

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2022

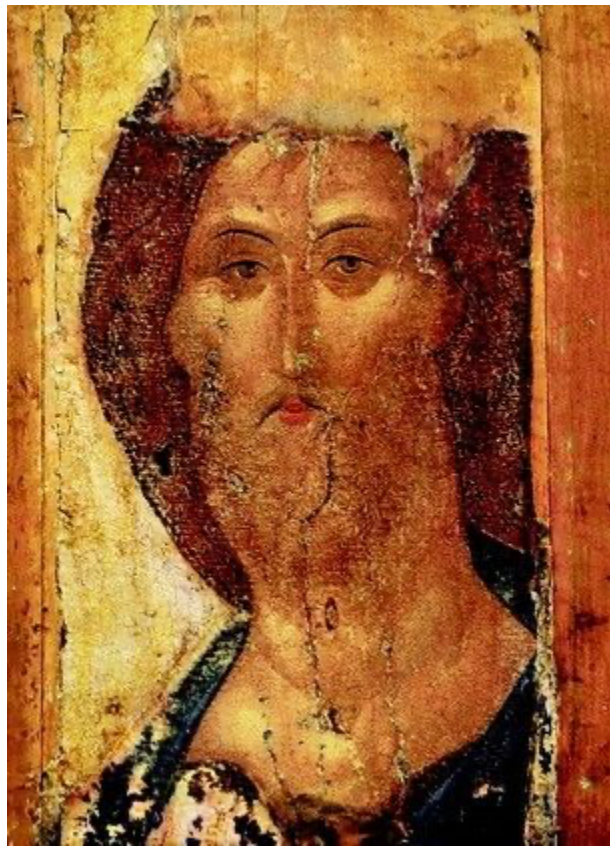
"So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new."

2. Cor. 5.17

Ad Clerum: Reign of Christ

Diocese of Moosonee

November 17th, 2021



The Icon of the Saviour of Zvenigorod

"While we deliberate, He reigns. When we decide wisely, He reigns; when we serve Him in humble loyalty, He reigns; when we serve Him self assertively; He reigns; when we rebel against Him and seek to withhold our service; He reigns – the Alpha and the Omega, which is and was and is to come, the Almighty."

(Archbishop William Temple - Lambeth address 1930)

Dear colleagues in ministry,

This Sunday the church proclaims the Reign of Christ, meaning that we do not bear ultimate allegiance to any other person, power, or principality that claims sovereignty over us.

I begin my pastoral letter at the end of this liturgical year with words from the Book of Revelation which we will hear on Sunday, placing the Lordship of Christ front and centre. I offer these words in the same spirit in which they were intended by the beloved seer on Patmos, St. John the Divine.

“Grace to you and peace from him who is and was and who is to come.....To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (Rev. 1. 4(b), 5(b), 6)

God is the Alpha and the Omega; the beginning and the end and the One who controls everything that happens in human time. If ever I’m tempted to forget this truth or imagine the kingdom of God as some faraway otherworldly place, these words are a reminder that I (and you) have been made, ‘to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father’ and that it is right beneath my feet and all around me.

The kingdom of God is in the here and now and is within us. We who are marked with the sign of the cross and named as Christ’s own forever are to live as members of this kingdom and as faithful servants and witnesses of it.

We know this to be a high calling, one that is both costly and sacrificial. When we come face to face with the suffering of a beloved parishioner, or witness an injustice that needs addressing, or seek to aid an individual struggling with mental illness, we often end up stepping outside the comfort of our daily lives, becoming involved in the messiness of theirs.

In John Friendship’s book, *Enfolded by Christ: The Inner Life of a Priest*, the author encourages readers to realize the compassion they show for another is not their own light but a reflection of God’s compassionate gaze shining through them. This changes the focus of attention from the person who is ministering to Christ who is the heart of our being. Opening ourselves up to the ‘compassionate gaze of God’ through prayer and meditating on the scriptures also reminds us that we are God’s beloved.

One of the icons that speaks to me this Reign of Christ Sunday is one which Andrei Rublev wrote at the beginning of the 15th Century as part of a tier or icons for a church in the Russian City of Zvenigorod. Its official title is “**The Saviour of Zvenigorod**” but it is also known as **The Seeing Christ, or Christ the Peacemaker**.

The story behind this icon is one of loss and rediscovery.

For many years it lay hidden in a barn near the Cathedral of the Assumption in Zvenigorod, probably put there to save it from destruction by marauders. From the original tier, only three panels are left – those depicting Michael the Archangel, Paul the Apostle, and Christ the Saviour.

You'll notice that the face of Christ looks injured. Large parts of his hair and face are invisible and the paint on his chin, neck, and chest is cracked. Dark streaks fall from his lower lip and the mantle covering Christ's shoulders and the tunic has been damaged in several places. The lower section of the icon is completely discoloured.

Regardless of the outer brokenness of the icon, the eyes of Rublev's Christ draw us in. They are the eyes of the Son of Man and the Son of God described in the Book of Revelation. They are like flames of fire penetrating the darkness, shining through it to bring light and life to all people. This is the light that no darkness can overcome (John 1.5). These are the eyes that have seen the splendour of God's compassionate gaze and the eternal mystery of God. They are eyes of Christ; which penetrate the hearts of God's people, created in God's own image and likeness, and love them.

These eyes saw people like Simon, Andrew, James, Mary of Magdala and called them to discipleship. These eyes saw the lame and the leper and the hungry crowd and offered them new life. They saw the sadness of the rich young man and the fear of the disciples in the middle of a storm. These eyes wept for the loss of a friend and over the faithless city of Jerusalem. They saw the loneliness of his own mother as she stood beneath his cross.

But these eyes also saw faith - the faith of those who went to extraordinary lengths to bring their paralyzed friend forward for healing. They saw the faith of a woman with a hemorrhage who knew she only needed to touch his cloak to be healed.

In our time, these eyes see the extraordinary faith and courage of those who remain on the frontlines of this pandemic bringing comfort and healing. These eyes hold oceans of tears for all that has been lost and never will be again.

And these eyes also see the faith of ministers like you, who, though weary and worried continue to be a people of hope, announcing the good news of Jesus's reign in our midst.

May the eternal and compassionate gaze of God – the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer rest upon you and those you love.

With gratitude and the assurance of my daily prayers.

+Anne

Praying for one another

This week I was invited to the 'Bishop's Company' gathering in the Diocese of Niagara. Bishop Susan Bell invited Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of York and Primate of England, to spend the evening in conversation with her. He spoke openly about growing up in an unchurched home and how he came to know and love God and God's church. He told the story of his ordination day when one of his 'aunties' (a close family friend) shared with him that she had prayed for him every single day of his life. He never knew about this until that moment, but that auntie's faithfulness became a powerful testimony to the importance of praying for others in his own life – without them ever knowing about it.

I invite us all to pray for our colleagues in ministry around the diocese – whether we know what is happening in their personal or professional lives or not. Ministry is difficult at the best of time, but Covid and other stresses have added a whole new layer of challenge. We may never know the difference that our prayers make, but God hears every one of them.

I have a card on my prayer desk that reads: *"Praying for others penetrates the hearts we cannot open, shields those we cannot guard, teaches when we cannot speak, comforts when our hearts have no power to soothe, follows our best beloved through the trials and perplexities of the day lifting off their blindness with an unknown hand."*

Please keep Bishop Tom and Ruth Corston in your prayers as +Tom continues to struggle with some serious health concerns. After a stint in the hospital, he is at home being well taken care of by his health care team.

We continue to pray for the Rev. Norma Teigen and her family as they grieve the death of Norm, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Norm bore his short illness courageously and bore witness to the faith that is deep within his heart and soul.

May Norm rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory, and may Norma know the consolation of God's love in this time of loss and sorrow.

Covid Vaccination Policy and Protocols

Thank you for your ongoing responsiveness to the Covid Vaccination Policy and Covid Protocols as we continue to live through this time of pandemic. Archdeacon Larry Armstrong is the 'point person' in the Synod office for all things related to Covid, responding to queries as they arise.

There continues to be excellent communication within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario between the Executive Officers and the Provincial House of Bishops so that as much as possible we are moving forward together in our response to the ever evolving Covid situation.

You are reminded that December 10th is the date by which all clergy holding the Bishop's license are required to receive their second Covid vaccine. Canon Patricia Dorland is receiving your vaccination certificates. You are to let her or Archdeacon Larry know that this has happened by December 11th, 2021. He will be following up with individuals who we have not heard from after that.

Updated protocols will be released by Monday 22nd November, allowing us to do more things we've been hoping for as we continue to learn to live with Covid -19.

They are released with a cautionary note as there is Covid turbulence about with an uptick in Covid cases in certain regions in Ontario. Sudbury, for example, has a higher number of Covid cases than the provincial average and towns which had few Covid cases during the first three waves are putting new restrictions into place. This is true in the Algoma Health Unit area now, too.

When you review the latest protocols and are uncertain about whether to move forward with them or keep things the way they are in your context, please contact Archdeacon Jay.

Advent Events

1. You are cordially invited to the Advent Quiet Morning on Saturday 4th December which will be led by Bishop Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Toronto. Clergy from the Diocese of Algoma and Moosonee will be at this Zoom retreat which will begin at 8:30am and will conclude around 12:30pm. There will be opportunities for us to ask questions and offer reflections and for small group conversations.

In outlining the theme and shape of the Quiet Day Bishop Kevin writes: *This Clergy Day will be largely based on the book, "Names for the Messiah" by Walter Brueggemann (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016). You do not need to have read this book to participate fully in this retreat.*

Our time away will focus on the four names for the Messiah given in Isaiah 9:6 – "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" – and how these names might give us hope and encouragement through Advent and in this time of pandemic.

I very much look forward to spending this time away with you!

The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson is a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Toronto. He oversees 90 parishes in 8 deaneries, comprising urban, suburban and rural communities across the Diocese. He also serves as the Diocesan Diversity Officer.

Before being elected, Bishop Kevin served a number of parishes in the Diocese of Toronto, including St. Peter, Oshawa; St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff; and Christ Church, Deer Park. He was also the liturgical officer for the York-Scarborough Area and the Regional Dean of the Eglinton Deanery.

Bishop Kevin has a Master of Divinity from Trinity College at the University of Toronto and a B.A. from Huron College at the University of Western Ontario. He was ordained deacon in 1997, priest in 1998, and bishop in 2017.

Bishop Kevin and his spouse, Mohan Sharma, have nine-year old twins, and live in the Riverdale neighbourhood of Toronto. In his spare time, he enjoys running, playing the piano, watching their kids play soccer, and walking the family's pandemic puppy, Luna.

The Zoom link is:

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/88119928157?pwd=Z3BKbFROQnhCc2hJRHBaREZpMFg2UTog>

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2. On Wednesday evenings at 7pm in Advent (1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December) I will be leading Gospel Based Discipleship (GBD) for the Diocese.

We will be using the Gospel for the Sundays in Advent:

December 1st – Luke 21: 25-36

December 8th – Luke 3: 1-6

December 15th – Luke 3: 7-18

December 22nd – Luke 1: 39-45

The Zoom link is:

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/86162683084?pwd=Ro1rVWRSQ2w1OHg2WVM4QWIFUTkydzog>

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Please share these details with your parishioners and let them know that we have capacity for 100 participants on Gospel Based Discipleship. They are asked to display their name, parish, and deanery when signing in for GBD.

3. You are asked to share the news that there will be an Advent Quiet Morning for Lay Readers and Lay Leaders in Algoma and Moosonee on Saturday 11th December led by the Rev. Dr. GailMarie Henderson, Incumbent of Muskoka Lakes, Chaplain of Lay Readers and member of the Faculty at Thorneloe University. The times for this Quiet Morning are 8:30am to 12:30pm with a break for reflection.

Rev. GailMarie has chosen the theme: **Behold and Awaken the Beauty of the Lord** for her presentations. The first part of the morning has four short talks on one of the Advent gifts and the second half of the morning will be turning to the Advent antiphons. Like the Clergy Quiet Time, it will be a rich time together.

Participants should email Alison Weir (alisonweir19@gmail.com), Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers (Algoma) to register.

The Zoom link is:

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/86276138719?pwd=bVpDOFQoYlFLakNtQnQoRWhmQkNGQTog>

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I urge you to make the Advent Quiet Day a priority in your calendar. So often, for clergy and laity alike, instead of our faith determining and driving our activities, our faith is fitted in around a frenetic lifestyle, identical to that of the world around us. We may be working for God, (which is not necessarily the same thing as doing the things of God), but our agendas and our business are no different from all the other busy people.

Instead of allowing ourselves to get caught up in the rush and busyness of daily life, we need God, rather than the world, to set our agenda. Our primary calling must surely be, to become a people formed by God through prayer and the study of scripture; a people who, from their deep intimacy with God, are able to hear the cries of the world and to respond to it with words of life. And that can only happen if we make space in our lives for it to happen.

As Eugene Peterson has said, "I can be active and pray; I can work and pray; but I cannot be busy and pray. I cannot be inwardly rushed, distracted or dispersed. In order to pray, I have to be paying more attention to what God is saying to me, than to what people are saying to me; to God than to my clamoring ego. Usually, for that to happen, there must be a deliberate withdrawal from the noise of the day, a disciplined detachment from the insatiable self." (Christianity Today: The Unbusy Pastor)

Unless we are a people who are constantly being formed and transformed by God, we will inevitably become cynical in the face of the demands of ministry; unless we are a people for whom Christ is our living centre informing all aspects of our lives, we have nothing to offer the world. We need to be praying for a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit upon us, upon the church and in the world that will lead to true conversion of heart and a return to God for us all.

An **Advent Bible Study Resource**, based on *Becoming the Story We Tell*, has been prepared by Archdeacon Jay Koyle and is available on the Diocese of Algoma website under "Resources". It is an excellent resource to lead a small group reflection as we begin Year C in our liturgical cycle.

An expanded role for the Rev. Diane Hilpert-McIlroy

I am delighted to share the good news with you that the Rev. Diane Hilpert-McIlroy has been appointed as the **Principal of the Moosonee School for Ministry** effective January 2022. This is an expanded role for Rev. Diane who presently serves as the mentor for new clergy in our diocese.

We are working on a more fulsome job description for this position but, broadly speaking, it will be to coordinate the education, formation, and training of clergy and laity in the Diocese. Lay Readers will come under the umbrella of the Moosonee School for Ministry as will the Mahmow program. Rev. Diane will soon be in touch with leaders

who are involved in these ministries (Canon Cliff Dee and Ms. Anne Dyas) to coordinate efforts.

I am also pleased to announce that I am naming Rev. Diane as Canon Pastor for the Diocese of Moosonee. She will be installed in this position when we are able to gather for an in-person celebration. Join me in congratulating Canon Diane on this new position and in thanking her spouse, Robert, for his continual support and care for Diane. Let us pray that in the coming years the Moosonee School for Ministry will flourish under Canon Diane's watchful eye.

I asked Canon Diane to share her own story of formation with you. It is a very powerful testimony:

"Many years ago, I visited Villa Loyola in Guelph, Ontario for a silent retreat. It was late fall, so it was cool, windy and wet. As we were given the agenda and the housekeeping rules for the retreat, we were told there was a labyrinth and we were free to walk it, if it stopped raining.

We were large in number, both men and women, and we sat in a huge circle to hear the instructions and to spend time in prayers. During this time, the retreat leader asked us to consider the soil of our souls. What was that soil capable of being or doing? I had never heard that question before, nor considered my soul as soil. But it was a great question, certainly much fodder for thought and prayer for the retreat.

Being a silent retreat, I was startled when a woman yelled out in a very gruff and angry voice that the soil of her soul was a rocky, jagged cliff, with water lashing against it constantly. For a long time, I had been asking what God wanted of me. That was one of the reasons I had made the journey to the retreat centre by myself. What was I supposed to do with my life? Was God speaking to me through this angry and distressed woman, would the retreat be at all helpful?

A few weeks prior to booking the retreat I had an experience of God speaking into my heart. I tried to ignore it and I had all sorts of excuses. I knew I wasn't worthy, I was divorced. I had not finished my education, I was in my fifties, too old for ministry. I was beginning to think that maybe the soil of my soul was would not accept any seeds from this retreat.

Eventually the rain stopped and the sun came out, so I went to find the labyrinth. It was made from tall grasses. As I started the walk the grasses moved in the wind. There was a busyness about it at times that confused me for a while. But after a time, I began to see my life laid out in the grasses. God was speaking to me in the movement and the wind, in the moments of silence before and after the wind gusts. I could see the sweetness of my childhood years with my beloved grandmother, the trauma I experienced because of her sudden death. I could sense in the movement of the grasses the joy and contentment

raising my children, then more disruption, fear and heartbreak: no doubt the divorce. My life, the good and beautiful parts, as well as the bad and the horrible parts were all laid out for me in that grass.

When I eventually reached the centre of the labyrinth there was the most overwhelming sense of deep peace. I wanted to stay there forever, but at the same time there was something telling me that I could not stay, because the soil of my soul had been tilled. A few weeks later at a Bible Study at my church, the priest took me aside and asked me to consider a call to ministry. God was speaking again.

Archbishop Anne Germond has a way of asking the kind of questions that help you to listen for God's still small voice, in the midst of your daily living, too. After that Bible study I did listen. I took a Master of Divinity Degree at Huron University College, and completed CPE course at Cambridge Memorial Hospital under Sister Colleen Lashmar. When the unit was over I was invited to stay and minister to the patients and staff until seminary resumed in the fall.

While I was in seminary I did an internship at a two-point charge at Christ Church Ayr and St. George's in New Hamburg under the Rev'd Canon France Ouimet-Wilson. France was such a brilliant, faithful woman and I learned much from her and from my experience at her parish. France and I became fast friends and she preached at my ordination.

During my time in seminary I continually prayed God would send me to a parish that was north and near water. My husband didn't want to be in the very southern part of Ontario. God was certainly in Robert's request to be north, because we were called to St. Mary's in Nipigon. We stayed there for just over 12 years. It was a time of great learning and growing for us as a couple, and for me as a person and a priest. During that time, I served as Regional Dean for Thunder Bay-North Shore for three terms, the maximum allowed.

It was a very humbling experience for me to learn that the more I learned, the more I needed to learn. I have taken many social work courses out of the University of Waterloo, Bio-ethics from the University of Sudbury, several Religious Studies from Thorneloe, and courses on Small Church Ministry, from Queen's University and from Virginia Theological College. I have attended Festival of Homiletics five times, taken a workshop with Kathleen Norris, Stanley Hauerwas and Phyllis Tickle. I took a course out of the Lutheran Seminary in St. Paul's Minnesota, as well as courses from Martin Luther University in Waterloo I also took a Suicide Prevention course and a Doctor's Assistance in Dying Workshop, a Vital Church Plant Workshop in Toronto.

Education is a gift, and for those of us in ministry it actually helps us to grow into a deeper relationship with God. I am excited by the invitation to be the Principal of the Moosonee School of Ministry. It is my prayer that as the wonderful clergy in Moosonee continue with their learning journey, they too will experience the deepening of their relationship with God, and gain the knowledge that learning is a lifelong adventure."



Canon Diane Hilpert-McIlroy and Robert McIlroy

Passages: Beginnings and Endings

Congratulations to the **Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick** who has been appointed to be the Regional Dean for Watershed Deanery following Canon Phelan's retirement in November. This position will continue until the Great Chapter Meeting when elections for this position will be held.

Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake, former Administrator for the Diocese of Moosonee and friend of many, is once again canonically resident in Moosonee. Archdeacon Deborah has offered her prayerful support and wisdom to clergy and would welcome a conversation if she can be of assistance. Archdeacon Deborah's email address is ajdafreake@yahoo.ca. Welcome back Archdeacon Deborah!

Archdeacon Larry Armstrong and the Rev. Anne-Marie Carriere were both able to attend the final service and farewell celebration for the **Rev. Canon Phelan Scanlon** on October 31st as he brought an important chapter in his ministry to a conclusion and entered retirement. Gifts were given and I sent a message of gratitude for Phelan's ministry and to wish him well. Canon Phelan served in a number of congregations in the Diocese of Moosonee and was a mentor to many clergy over the years.

Canon Bryan Finlay was recently appointed as the Provincial Chancellor but continues to serve as our Chancellor. We are deeply grateful for his wisdom and insight which is always centred on Gospel values and the greater good of the whole church.



Farewell Canon Phelan!

Following Canon Phelan's departure from Hornepayne, Hearst and Constance Lake Archdeacon Larry Armstrong will be the administrator for the parish. A schedule for Sunday services is being drawn up with the Rev. Annie Marie Carriere and the Rev. Isabel Dube leading worship.

At the end of August, I presided and preached at the final Eucharist at **St. Paul's South Porcupine**. Dean Valerie Isaac is the incumbent of St. Paul's and St. Matthews (Timmins), and was instrumental in inviting folks from St. Paul's to attend St. Matthews, as well as with the huge task of the physical move. Thank you, Dean Valerie. Archdeacon Larry Armstrong and Canon Patricia were both in attendance at the closing service and deconsecration of the building, for which we were all grateful.



Dean Valerie following the final service at St. Paul's

Many of you in Moosonee remember **The Rev. Susan Montague Koyle**, former Lay Reader at St. Paul's South Porcupine. Susan was ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyters on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th at Holy Trinity Anglican Church (St. Joseph Island) where Susan serves as the Incumbent. She is also the Priest Associate at Emmaus Anglican in Sault Ste. Marie. Archdeacon Roberta Wilson Garrett was the preacher for this celebration. Your prayers are requested for Susan's mother, Rev. Iris Montague who has some serious health concerns and remains in a Timmins hospital.

In her sermon Archdeacon Roberta offered a reflection on the image of a yoke and what it means to be yoked to Christ.

"Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light " (Matt. 11.25-30)

So what yokes do you wear?....which one is most important....what will give your actions integrity and power?...it's not a trick question...we know the answer....Jesus....but is that really how we live?

Is it reflected in our actions and in our deeds? -people are watching and they want to see how we who call ourselves Christians.... knit people together in faith and in the love of Jesus Christ...how we encourage them and teach them to encourage each other -they will notice how we function as human beings....what we say and how we say it....what we pay attention to and what we neglect....or if we even listen at all -the witness of St Francis is telling usit isn't enough to just get through the day to day stuff, to just function....the interpersonal things are the things that will be needed...the intimate relationships

It is necessary for us to be Christ Centred ...to be soulful Christ Centered individuals just like Francis....Francis had that in abundance so how do we infuse it into our lives...infuse it into everything we say and do?

To be yoked to anything or anyone other than Christ will only leave us weary and burdened...our lives will be frenzied and fragmented -we will end up competing and judging ourselves and each other....we will act as one person in one situation and someone totally different in a different situation -there will be no internal integrity...no depth and no substance -soon relationships will become superficial and there will be no joy.

The words of today's gospel are addressed to us with many burdens and who far too often we treat those burdens with medication...a little bit of retail therapy....a new toy....a vacation...a nap....and countless other things -and more often than not, we are just as weary and as burdened afterwards as we were before because they are not the antidote to our exhaustion -soulful Christ centeredness is only found in the sharing the yoke of Christ."



The Rev. Susan Montague Koyle following her ordination on October 4th, 2021

A reminder about invitations to preach and preside

A number of clergy (active and retired) in the diocese have pastoral connections with individuals from congregations other than your own. From time to time you may be invited to preach or preside at the marriage, funeral or baptism of a friend or someone with whom you previously had a pastoral relationship.

Be reminded that all invitations need to be referred to the incumbent of the parish whose prerogative it is to officiate at such services. The incumbent may invite you to participate in the liturgy, but the privilege is not yours by right.

The same goes for invitations from outside the diocese. If you are invited to preach or preside you should obtain permission from me and the diocesan bishop in whose diocese you will be ministering.

Likewise, if you would like to invite someone (lay or ordained) to preach or preside in your parish you should obtain my permission first. The usual procedure is for us to reach out to their diocesan bishop to ensure that they are in good standing.

Following these simple procedures can save a great deal of heartache....and some valuable friendships along the way.

Message from Canon Tom Stradwick re. Screening in Faith

Canon Tom reminds clergy that if you need assistance with Screening in Faith in your congregations that he is ready and available to assist in any way he can. He can be reached via email at tomstradwick101@hotmail.com

Archbishop Fred Hiltz has been meeting with the Diocesan Discernment Working Group as we bring the Season of Holy Discernment to a close. An interim report on the work that has been done thus far, as well as the next steps for Moosonee will be presented to the fall Executive Council meeting by Archbishop Fred.

It is our strong hope that every person in the Diocese of Moosonee will have had the opportunity to participate in group conversations and offer their insights on the future shape of episcopal ministry and their hopes for the diocese moving forward.

Archbishop Fred was very disappointed not to have visited the congregations and communities in James Bay Deanery for services of confirmation this fall. I know that many of you were too. It was also disappointing that the healing gathering at Waskaganish had to be postponed due to a rise in Covid 19 cases.

Be assured that Archbishop Fred is very much looking forward to visiting James Bay deanery in 2022 for confirmation celebrations. As soon as we have a better picture of the

Covid situation Archbishop Fred will be reaching out to you and making arrangements for these pastoral visits. Would you please let your congregations know about this and continue to prepare the candidates for confirmation.

I am deeply grateful to Archbishop Fred for his strong and compassionate leadership in Moosonee at this time when there is so much uncertainty about.

Thanks also to Archdeacon Larry, Canon Patricia, Canon Tom, Rev. George and Rev. Diane for their faithful and consistent leadership in Moosonee as they assume additional responsibilities to parish ministry.

And thank you to each one of YOU for being strong, resilient, kind and compassionate pastors to your people. As I have invited us to pray for one another, know that you remain daily in my prayers.

Upcoming Finance and Property and Executive Council meetings

The fall Finance and Property and Executive Council meetings will be held via Zoom on:

Tuesday November 30th: 1:30 pm Finance and Property

Wednesday December 1st: 9:00am Finance and Property

Thursday December 9th: 9:30 am Archbishop's Council meeting. This is for Archbishop Anne, Assisting Bishop Fred, Chancellor Bryan, Archdeacon Larry, Dean Valerie, Canon Patricia, Regional Deans George and Canon Tom, and Canon Diane.

Thursday December 9th: 1:30pm Executive Council meeting. If you are responsible for sending in a report, please ensure that Archdeacon Larry has it by Friday December 3rd, 2021.

Friday December 10th: 9:30am Executive Council meeting.



August 29th, 2021 – I visited with the faithful Anglicans in Chapleau. This was taken during their joint United/Anglican service.