



# Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Synod on Synodality:** This meeting, the XVI meeting of the Synod of Bishops, is now being held in Rome for the next month. The clergy and lay people attending the synod, are discussing the reports given by each country of the world, on the questions and responses from the shared meetings held in many parishes over the last year. The report from Canada can be found on the national bishop's website ([www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)) under Synodal Summary for Canada. These meetings and discussions, encouraged and lead by Pope Francis, are to assist the Holy Father in guiding the Catholic Church in the world. Events about the development of topics and discussions can be found on the Vatican YouTube channel. Please pray for those attending the synod and for its success.

**Bishops of Canada Meetings:** Bishop Colli has just returned from meetings with the bishops of Canada and the bishops of Ontario. Highlights from the meetings included a look at the Synod for Synodality and a report from the bishops in Rome from Canada at the Synod along with lay people. Also, the bishops discussed our on-going Truth and Reconciliation programs in dioceses and the effect of the visit from Pope Francis in Canada and our Indigenous peoples. The Ontario bishops discussed our Catholic Schools and their progress and special ministries for lay people in our churches. Special celebrations will be held in Quebec City in 2024 as they celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Catholic Church in Canada.

**St. Andrew's Catholic Cemetery:** Please join Bishop Colli in the celebration of the Annual Memorial Mass where he will be praying for all our deceased relatives and friends. Mass will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. Dominic's Church (130 Redwood Ave. W.) Seating is limited. No RSVP required.

**The Saint Patrick's Cathedral Grief Support Group** is planning to offer the program this fall, if we receive the required number of applicants. The once-a-week two-hour sessions will be held over a six-week period. There is no charge, and all materials are provided. Individuals who are interested in participating are asked to call the Cathedral Parish Office at 622-5389 and leave their contact information for potential registration. They will be contacted by a team member to answer any questions and to confirm their commitment to the program.

**St. Anne's Church:** will be hosting "Listen" a Basic Spiritual Directors Workshop – 2 Year Course – Fr. Henk Van Meijel, S.J. will be the Spiritual Facilitator. Do you want to learn how to have a Spiritual Conversation at Church and with others? If so, then this course is for you. Please call Penny @ (807)631-7467 for more information. "It's the Journey that Counts; Let us Love and Serve One Another"

**[St. Patrick Cathedral Roof Project:](#)** We invite you to share in this important project for our Cathedral Church. Donations can be made directly to the Cathedral, and you can also join in the 50/50 Draw at [www.stpatshat.ca](http://www.stpatshat.ca). Let us all be proud of our unique link to St. Patrick's Cathedral and together share in this important project. Thank you for your generosity.

**[Corpus Christi](#)** Senior choir is in need of a accompanist for every other Sunday at 10 am. Knowledge of the parts of the Mass would be an asset. Please contact Linda Valiquette at [atlastihope@shaw.ca](mailto:atlastihope@shaw.ca) or at 3459969.

**[Right to Life:](#)** of Thunder Bay and Area is hosting a dinner & speaker on Saturday November the 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Columbus Centre. This event will close out our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year as an organization. We are bringing in Jakki Jeffs from Alliance for Life Ontario as our keynote speaker. For more information or the purchase of tickets please visit <https://thunderbay.life>. The deadline for ticket sales is Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

**[Pilgrimage to Egypt, The Holy Land & Jordan](#)** – Under Spiritual Guidance of Fr. Vargees Devas, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Church, Thunder Bay, Ontario; Fr. Devas will be guiding a Pilgrimage to Egypt, The Holy Land & Jordan from March 14 – 28, 2024. For more information, please contact St. Elizabeth Parish (807)622-1085 or pick up a brochure at the Catholic Pastoral Centre at 1222 Reaume Street, located behind the police station.