



Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

News ♦ Notices ♦ Upcoming Events

May 3, 2021

[A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COLLI:](#)

[My Dear Friends:](#)

Pope Francis has asked that this month of May be dedicated to praying insistently for an end to the pandemic. He is starting a prayer marathon.

Each day will feature a different Marian shrine. The rosary will be the main prayer for the marathon. It will be streamed live from a different shrine every day at 6 p.m., Rome time. The Pope will inaugurate the marathon at the Vatican, with a prayer in front of an ancient mosaic in St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday, May 1. Each day after that, the rosary will be broadcast from a different place, like Guadalupe, Fatima, Lourdes, the Immaculate Conception in Washington, Medjugorje in Bosnia and la Caridad del Cobre in Cuba. The Pope will conclude the marathon on May 31, in a chapel in the Vatican Gardens.

The Vatican wants to involve as many Catholics as possible and invites them to connect from their homes or parishes to pray for the end of the pandemic. Please join the Holy Father in this prayer marathon in May.

Sincerely,
Bishop Fred Colli
Bishop of Thunder Bay

["AN EXTRAORDINARY TIME OF PRAYER AND SHARING"](#): The Bishop's Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign has traditionally started on Divine Mercy Sunday these past years. This year the Diocesan Centre will contact donors by mail so in the next few weeks you will receive information on this year's campaign in your mailbox. Our theme is most appropriate as we share with Pope Francis in asking the Lord for courage and patience during this worldly pandemic that has changed our lives. I ask again for your consideration and generosity for this year's campaign. Our needs grow more and more each year, and your response in past years has been most appreciated and has enabled me, as the bishop, to serve the needs of our parishes and communities in our diocese. Please be generous again this year and I ask God's blessing upon you and your families.

Sincerely,
Bishop Fred Colli
Bishop of Thunder Bay

