of prayer and love for our Saviour. The New Evangelization in action!

A charism of TEC is Evangelization through a multi-generation approach. That was beautifully portrayed between the rehearsal and praying of the Stations, as all involved gathered for a light meatless supper, and the older generation shared some knowledge about the roots of the Stations of the Cross and of fasting.





The Most Rev. Fred J. Colli recognized *Thunder Bay Street Gospel* participants at a Celebration of Appreciation held at St. Agnes Parish on May 6, 2018. His inspiring message expressed thanks and appreciation to all involved in *Street Gospel*. Lisa Laco, *Superior Morning Show* Host for CBC Thunder Bay, focused on faith outreach through social media as an opportunity for growth of the Catholic Church. Founder of *Thunder Bay Street Gospel*, Fr. Jerin Louis, shared the 121st *Street Gospel* video as the project embarks into its 3rd year of production.

What is Street Gospel? *Thunder Bay Street Gospel* is an initiative put forward by Catholic young people to spread the Word of God using video media. Each week a 3-4 minute video is produced featuring practising Catholics in our Diocese sharing personal reflections on selected Scripture readings for that Sunday. A volunteer production team coordinates lighting, audio, staging, filming and editing. The video is streamed through YouTube where it's accessed through social media sites. Viewers have an opportunity to respond, offering insights on how the video affected them. The episode is then archived in the YouTube channel.

The Need for *Street Gospel*: Accelerated cultural changes in our society have led many Catholics to become disengaged from the church or to abandon their faith altogether. As these disengaged Catholics raise their own families, their children often undervalue their faith as a source of enrichment to their lives.

Young families and youth represent the foundation of growth for the Catholic Church. Yet, these are the people most difficult to reach by traditional methods because social media has changed the way families and youth acquire and share information.

"This video project, in keeping with Pope Francis' urging to use social media for spreading the Good News so others can know Christ Jesus through our efforts, responds to that challenge," said Bishop Colli.

Street Gospel brings hope for the future of our parishes by reaching hundreds of people each week on their own ground, through iPads, Smart Phones, or other devices. Strengthening and sustaining this connection is pivotal to our missionary role as the *modern* Catholic Church.

Street Gospel Benefits: For viewers, the Good News videos reach beyond practising Catholics to *all* Catholics. We create another space for people to know



Jesus again. Catholics become more acquainted with the faces and personalities of other members throughout our Diocese. Reflections presented by people of all ages reinforce unity and the inter-generational nature of our congregations. The bond between the Catholic Church and School is also strengthened as teachers blend the weekly video reflection with school-based faith messages. For Participants, *Street Gospel* encourages a personal retreat with God. Participants begin discipleship by taking time to sit with the Word, reflect on what it means to them, and grow in their understanding of Scripture. They take the next step as missionaries, reaching beyond their own circles into the lives of strangers, sharing their faith experiences in their own unique way.

Evidence Points to Success. Many Catholics in our Diocese are ready and willing to participate in sharing their faith through *Street Gospel*. They just need the right opportunity to do so! Consider that there are now more than 120 episodes with one or more speakers in each episode ... a heartwarming tribute to discipleship!

Program tracking confirms that *Street Gospel* touches the lives of 848 viewers each week, on average, plus various groups of viewers.

How did *Street Gospel* Begin? *Street Gospel* was initiated in 2016 by the Corpus Christi Youth Group led by Associate Pastor Jerin Louis. For the first 3 months, the project operated with borrowed cameras, loaned equipment, and volunteer trainees to produce a few *Street Gospel* videos. These were so well received the enthusiastic Youth Group committed to produce one video each weekend.

It soon became clear that *Street Gospel* could only be sustainable with its own production equipment. Corpus Christi, St. Agnes and St. Margaret parishes readily assisted with interim funding. The Diocese of Thunder Bay generously added the required support in 2016, 2017 and 2018, and now fully funds the project.

Thunder Bay Street Gospel is well positioned to advance its work well into the future. As a Diocesan project, it has the earned support of the Most Rev. Fred J. Colli, Bishop of Thunder Bay, priests, and parishioners throughout Northwestern Ontario. Fr. Jerin Louis continues to provide inspiration and leadership for the project.

BEATRICE METZLER

MEMBER, STREET GOSPEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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“It makes me very proud to know that we have so many people who are willing to share their reflections of the Gospel and to put this out publicly for all to hear and see.”

**- The Most Rev. Fred J. Colli,
Bishop of Thunder Bay**



Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign: 2018

When Jesus walked on this earth, he entered a world of tension and confusion. There was political unrest, social upheaval, class distinctions, community divisions and much religious tension. To respond to these issues and to bring some hope to mankind, he began a ministry of compassion, love and peace, emphasizing the love of God for all.

As we examine the world around us, we can see many of those same tensions present today. How do we respond to these tensions and divisions? As disciples of the Lord, we are called to follow his example, and to be a people of compassion, love and peace in our interaction with others. That is the message of the Gospel that Jesus has given us. He told us that whenever we do something generous for the poorest among us, we are doing it to the Lord himself. In this way we recognize the Lord Jesus in the people around us; we see the Lord Jesus in others.

Our diocesan campaign this year has this theme in mind, as we seek to respond to the tensions, concerns, and needs that surround us in our diocese. Each year, these needs increase, and each year, as a diocesan family, we seek to respond by helping others, by showing the compassion and concern demonstrated by Jesus, and by recognizing that the Lord is present in the people we are called to serve.

Once again, I ask you, the faithful people of our diocese, to respond generously to this campaign and to assist me and the priests, deacons and other ministers, who reach out with the caring hands and heart of the Lord. Our campaign does not change much from year to year, and that is because the needs and concerns are always present. In some cases they become even more challenging for us as time goes on.

Your generosity responds to the needs of families, in particular through our assistance to Catholic Family Development, the Dew Drop Inn, the Catholic Action Community, the Refugee program and through our Catholic Support Programs. Your donation responds to the needs of our young people through the Youth Ministry Office supporting programs for youth, the chaplaincy at our university, TEC and World Youth Day encouragement.

Some of the campaign funds go to the ongoing education of our priests, for study days, retreat days and for the program that teaches and educates our Permanent Deacons and our Ministers of Service. We encourage vocations to the priesthood and to religious life, and we assist priests who are retired with their health care programs.

Our Adult Faith Office and the Office of Worship help the entire diocesan family with ongoing faith education and liturgical development. A good portion of the campaign assists struggling parishes with their financial needs. With dwindling populations and the lack of employment, many of our smaller, remote parishes struggle to sustain themselves and their resident priest, and our campaign gives them hope and supports them in many ways.

As the bishop I am very grateful to everyone who donates to this campaign. I thank my priests for their support in encouraging you to participate. I know that everyone is called to assist charities throughout our area each year, and I appreciate it very much when you make my annual Ministries Campaign a priority for your donation.

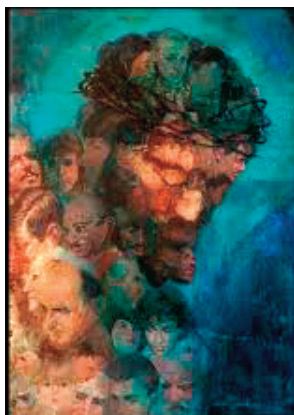
Pope Francis continually reminds us that we need to be the hands and heart of Jesus in our lives. He demonstrates this most evidently in his compassionate

embrace of the sick, the lonely, the children, the prisoner and those who feel abandoned and alone. He sees the face of Jesus in the people and he reaches out to them in compassion and love. He truly follows the example of Jesus in his ministry and life.

It reminds us that in our service to others, especially to the poor and to the needy and those struggling and without hope, we are in service to Jesus, as we see the Lord in the faces of those we are called to serve. Recognizing his presence in others, through our generosity, they in turn will recognize Jesus in us. May we always see Jesus in those whom we meet and serve, for that is our call, as followers and disciples of the Lord. Thank you again, most sincerely.

**SINCERELY IN CHRIST,
THE MOST REV. FRED J. COLLI**

Seeing Jesus



In Others



Diocesan Ministries

Education

Adult Faith Office (\$45,000). Provides support for liturgical ministers and the resource library at the Catholic Pastoral Centre that offers a wide variety of religious materials for workshops and conferences.

Office of Worship (\$20,000). Encourages liturgical understanding through programs designed to enhance the quality of religious celebrations.

Catholic Education Office and Native Ministries Office (\$10,000). Supports and encourages a close relationship between the Diocese and Catholic school boards throughout northwestern Ontario and communication links for native ministry projects and events.

Youth

University Chaplaincy (\$35,000). Provides a full-time chaplain (Sister Alice Greer, C. S. J., Ed. D) for all students at Lakehead University. Program includes counseling, support workshops, liturgies, and religious services.

Youth Ministry (\$20,000). Provides training for youth leaders, retreats, and resources for such programs as NET, Salt and Light, and parish youth programmes.

World Youth Day, 2019 (\$20,000).

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) (\$5,000). Supports and assists the programs of the Sleeping Giant TEC retreat program within the Diocese of Thunder Bay.

Social Services

Family Support Services (\$70,000). The Catholic Family Development Centre offers a variety of programs to assist those in need of counselling and support.

Diocesan Marriage Tribunal (\$20,000). Provides help to those who need to reconcile their marriage with the Church through annulments.

Refugee Settlement (\$20,000). Through the operations of D.O.O.R.S. the Diocese assists needy immigrants with clothing, housing, and their relations with the Government of Canada.

Catholic Support Programs (\$45,000). Financial support is given to organizations such as the Dew Drop Inn, Catholic Action Centre, Birthright, and Mission to Seafarers, Serena, Cursillio, etc.

Diocesan Aid (\$40,000). Supports missions and smaller churches and their clergy operating in remote areas of the Diocese.

Clergy

Vocations (\$5,000). Promotes vocations to the priesthood within the Diocese of Thunder Bay.

Permanent Diaconate Program (\$15,000). Supports the training of those seeking to become permanent deacons and ministers of service within the Diocese.

Ongoing Education for Permanent Deacons (\$10,000). Provides formation programs that continue to educate our deacons in their ministry.

Ongoing Education of Priests (\$25,000). Provides workshops and training programs for priests in the Diocese.

Priests' Infirm Fund (\$25,000). Assists retired priests who are in special care facilities.

Priests' Pension Fund (\$20,000). Supplements the pension fund of our priests for their future retirement needs.

\$450,000 Total Goal

Through your parish, please give to:
Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign

Please make your cheques payable to:
"Diocese of Thunder Bay/(Your Parish)"



Looking Back: Our Lady of the Snows Parish ~ July 2010



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Father Michael Murray, S.J., pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Armstrong, prior to the celebration of Mass on July 14, 2010. With Father Murray are members of the Our Lady of Loretto C.W.L. who donated the altar cloth to the church. Also with Father Murray are parishioners of the parish.

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