



Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough

May 12, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough,

On behalf of the retired priests of the Diocese of Peterborough, I thank you for your ongoing generosity to our Priest Benefit Fund. This fund is the principal way that we care for priests who have retired from pastoral assignment either because of age or health concerns. Our senior priests served with dedication for many years and often still substitute in parishes when their health permits. They remain an important part of our Catholic community and your concern for them reflects both this fact and your appreciation for their priestly service.

Our Annual Parish Appeal for the Priest Benefit Fund will take place on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and additionally, donations are accepted at parishes or online ([www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org)) any time of the year. Knowing that these are financially challenging times for many people, we are grateful for any contribution you can make to this appeal, which is so important to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Peterborough. On behalf of all our priests – retired, planning for retirement, or still years away from it – I offer you our sincere thanks and our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

†Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehms  
Bishop of Peterborough

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## Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Parish Website: [www.assumptiongrafton.ca](http://www.assumptiongrafton.ca)

**Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor**

## Ascension of the Lord

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022



**“JESUS WITH-  
DREW FROM  
THEM AND WAS  
CARRIED UP  
INTO HEAVEN.”**

### Education:

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: 905 349-2504

St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:

*Nicole McGill*, Principal 905 349-2061

St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:

*Jason Roberts*, Principal 905 372-4339

Catholic School Board [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca)

### Parish Committees & Organisations:

Finance Committee:

*Melissa Lilje*, Secretary 905 349-2504

Knights of Columbus:

905 349-2504

Parish Pastoral Council

*Dennis Goulin* Chairperson 905-372-7684

Music at Mass:

*Gay Stratford*, Organist  
10 am Mass on Sun 905 349-2861

Altar Servers

*Parish Office* 905-349-2504

St Mary's Catholic Women's League:

*Pat Murphy*, President 905 349-2847

*Alta Vance*, Religious Articles 905 344-7443

CWL Diocesan website:

[www.peterboroughcwl.ca](http://www.peterboroughcwl.ca)

St Mary's Cemetery Board:

*Melissa Lilje*, Secretary 905 349-2504

St Vincent de Paul Society

905 377-3263

Eucharistic Ministers

*Judith Goulin* 905-372-7684

Ushers

*Parish Office* 905-349-2504

Lectors

*Richard Holland* 905-349-3710

Development and Peace

*Suzanne Liptay* 905-372-3031

Parish Library

*Suzanne Liptay* 905-372-3031

## SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

**First Friday of the month** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

## THE WEEK OF MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR

May 30, Mon., *Feria* - 9 am - **No Mass Today**

May 31, Tues., **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**- 9 am - **No Mass Today**

June 1, Wed., *St Justin* - 9 am - **No Mass Today**

June 2, Thurs., *Feria* - 9 am - **No Mass Today**

June 3, Fri., *St Charles Lwanga et al* - 9 am - **No Mass Today**

June 4, Sat., *Feria*- 9 am - **No Mass Today**

June 4, Sat., **Pentecost Sunday**

5 pm - **For the People of the Parish**

June 5, Sun., **Pentecost Sunday**

10 am - **A Special Intention** [Melissa Lilje]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS June 4/5	5 pm	10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Hughes	John Logel
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Greg Blick	Judith Goulin / Dennis Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	The Manley's	Theo Mensen / Ed Nemec

### Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and the people of the Parish of the Korean Martyrs in Brighton.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$1,225.00	\$170.00
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$50.00	\$0.00
<b>Papal Charities</b>	\$105.00	\$0.00

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in JUNE:** Bill & Teresa Cowie(57 yrs on June 5<sup>th</sup>), Willy & Brenda Casteels (27 yrs on June 16<sup>th</sup>), Gord & Cheryl Krentz (43 yrs on June 30<sup>th</sup>). God's Blessings on all of you!

### LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be live streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2022. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough.

Please join in prayer: <https://youtu.be/nei-V67Aue8>

### St Mary's CWL

- 1) On June 05/22, St. Mary's CWL Council is having "Coffee After Mass." after the 10 am Mass. Please plan to attend and mingle. There will be a donation jar with proceeds going to CWL projects. **\*50/50 draw and Bake sale is cancelled due to Ministry regulations\***
- 2) Parishioners, who attend church on Saturday at 5:00 pm, you are also invited to attend. It is a great opportunity for all parishioners to mingle and have a visit which we have been unable to do the last couple of years.



**Catholic Bishops Welcome Announcement of Dates  
and Hub Cities for Papal Visit to Canada**

May 13, 2022 – Earlier today, the Vatican formally announced that Pope Francis will travel to Canada from July 24-29, 2022. The historic visit, focused on Indigenous healing and reconciliation, will be the fourth papal journey to Canada and the first since Saint John Paul II's visit in 2002.

Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC) welcomed the formal confirmation of the visit on behalf of Canada's Catholic Bishops: "We are immensely grateful that the Holy Father has accepted our invitation to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land. In late July, Pope Francis will have the opportunity to visit Indigenous Peoples here in their homeland, as he promised when he met them recently in Rome. We pray for the health of the Holy Father as we undertake the intensive planning for this historic visit."

On April 1, 2022, Pope Francis apologized for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system. The Holy Father expressed "sorrow and shame" for the abuse and lack of respect for Indigenous identities, culture and spiritual values in the residential school system.

The Holy Father's apology was informed by private encounters between March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> with 32 Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors and youth representing the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Métis National Council (MNC), and the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK).

Given the vast landscape of Canada, the limited time period for the visit and considering the health of the 85 year old Pontiff, the Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will adopt only three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit. The locations will limit travel for the Holy Father while still allowing an opportunity for both intimate and public encounters, drawing on participation from all regions of the country.

**Edmonton** is home to the second largest number of Indigenous Peoples living in urban Canadian centres. In addition, 25 residential schools were located in Alberta, the most of any province or territory in Canada.

**Iqaluit**, with close to 8,000 people, is home to the highest population of Inuit (3,900) of all Canadian cities with more than 5,000 people. Pope Francis was personally invited by Inuit delegates to visit the North during their meetings in March.

**Quebec City** provides an eastern hub for those who may wish to travel to see Pope Francis, especially Indigenous Peoples of the East. The region is also home to Ste. Anne-de-Beaupré, one of the oldest and most popular pilgrimage sites in North America, drawing Indigenous Peoples and others from throughout Canada and around the world each year.

While dates and general locations have been confirmed by the Vatican, specific sites and a formal program will be developed in dialogue with Indigenous partners at the local and national level. Given the focus on Indigenous healing and reconciliation, the Holy Father is expected to visit the site of a former residential school and other locations of particular significance.

Typically, six to eight weeks prior to a papal visit, a full program and itinerary are released by the Vatican. At that time, the public will have an opportunity to learn more about how they may participate in the numerous events and related activity for the papal visit, along with volunteer opportunities and other relevant details.

The CCCB has appointed Archbishop Richard Smith as General Co-ordinator for the Papal Visit, to guide this immense undertaking on behalf of the Canadian Bishops. As Archbishop of Edmonton, the Archbishop also accompanied Indigenous delegates to the Vatican earlier this year and has long-standing relationships with Indigenous leaders.

Archbishop Smith commented on the appointment: "I am humbled to serve as General Co-ordinator for this historic visit from Pope Francis. I look forward to working with Indigenous Peoples from across this land, as well as local, provincial and federal partners, as we prepare to welcome the Holy Father and continue to walk together on this important healing and reconciliation journey."

Those interested in learning more about the Papal Visit to Canada can find the latest updates at: [www.papalvisit.ca](http://www.papalvisit.ca) (english) and [www.visitepapale.ca](http://www.visitepapale.ca) (french).

#### **About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

For media inquiries on the Papal Visit to Canada:

[media@papalvisit.ca](mailto:media@papalvisit.ca) (English)

[communications@visitepapale.ca](mailto:communications@visitepapale.ca) (French)



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## PRIEST BENEFIT FUND



WHY

"Our retired priests and our priests who are ill have been generous shepherds through their many years of dedicated pastoral service within our Diocese. They continue to support the faithful through their prayers and even provide service in parishes if their health permits. Your annual and ongoing financial support for our Priest Benefit Fund allows the diocese to assist priests in their time of illness and their years of retirement."

—Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough



WHAT

The Priest Benefit Fund ensures that the retired and sick priests of the diocese receive an allowance each month to supplement the federal pension and to provide a nominal health insurance plan. We help priests in retirement or on sick leave every month through your generosity.



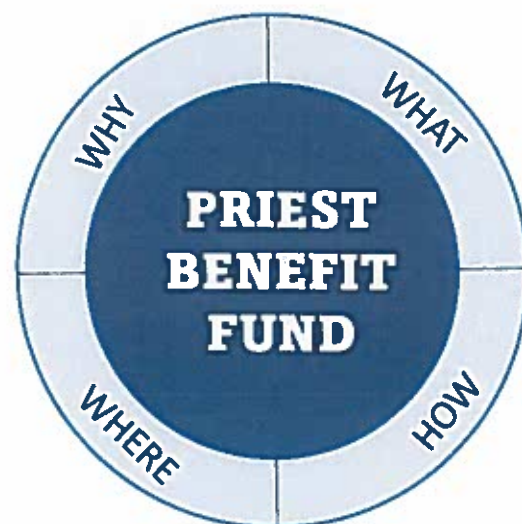
WHERE

Visit us online to learn more, watch video, see statistics and donate:

[www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org)

Search for "Priest Benefit Fund"

HOW



### You can help by:

- Contributing to the Priest Benefit Fund collection in June annually;
- Remembering the Priest Benefit Fund in your Will;
- Making the Priest Benefit Fund a beneficiary of a registered retirement savings plan; a registered retirement income fund; a life insurance policy and/or a transfer of stocks and securities.

## Special Collection

## June 12, 2022

