



Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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May 6, 2024

Retirement on the Horizon: According to Church law, when a bishop reaches his 75th birthday, he submits a letter of resignation to the Pope. I will be 75 years old this June, and my retirement as the Bishop of Thunder Bay will probably take place by the end of June. The 25 years of ministry for me as your Bishop has been exciting, rewarding and challenging. I made Thunder Bay my home for the past 25 years, and now it is time for a new bishop to assume these responsibilities and this ministry. I will be celebrating my retirement on three occasions with a special Recognition and Awards Mass: in Dryden on **May 26, 2024** at 3:30 pm. - in Schreiber on **June 9, 2024** at 3:30 pm. and at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday July 14, 2024** at the 10:30 am Mass. A reception will also be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre on **July 14** in the afternoon from 2 - 5 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions about my retirement, please contact Susan Nistico at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (807)343-9313

Catholic Education Week – May 5-10, 2024. This week in all our Catholic schools in Ontario we celebrate Catholic Education and its importance for our Catholic Communities. The theme this year is: “We are called to Love” based on Jesus’ words “you must love one another”. Please pray for and support your Catholic schools and their staffs. This is an important way that our children learn about their Catholic faith. We share in the support of the Home-School-Parish links, and we all work together for the growth of Catholic Education.

Development and Peace – Annual Meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the annual meeting scheduled for **May 7th** has been postponed. Parish Reps and members will be notified once a new date has been established. We apologize for any inconvenience this may create.

St. Agnes Parish: You are invited to a Praise and Worship evening **Tuesday May 7th** at St. Agnes Church from 7 to 9 pm. Mass will be followed by the Anointing of the Sick, Adoration, Praise and Worship, individual prayer teams and a social. Come worship the Lord in the community!

MOTHER'S DAY TEA. **Saturday May 11, from 11:00-1:00** Hosted by St. Theresa Parish, 10 Porter St. Kakabeka. Come enjoy a wonderful Tea with mom, grandma, aunt, sister, friend, or that special person you hold in your heart. Everyone is welcome. After Tea, enjoy the short walk to the Falls. Tickets - \$10/adult & \$5/child (5-12) Menu: dainties, scones, light cakes, variety of tea, coffee. Raffles gift baskets, baked goods. Lottery License # M861940 Vendors: handmade local products will be available. For tickets or more information call: Laurie 807-708-4345

The Marian prayers for the Unborn, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be taking place **Monday, May 13,** at 7:00pm, at St. Anthony's Church. The Rosary will be presided by Bishop Colli, and there will be speakers representing groups working for protection of life. Please, tell others, and attend to pray for this very important matter.

Pickarel Dinner: St. Andrew's Parish is holding a **PICKEREL DINNER** on **Sunday, June 9th at 5:30 p.m.** in Saunders Hall. The cost is \$25.00 and children under 5 eat for free. The meal includes: fresh pickerel, baked beans, potatoes, coleslaw and dessert. A take-out option is also available with pick up in Saunders Hall from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dine-in and Take-out tickets can be purchased at the parish office Tuesday through Thursday during office hours. For more information, please call (807) 345-5202. Be sure to get your tickets early so you don't miss out!