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EDITORIAL

Fr. Ray Rick

Did it Work?

I will steadfastly assume so until the contrary is definitively proven.

The Holy Father consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th of March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. And there was much anxiety in advance of the great moment, with lots of people worried that this consecration wouldn't be accomplished to the satisfaction of Our Lord, or of His Mother, or both.

Back in 1917, in the revelations to the three children at Fatima, Our Lady had asked that Russia (then including what is now the country of Ukraine) be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart, with the promise that an era of peace would then follow. This consecration was to be undertaken by the pope and all the bishops in union with him. In the years following, there were several such consecrations, with both Sister Lucy dos Santos (one of the Fatima seers) and Pope St. John Paul II affirming that the deed had been done.

Some folks disagree.

Whether you say "yes" or whether you say "no", Pope Francis stepped forward to make the consecration now; whether it's "again" or "at last" matters little. Russia and Ukraine, and indeed the whole world, have been placed under the protective care of the Mother of God. Her powerful intercessions are surely at work.

Leading up to the big moment, I was perplexed by the way some people tended to fixate on the question of whether every bishop in the world would utter the prayer of consecration at the exact same moment as the Holy Father. Why, I wondered, is that alone the measure of "in union with the pope", and not whether these bishops were doing it in the same place as the pope, or in the same language as the pope? Why would heaven be watching closely for the slightest pretext to disregard our pleading?

At the time of this writing, a couple of weeks have passed. The war in Ukraine is not over; the two sides did not throw down their arms on March 25th and embrace each other. How can we know that it worked?

We can know that it worked only by faith and hope. A recollection of God's past works among us will help, as well.

Long ago, the Israelite people had a hard time believing that they had indeed been freed from slavery in Egypt, while they wandered in the desert for forty years. It was only somewhat later that they could recognize the fulfillment of the promised liberation.

Similarly, we know that He promised to send a Messiah among us. And He did! But many of those who earnestly held onto this hope failed to recognize its fulfillment. Even the great Saint Paul, who thought he knew the mind of God pretty exactly, waged war on those who dared to hope in Jesus of Nazareth. Eventually, he saw the light. Not all did.

An open mind and an open heart will serve us well. We know that God works in mysterious ways. We know that His ways are not our ways. We trust that He hears the cries of the poor and of those who love Him. We are happy to think and to say that "God is love." Let us, then, imagine He is glad to accept our feeble cry for help; especially since it is a cry motivated by love of neighbour — for we are praying mostly for someone other than ourselves.

How will this promised era of peace manifest itself? I don't pretend to know. But past events suggest that our hopes will be satisfied by maintaining faith and trust, and by watching for unexpected signs. ✠

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Papal Prayers for Peace



Bishop Daniel Miehm

Pope Francis kissed the Ukrainian flag at a recent papal audience and denounced the war there in no uncertain terms: "Cruelty that is increasingly horrendous, also against civilians, defenseless women and children. They are the victims whose innocent blood cries out up to heaven and implores, 'Stop this war! Let the weapons fall silent! Stop sowing death and destruction!'"

So many of us have been horrified by the images emerging from the war in Ukraine, especially those that reveal cruel atrocities against civilians. The images of death and destruction are appalling, and the ongoing humanitarian crisis is impacting millions of people. Many of us thought that war like this in Europe was unthinkable in the modern age, but the Russian invasion of Ukraine has shown us otherwise – much to our regret and deep sadness.

As the weapons of war did their damage in Ukraine, Pope Francis invited people of faith to respond with the weapon of prayer. The Holy Father made the important gesture of consecrating Russia and Ukraine (and indeed the whole world) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. He invited bishops and priests around the world to join him in this Act of Consecration, beseeching the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an end to this war.

Many will know that the request to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary originated in the apparitions of Our Lady to the visionaries at Fatima in 1917. Pope Pius XII carried out an Act of Consecration in union with the bishops of Portugal in 1942. St. John Paul II offered several consecration prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the most public and best known in 1984. Pope Francis decided to renew the Act of Consecration especially in response to the ongoing destruction and tribulation in Ukraine.

Bishops from around the world heeded Pope Francis' invitation and I heard of the Act of Consecration being offered virtually everywhere. It was heartening to me to gather with several hundred people in the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, an impressive crowd for a Friday mid-day. I know that priests around the Diocese of Peterborough also offered the Consecration prayer in their parish churches. I was moved by the heartfelt words of that prayer expressing the desire for peace, including these:

"Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more."

In times of misery and strife, we should not neglect to voice our prayers to God and to recognize that in the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, we have a most powerful intercessor.

As I've done before, I also recommend to you various Catholic organizations that are providing humanitarian assistance in this crisis: among them the Catholic Near East Welfare Association https://cnewa.org/ , the Knights of Columbus https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html and Development and Peace https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergency-fundraising-qa/ .

Let Let us continue to offer prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, to seek God's grace, and the blessing of peace and justice upon these and all war-torn lands. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! ✠

School/Parish Virtual Prayer

The Rosary Will Find A Way!

Prior to March 2020, in implementing the Diocese of Peterborough Rosary Prayer Program, over one hundred parish volunteers shared their devotion to the rosary as they visited twenty-four Catholic schools around the diocese to pray the rosary with students and staff. When school ceased in March 2020 the volunteers – mostly seniors - were saddened that they could not visit the students they had come to know and love.

At the beginning of this school year, the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington (PVNC) Catholic District School Board, proposed that the Rosary Prayer Program be piloted virtually to celebrate Family, School and Parish connections during the pandemic. This pilot Virtual Rosary Prayer Program began in three schools from November to May; visitors were again able to pray the rosary with the students using their personal computers! In spite of apprehension and a fear of the challenges of technology, eighteen visitors volunteered to participate and on Oct. 7, the feast of the Holy Rosary, volunteers participated in the first of two virtual in-service sessions. The rest is history!

Three schools volunteered. Schedules were established. In November, the first virtual rosary session was implemented at St. Luke', Downeyville. Board staff coordinated the virtual rosary prayer experience for visitors and classes from "mission control" at the Board Office and everyone was excited and astounded that, with just a few glitches, it was extremely successful. The process was repeated with St. Martin school, Ennismore, with the same success and finally, it was off to the largest of the three schools, St. Catherine. The nine visitors moved virtually from classroom to classroom (in the comfort and safety of their own homes) and were able to pray the rosary with 27 classes in ninety minutes! Amazing!

Throughout all the visits to date, Principals, teachers and students have been most patient, co-operative and very pleased to have the visitors back in their classrooms. The team is so grateful to them.

Dates have been established and visitors have arranged to continue the program until May. In the meantime, all visitors are hopeful that they will once more return to the classroom visits where they can see each student and share their smiles as they continue Our Lady's work in praying her rosary with the school community.



The rosary is so easy to understand that children and those who cannot read, can use the rosary as a means to prayer.

St. Maximilian Kolbe



Maria Fitzgerald,
Volunteer Coordinator,
Diocese of Peterborough Rosary Prayer Program

Growing Faithfully in Religious Education

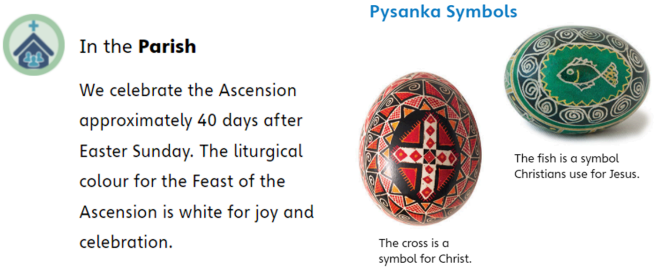
Peter Bagnall,
PVNC Religious Education Consultant

The theme song of the new Religious Education program echoes in the hallways of Catholic schools throughout the Diocese as primary students sing along and gather for religion class. During the Easter season, students in grade 2 inquire *'How can we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus?'* and learn about various family traditions, liturgical celebrations and how new life brings hope. Meanwhile, junior classes can be found sharing stories of Saints and navigating 'Faith Journeys' - using Google Earth to explore the Holy Land or follow the footsteps of the Apostles, for example - as they ponder *'How do Easter and Pentecost unite us in holiness?'*

In the intermediate wing of local Catholic schools, grade 7 and 8 classes investigate *What is God's plan of Salvation?* and *How does the Holy Spirit guide us in the Easter season?* Building faith portfolios they learn about the work of contemporary Catholic organizations, deepen their understanding through explanations of Scripture, and engage with Catholic multimedia highlighting Catholic traditions. The Spirit does indeed shine bright in Catholic schools as students reflect together on key questions concerning their faith in the *Growing in Faith Growing in Christ* Religion program.

This new Religious Education program has now been implemented from Grade 1-8 in local Catholic schools, with one grade added per year since 2013. The program is sponsored by the Bishops of Ontario (as well as Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories) and developed in collaboration with religious educators to make use of the most current pedagogical methods in inquiry-based learning and leveraging digital technology.

As you may have guessed from the inquiry questions above, the Religion program follows the rhythm of the liturgical year and makes connections with what students are seeing 'In the Parish' as well as various cultural traditions.



Examples from the grade 4&5 *Growing in Faith Growing in Christ* Religion Program in Catholic schools that helps students make Parish-School-Home faith connections throughout the liturgical year.

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The *Growing in Faith Growing in Christ* program also aims to strengthen Parish-School-Home relationships by providing online resources to families and parishioners; check with your local Catholic school, Parish Office or email Peter at pbagnall@pvnccdsb.on.ca or Fr. Paul at pmassel@pvnccdsb.on.ca to see if you have access to these vibrant online faith resources. Elementary religion classes are animated by the *Growing in Faith Growing in Christ* religion program which helps students better see and understand the beauty of the Catholic faith tradition through songs, stories and lots of smiles which strengthen the Catholic faith community, Parish, School and Home, and grow faithfully together.



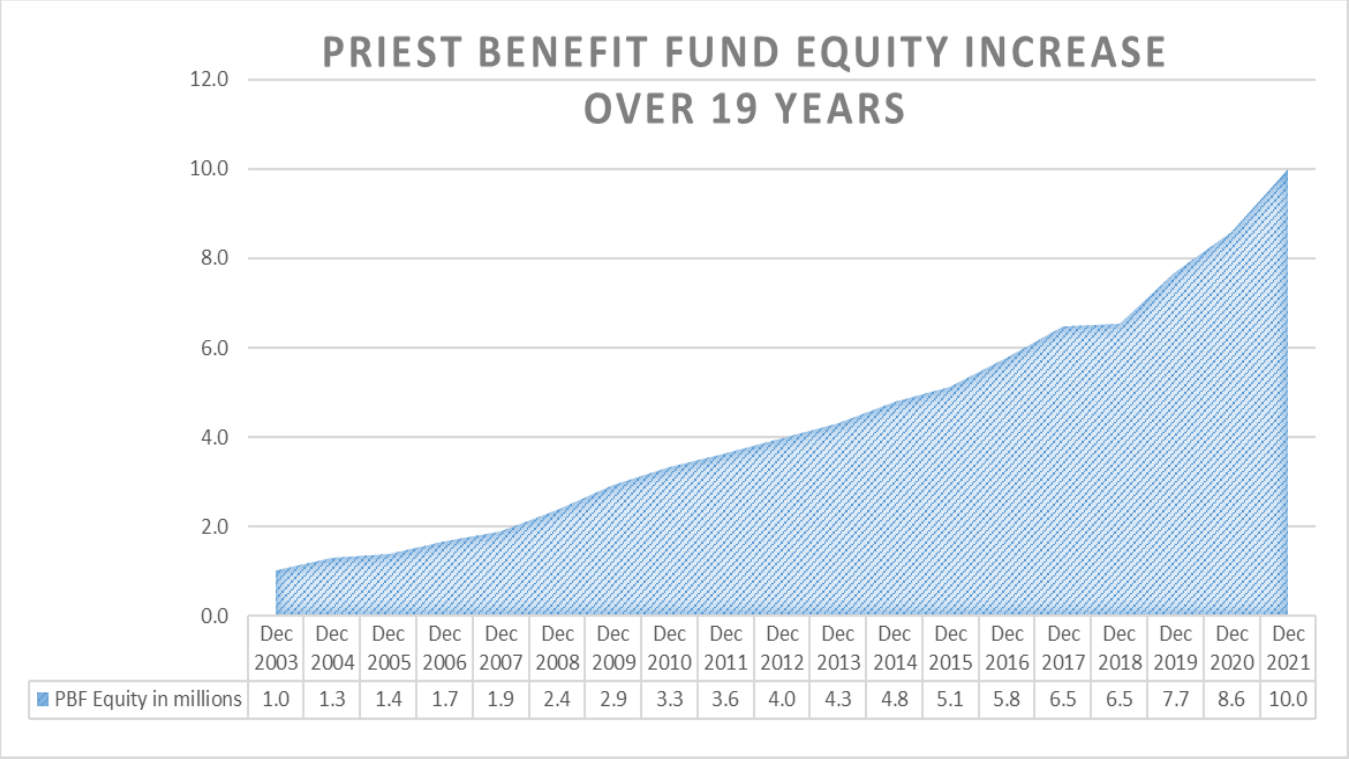


Priest Benefit Fund Financial Stewardship

From the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Temporal Affairs Office

The Diocese of Peterborough Priest's Benefit Fund (PBF) is a pooled, non-registered, defined benefit that collectively invests and administrates the funds per Diocesan Policy. The assets of the Fund are segregated and held in a separate fund under the supervision of His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm, the PBF Advisory Committee, and the Diocesan Finance Council. The Diocese has been able to continue positive sustained growth of the PBF for the needs of our retired priests and those suffering from longer term illnesses. The chart below shows a continued and encouraging trend of growth over the last nineteen (19) years from 2003 having approximately $1,024,000 in equity to the *December 2021 equity balance more than *$10,033,300.

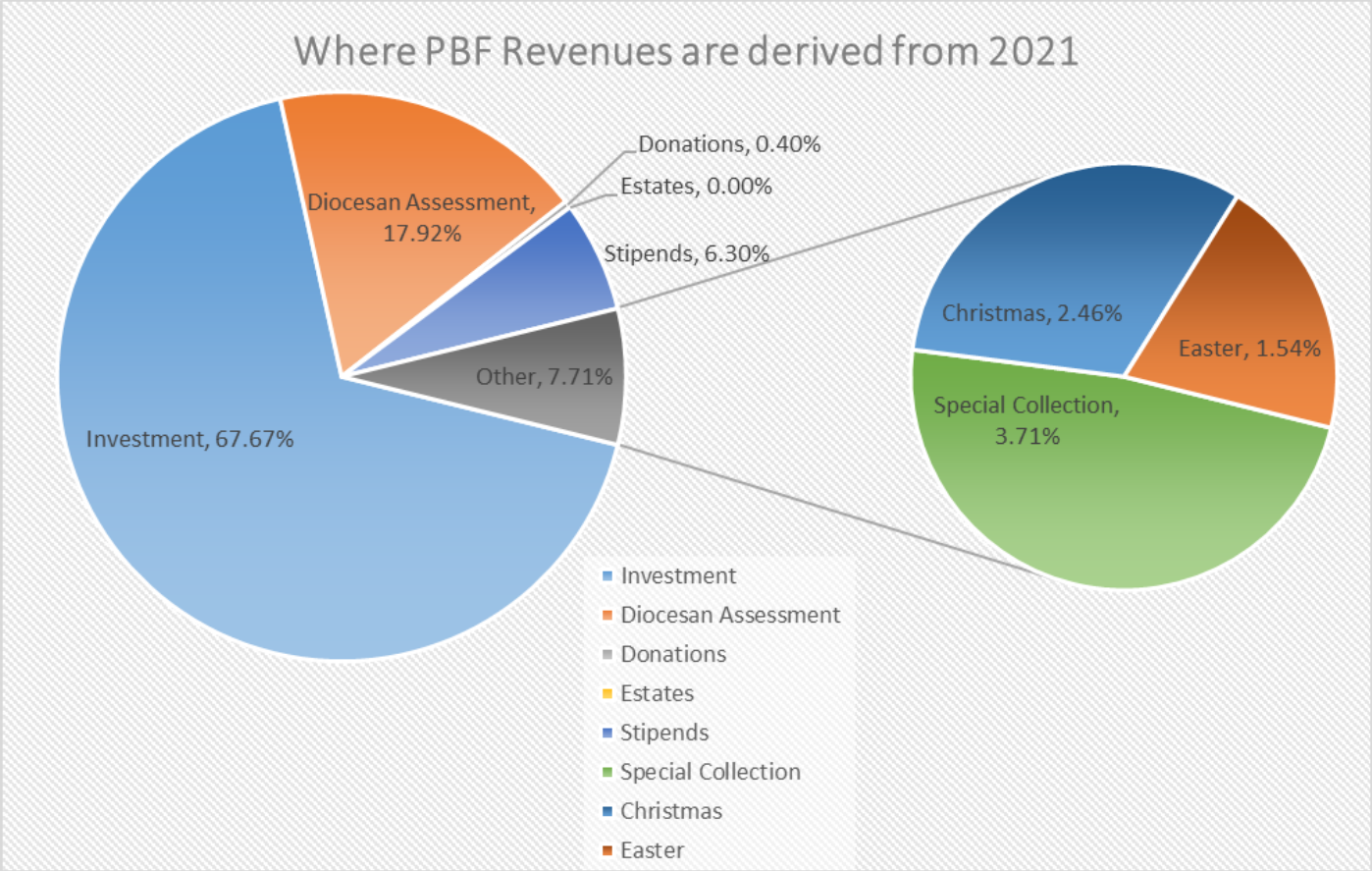
*December 2021 Financial Statements have not yet been finalized and maybe subject to minor change(s).



	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2021
PBF Equity in millions	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.8	5.1	5.8	6.5	6.5	7.7	8.6	10.0

Where PBF revenues are derived from.

The chart below has been averaged based on calendar years 2012 through 2021 and demonstrates that special collections compromise only 7.71%, versus previous years of 11.3%, of overall PBF annual income.



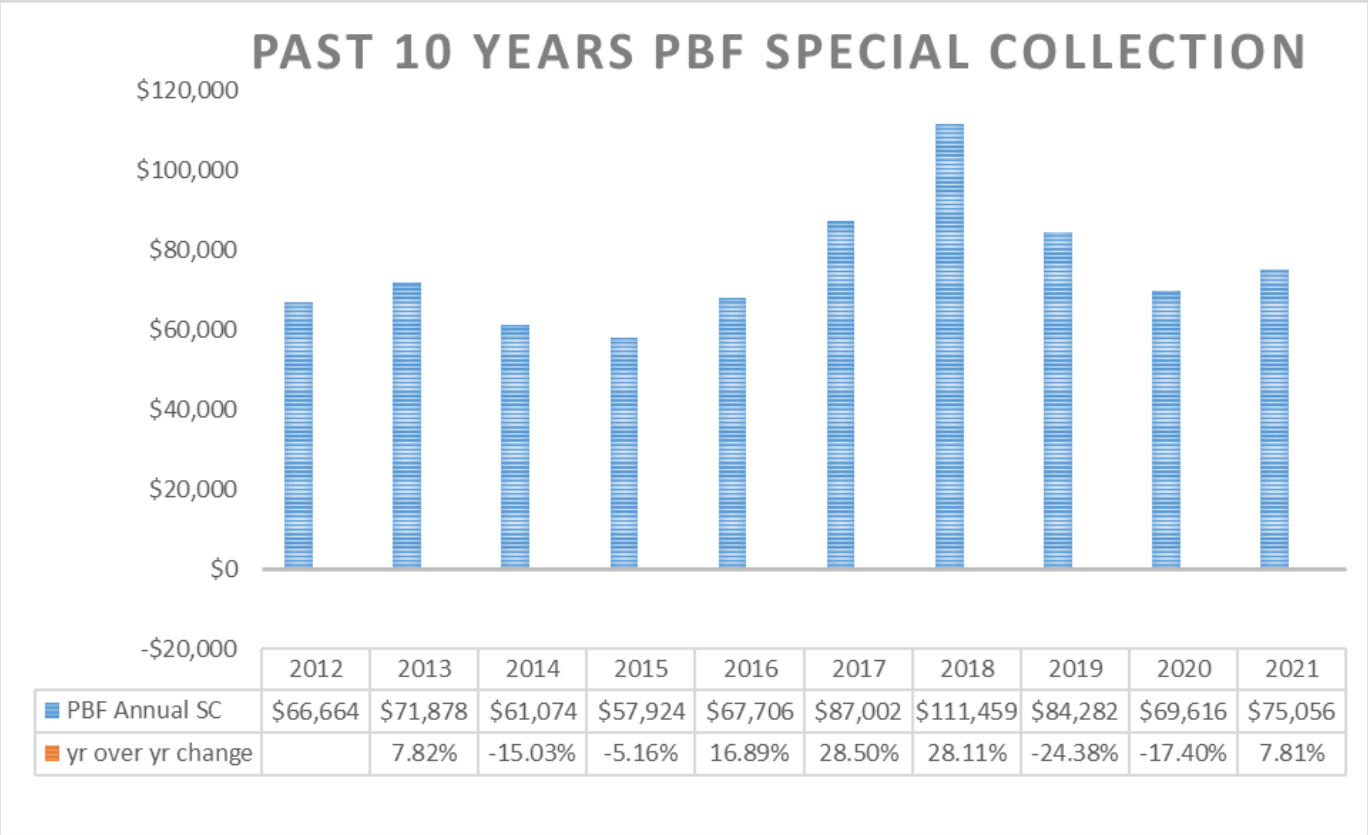
In previous years, the Diocese of Peterborough had not had the ability to set aside enough funds to meet retirement benefit payments and budget, instead applied a pay-as-go basis in the year the benefit costs become due and payable.

In 2021, the Diocese commissioned its third Actuarial Study through Life Works, formerly Morneau Shepell, which is completed every three years. The study takes into consideration the market value of the fund, investment interest rate assumptions less the basic retirement benefits and health care for retired and long-term ill beneficiaries. Based on the 2021 Actuarial Report valuation results show the fund is in a funded position at 101.2% for the first time since inception. The funded position is largely in part to the gift receipt of a large estate $400,000 received in 2020 and the positive investment returns, which can change based on the markets. The 2018 Actuarial Report showed an unfunded liability for post retirement priest's benefits of $1,745,700 with **78.6% being funded** based on clergy retirement age of 75. Once again, the 2021 study showed dramatic improvement from the 2018 and 2015 unfunded actuarial liabilities. Between the years of 2012 through 2021 the average annual costs for retirement benefits and health care were $485,176. The current period of volatility in markets (recovery from coronavirus, war in Ukraine, etc.) will undoubtedly continue to affect the largest percentage of income for the PBF.

His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm, the PBF Advisory Committee, Diocesan Finance Council and staff closely monitor the PBF investment. The calendar year 2021 was very positive to investors/investments and the PBF ended the 2021 calendar year with an approximate 11.87% or $313,571.00 in investment revenue versus the previous year earnings from investments after fees of $6.32% or half of 2021's.

As the largest portion of the PBF is funded by investments, they are at the mercy of the market.

This year the Diocese continues its ambitious goal to reduce the gap between actual annual retirement collections and expenditures, particularly related to the PBF collection.



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
PBF Annual SC	$66,664	$71,878	$61,074	$57,924	$67,706	$87,002	$111,459	$84,282	$69,616	$75,056
yr over yr change		7.82%	-15.03%	-5.16%	16.89%	28.50%	28.11%	-24.38%	-17.40%	7.81%

It is our hope that in sharing this story of sound financial stewardship, generosity, and sacrifice, we can all have confidence that the path we have walked has brought our goal of meeting the ongoing and future needs of the retired and long term ill Diocesan priests to reality.

It is with great thanks to all of you for your ongoing trust in the financial stewardship of the Diocese. It is the Diocese's optimism that this year's **June 12th PBF special collection** will allow us to continue to positively grow the fund while not relying so heavily on the unknowns of future investment markets to meet the annual PBF expenditures.

Donations can be made to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, care of PBF, any Diocese of Peterborough parish and electronically by credit card or PayPal on the Diocesan website at: https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx under the Fund drop down choice "2. Care of Retired Priests".

The care of all current and future retired Diocesan priests is vital. We kindly thank you for your past generosity in assisting in the care of our retired priests and ask you to consider continuing to make a difference.

Thank you, Deb McRae
Diocesan Director of Finance, Property and Administration



The Historic Douro Doings are back!

Labour Day Monday
Sept. 5, 2022

All the Great Events At the Douro Park

205 Douro 2nd Line

*Car & Truck Show 9 am -3 pm
*10k Run at 10 am
*Children's Games and Entertainment
*Snack Bar on site for Breakfast & Lunch
*Weekend Fast Ball, Slow Pitch, Tug of Wars and Horseshoe Tournaments

At St. Joseph Parish Hall, Douro

***Roast Beef Dinner**
***Famous Quilt Raffle**
and others

Read How We Can Make the World a Better Place!

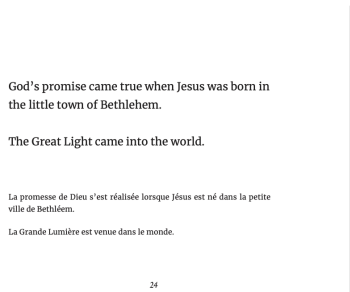
by Susan Perna

God created the world over billions and billions of years. Before he began, God already had each of your children, you, and me in his plan.

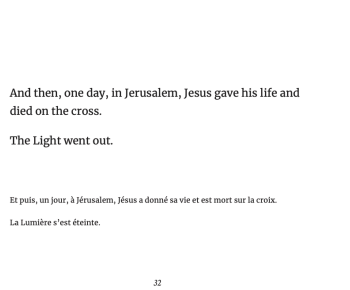
Creation was not a quick 7-day event, but rather it happened over billions and billions of years. Although this might come as a bit of a shock to some today, in 2022 young children know more about the history of Creation than most adults knew over the last 2000 years. Archbishop Richard Gagnon has given my book his Imprimatur; Archbishop Miller states, "It is not only dogmatically correct but thoroughly charming for an adult and I imagine highly effective for young children." Bishop McGrattan's photo will put a smile on your face too! It is in 2 editions, English/Cantonese and English/French, translated by Archbishop Prendergast.

The pages in *From Light to More Light, God's Plan and You*, will take you from God's words, "Let there be light," to later hearing the prophet Isaiah share what he heard from God, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

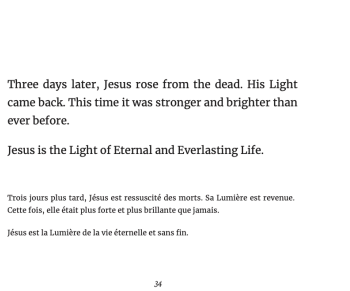
Here are just 4 pages on the journey of Light in the book:





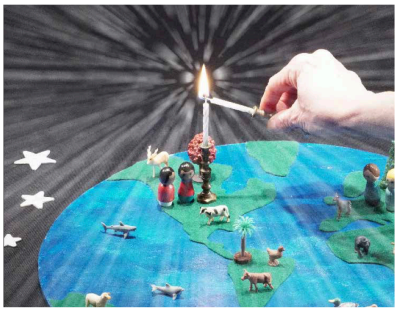












We are all called to help make the world a better place. We have each been given a mind, a heart, and our hands to help make this happen. Some people only work to make their own personal world a better place. People hate, take from others, cheat, and sin.

We are called to co-create with God and help prepare people until Parousia, the second coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus invites us to, "Do good to those who hate you; Love your enemies; Forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times; Be perfect as Our Heavenly Father is perfect." Children often say that these maxims are impossible to do, but know they are easier to do with the help of Jesus.

I have put out a challenge to several clergy to ask teenagers, in a religious setting of a church or school: how long did it take God to create the earth. When the same teenagers are asked the same question in a science centre, they give a different answer.

To please the adults in the church or religious school setting, the answer most often given is six days and then God rested. In a science centre that shows the history and science of the earth, the answer from the same person is billions of years. Sadly, this question opens more questions and breeds frustration. These same teenagers say, "If I can't believe what is written in that book in the first chapter of Genesis, then why should I believe anything else written in the rest of the book? And what about Mary being a virgin let's talk about that!"

Try asking an adult in a church setting and the answer again is often six days and then he rested, followed by their long dissertation of what a day means, such as one day is like 1000 years. In a group of adults asked this same question the conversation becomes a contest of who has the best explanation for what a day means and the person that pushes the most, wins! The confused groups shut down and this diminishes the moment to grow deeper in love with God and all he has done for us, over billions of years. Division, frustration, and futile bantering reduces teenagers and adults to respond to God's work of Creation as a fairy-tale and a non-awesome event.

Ask a 10-year-old who has been involved in The Catechesis of The Good Shepherd the very same question and you will be told. "Billions and billions of years!". Then, unfolding the timelines of The Plan of God and Salvation History, they will walk you through the billions of years of Creation, up to when people first appeared on the earth, to all the people who lived here

before Christ was born in Bethlehem. Then, followed by the very short time of 2 thousand years since Redemption and a long undefined line that leads to Parousia, when Christ will come again. While we wait for Parousia, we're called by God to use our mind, our heart, and our hands to help make the world a better place and prepare for the second coming of Christ.

They can also point out that there are 2 different Creation events told in the *Book of Genesis*. They can tell you how these 2 events are the same and how they are different. Since we study typology and link the Old Testament to The New Testament, they are very comfortable speaking about how Christ is the new creation and their relationship with God blossoms and so does our church.

Inspired by the work of Dr. Sofia Cavalletti a Hebrew Scripture scholar and Maria Montessori, this book is for all ages and all people

It has been a privilege and joy to work with the children and adults in *The Catechesis of The Good Shepherd* for over 40 years. Aware that not all children have this opportunity, time, or a place to be with God, I wrote ***From Light to More Light, God's Plan and You*** so that this good news might reach parents, grandparents, parishes and schools. Once adults purchase a book, then they can share it with their children and have an open and informed conversation that will build up their faith and love of God. I tell parents that if they are to be the first educators of their children and are responsible to pass on the faith, this book will help! Then, once teenagers purchase this book, they can gift it to their parents and encourage new conversations!

You can easily gather the materials to make this a hands-on opportunity for the children in your life.

In Canada, we now have 3 generations who have worked with this material in *The Catechesis of The Good Shepherd*. It links Scripture and Liturgy illustrating how this Light came into the world and how it came to us in Baptism and how it can keep growing!

The publishing company, Fountain of Love and Life, Markham, will sell a book to you for $18.00 + shipping. A parish or school can order 50-150 on consignment, keep the profits and pay FLL back the cost of the books once they have been sold. Each book can make a good profit, helping you to raise hundreds of dollars and helping you to evangelize and fundraise for your causes. Contact FLL.cc/MoreLight

Add to your active library and gift a book for Easter. It also makes an ideal gift for any sacrament or to anyone who needs hope and a purpose!

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We are pleased to share with you in this edition of the Catholic Herald the recent Survey Summary that has been published as part of our Pastoral Planning Process. I won't deny it – the Planning Process in the Diocese of Peterborough has gone in fits and starts. Delayed once by the arrival of a new bishop (yours truly) and then postponed by the advent of Covid, it was rebooted in earnest in 2021.

Among the things we did last year was roll out an online survey which was active from mid-October to mid-November and then through Christmas and early New Year's. We were gratified by the response and the deep concern that so many people showed for the wellbeing of the Church now and in the future. Some of the responses confirmed a feeling we had on our Diocesan Planning Committee – that people would want to know what we had heard in those surveys. This insert (which is also being published in hard copy in parish bulletins and posted online through the Diocesan website - https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/pastoral-planning.aspx) is an effort to respond to that request. We have done our level best as a committee to organize the responses under ten theme headings, which give a good snapshot of the kind of feedback we received.

Going forward, the Diocesan Planning Process will unfold over the next year as we continue to discuss the feedback and collect other demographic and financial data. Sincere thanks to all who responded to the Survey and those who participated in Synod discussions at their parish. I'm grateful as well to the members of the Planning Committee who collated the responses and prepared this report. Pray that all this good work may proceed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we establish important pastoral plans for the future of the Church in the Diocese of Peterborough.

Bishop Daniel Miehm

Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough

PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY SUMMARY

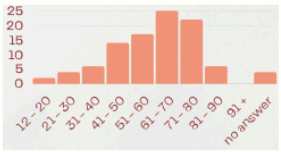
What are we hearing?

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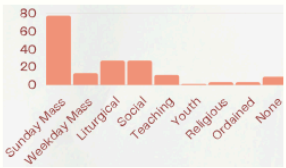
1,291	People participated in the survey
3,015	Thoughts were shared
35,384	Ratings of thoughts were noted
66%	of participants were female
31%	of participants were male
6%	of participants preferred not to answer



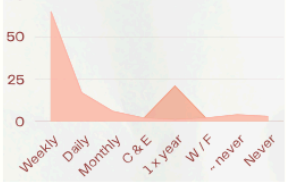
PARISHES
Members from 85% of the parishes and missions participated in the survey.



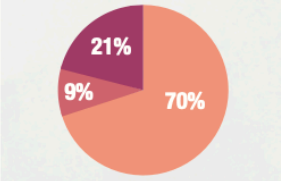
Age
Age range of participants



Involvement in Church
How participants are involved in the life of the Church



Mass Attendance
C & E = Christmas & Easter
W / F = Wedding / Funerals



Post Pandemic In-Person Worship
Yes 70% No 9%
Unsure 21%



Concerns about Returning to In-Person Worship



Themes
Comments from participants fell into ten categories. The number of mentions is shown on the graph.

TRANSFORMING OUR LIVES
BUILDING OUR CHURCH

What are we hearing?

THEME #1 – Youth

- Deep concern for the future of the Church was expressed with the hope that the younger generations find and embrace their rightful places within the Church community.
- The importance that youth ministry, Catholic schools, and social justice projects play in the faith formation of young people was noted by many.

THEME #2 – Families

- Emphasis was placed on the attendance and involvement of families at Church.
- Pastoral ministry to the family was mentioned many times noting:
    - Reaching out to and supporting a broad range of families
    - Appreciating the demands and stresses families face today
    - Recognizing the family as the seedbed for future vocations to ordained ministry

THEME #3 – Community

- Various aspects of the Church as a community of faith were highlighted:
    - The desire to be welcomed in the Church
    - The importance of hospitality, belonging, and participation
    - The need to accompany each person wherever they might be in their life's journey
    - The call to be compassionate and understanding towards the marginalized

THEME #4 – Reconciliation

- Anger and disappointment were expressed about:
    - abuse by clergy and the wounds that remain
    - the historical and ongoing trauma from the Residential Schools Policy on the Indigenous Peoples of Canada,
    - the experiences of persons who have felt marginalized or excluded by the Church,
    - the division in the Church among traditionalists and liberals,
    - issues related to the roles and contributions of women
    - the rupture and fragility of trust
- Embarrassment was expressed for the failure to take responsibility and to make amends for serious transgressions.

THEME #5 – Social Justice

- There is a need to take a more active role in ministry to the homeless, the addicted, the poor, the marginalized, and those suffering from mental health issues in our local communities.
- A desire for better communication about what the Church does through St. Vincent de Paul, Development and Peace, and other outreach efforts.
- The Church must continue its strong advocacy on life issues from conception to natural death, stewardship of creation, and quality of life initiatives related to justice.
- Many participants called for more inclusion of the Catholic Social Teachings in Sunday homilies and other parish programs.

HEME #6 - Ministry / Mission

- A desire to see the Church continue to proclaim the truth of the Gospel and the fullness of the Church's teachings.
- A priority to support lived examples of priestly and family life.
- There is respect and concern for priests along with a recognition of the complex role of pastors today.
- Participants had various expectations for their priests including faithfully presenting the Church's Teaching; showing respect and kindness; and extending welcome and outreach to those not connected to the parish.
- A concern that priestly ministry has been hindered by the historical handling of sexual abuse cases by the Church and a culture of clericalism that exists in some places.
- A concern that ecclesial structures don't make sufficient room for laypeople.
- There is concern about a shortage of vocations to the priesthood and its impact on Church life including:
    - More dependence upon priests from other countries or missionary priests and/or
    - New ways of exercising ministry.
- Some suggested that the Church retain a traditional model of ministry while others suggested that new models be explored:
    - More shared ministry opportunities between priests and laypeople
    - Parish teams to reach out to the sick, to visit the elderly and to bring communion, and to keep them connected to their communities
    - Strong support for more involvement of women in the life and leadership of the Church

THEME #7 – Well-Being

- Since the survey was completed during the pandemic, many responses dealt with the pandemic health precautions.
- The comments were mostly supportive of the health precautions and procedures put in place.
- Some perceived a government over-reach into areas of church life while others were critical of some disregard for the health precautions which left them feeling unsafe and concerned to attend worship in person.
- Many highlighted the need to reach out to parishioners as the pandemic eases and to welcome them back.
- People are eager for a return to regular liturgical practices, especially the music ministry.

THEME #8 – Communication

- Many noted the importance of good communication within the Church at the diocesan level and at the parish level.
- People highlighted that communication is a two-way interaction involving both listening and responding.
- Specifically, the communication needs to provide:
    - Messages of welcome to the faith for all people
    - Encouragement to be involved in Church life and excitement about the Catholic faith
    - Transparency in how the Church manages finances and responds to controversial issues such as clergy abuse, Residential Schools, etc.
    - Assurances that people are genuinely being heard.

THEME #9 – The Church at Prayer

- Many expressed the need for excellent preaching - inspired by the Readings of the Mass, relevant to people's lives, and linked to the experience of shared ministry in the Church and in the broader community.
- Participants commented on the need for in-person worship, the affirmation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and the importance of the regular reception of Holy Communion.
- A desire for opportunities to strengthen and deepen faith was expressed: such as Adoration, Scripture study, Rosary, Spiritual Direction, Stations of the Cross, faith sharing groups, etc.
- Many emphasized the importance of a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist. Some expressed a desire for a more inviting, devout, and faithful celebration of the Mass in English or other modern languages; and others sought to have more access to the Mass in Latin.
- Sacramental preparation of school-aged children/youth was addressed by many. Some saw value in the newer parish-based model; others expressed concern that the current program is not fully reaching parents and children of sacramental age.
- Many participants spoke of the critical importance of prayer to;
    - help people walk humbly and faithfully;
    - intentionally turn toward God for wisdom and strength; and
    - engage in an ongoing dialogue of faith with God.

THEME #10 – Future Planning

- Participants emphasized the importance of rooting future planning in prayer and the Church's mission.
- Some expressed concern that the demographics of parishioners (numbers attending and age) should help determine the Diocesan planning. Maintaining underused buildings might divert resources away from pastoral programs.
- Some observed that various church buildings did not have the flexibility of space to accommodate pastoral programs.
- The following issues were identified as key to pastoral planning: evangelization and mission, the demographic of parishioners, church and facility usage, financial sustainability, accountability and transparency, the place of Parish Councils, and re-structuring.
- Some participants commented that the changes may entail hardship and feelings of loss so it will be important to engage in pastoral planning sensitively, courageously, and prayerfully.

Where do we go from here?

- The Diocese has been receiving input from the ThoughtExchange and Google Form surveys, school board meetings with youth in high schools, campus ministry outreach, parish-based sessions, online surveys for parishioners, lay organization meetings, and letters or emails received at the Pastoral Centre.
- The next step is to collect and collate this input and develop a draft plan of pastoral strategies responding to the feedback.
- The draft plan will benefit from much consultation with the clergy and the faithful before it is finalized with the goal of an Easter Season release in 2023.
- For more information about the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process, please go to this webpage: **https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/pastoral-planning.aspx**

Valerie Finley Retirement



The parish of St. Mary's Lindsay honoured their longest serving employee with a celebration on April 3, 2022 at the church she has been serving for 37 ½ years.

Val Finley started off her work at the Rectory as a housekeeper. She was extraordinary in her work as she kept the place running smoothly. She cleaned and did laundry while preparing delicious meals for countless priests, deacons and even their guests. Valerie had a knack for making everyone feel welcome.

When the previous secretary left, Fr. Joseph Moran saw that Val would be perfect for filling the role of greeting people that came to the office and doing the administrative work of the parish. Val was not so sure, but she took it on and excelled. She kept all the committees organized, prepared reports, even did the accounting for the church — something she had not been trained to do but learned "on the job". Generations of children would go from baptism to marriage under her watch; she knows everyone in the parish.

Valerie retired from her work at the end of 2021 but will continue to volunteer. She now has more time to spend with her family and do the things she wants to do.

Congratulations and many thanks to you for your years of service to the Diocese of Peterborough, the people of Lindsay and especially to the parish of St. Mary's.

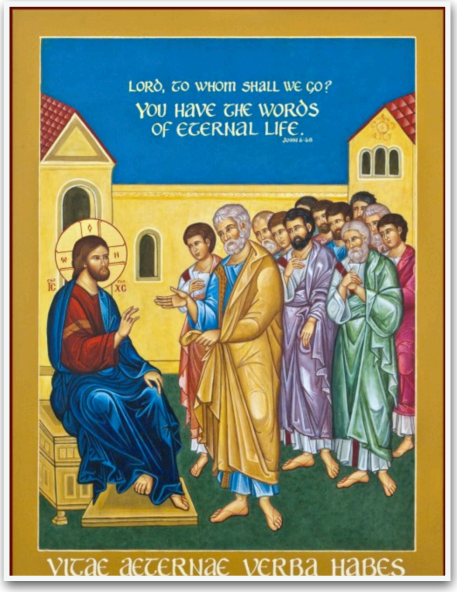
His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Miehm joined with Val's family, parishioners of St. Mary's in Lindsay, and clergy to celebrate and thank Val Finley on the occasion of her retirement for 37 years of dedicated service to St. Mary Parish in Lindsay. Most Rev. Bishop Miehm presented Val with the Icon of the Diocese to mark the celebration.

Thank you and congratulations, Val!

— Maryann Clancy







Faith Journeys

A Pilgrimage in the Holy Land

October 28 - November 7, 2022



Coordinator: Kitty McGilly MRE., L.H.S.
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Address: P.O. Box 599, 21 Centre Street, Campbellford. , Ontario K0L 1L0
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Price: **$2775** (double occupancy), plus airport tax & fuel surcharge (confirmed at $770)

Program:

Return flight from Toronto to Tel Aviv via Air Canada
1 Night Nazareth, 3 Nights Galilee, 5 Nights Bethlehem/Jerusalem
Buffet Breakfast & Dinner daily
Full Biblical, Sacramental & Music program

Deposit: $350.00 (Non-Refundable) made payable to Connaissance Travel & Tours

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Faith Journeys 11 Day Itinerary

Day 1: Toronto/Tel Aviv
"Leave your country...for the land I will show you" Ger 12:1.
Today is taken up with our physical journey to the Bible lands. This pilgrimage reminds us of our own continuous journey towards God. Today we step forward with the same kind of faith lived by Abraham and Sarah as they set our on their journey. The road to Jerusalem is in the heart – every place is holy ground.

Day 2: Israel – Nazareth
Peter said, *"Teacher, where do you live? Come and see"* John 1:39.
Shalom! Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport and travel via the Plain of Sharon and Caesarea with its theatre and aqueducts to overnight in Nazareth, the home town of the Holy Family.

Day 3: Lower Galilee
"*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light*" Isaiah 9:2.
Our first day in Galilee begins in Nazareth, Jesus' home. We celebrate Eucharist in the Church of the Annunciation and visit Cana, place of Jesus' first public ministry. Then we renew our Baptismal promises at Yardenit on the River Jordan before going to our hotel on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 4: The Sea of Galilee
"Jesus left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea" Matt 4:13.
We cross the Sea of Galilee by boat and arrive in Capernaum, where Jesus began his ministry of healing and teaching. We spend some reflective time sitting on the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus taught the qualities of the Kingdom of God. Then we visit Bethsaida, the home of many of the first disciples of Jesus and drive to Mount Tabor, site of the Transfiguration.

Day 5: Around the Lake
"*He took pity on them and healed their sick*" Mathew 14:14.
We begin our final morning in Galilee with Mass on the seashore at Tabgha, site of the feeding of the 5,000 and complete the morning at the church of the Primacy. Here the Risen Christ cooked breakfast for his disciples and reinstated Peter as leader of the group.

Day 6: Galilee/Jerusalem via Jericho
"I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart" Hos 2:14.
We drive by Qumran along the Jordan valley to the Dead Sea and visit Jericho, the oldest known city. After lunch we drive eastward into the Judean wilderness and commemorate deceased loved ones overlooking the Valley of the Shadow of Death. We enter Jerusalem by the Mount of Olives and celebrate mass in Dominus Flevit Church overlooking the city of Jerusalem. *"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go the house of the Lord"* Psalm 122.

Day 7: Bethlehem and the Old City
"*Let's go to Bethlehem*" Luke 2:15.
We celebrate Mass at Shepherd's Field, then visit Bethlehem and the basilica of the Nativity. We lunch in Manger Square and visit the orphanage of the Sisters of Charity.

Day 8: The Last Days of Jesus
We begin our journey in the last days of Jesus with mass in the Upper Room, followed by an hour of watching in the Garden of Gethsemane. We then visit the church of St Peter in Gallicantu.

Day 9: From the Upper Room to Calvary
"Having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end" John 13:1.
We begin the day on the Via Dolorosa and carry the Cross, finishing in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After lunch we visit Ein Karem, birthplace of St John the Baptist and site of the Visitation.

Day 10: Emmaus
"They told what had happened on the road" Luke 24:35.
This morning, we celebrate mass in Emmaus before our return to Jerusalem and our final celebration of Pentecost in the Upper Room.

Day 11: Tel Aviv/Toronto
We take an early morning flight back home returning filled with the Holy Spirit – renewed and recharged to tell everyone "*all the things that happened on the road and how we recognized him in the breaking of the Bread.*

Faith Journeys

Pilgrimage: Holy Land Pilgrimage October 28 – November 7, 2022

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Mr/Mrs/Ms _____
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Address: _____

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Province:_____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone:_____ Email: _____

Room partner request:_____

I will pay the single supplement of: $895.00 : Yes_____ No _____

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Date of issue: _____ Date of expiration: _____

Place of birth: _____ Birthdate:_____
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Nationality _____

Special requirements (special meal, wheelchair requests, special handling:)

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Insurance required? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please contact Albert Nunes at 416-291-2676 Ext 227

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Beyond Words

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Kathleen Moquin



Whether I am reading them in fiction or writing them in opinion pieces, singing them in verses or speaking them aloud, I love words. Almost every human encounter involves the communication of ideas using words, which is language, to necessarily evoke an emotional response that conveys understanding and establishes relationship, which is dialogue. And words can be fun, too. Compare my alliterative homophonic phrase, describing the preparation and subsequent onomatopoeical consumption of fresh fruit - "Perry pares the pair of pears then crunches the biggest piece" - with this Seussical example of brilliant rhyming and word play: "Big F, little f, what begins with F? Four fluffy feathers on a Fiffer-feffer-feff" (Geisel, ABC, 16-17). I enjoy word puzzles, including word search and cryptograms. I confine my crossword skills to the Globe and Mail's giant holiday crossword puzzles, published before Canada Day and Christmas Day.



It was inevitable that I joined the wonderful world of Wordle in early 2022. Created for his partner by Josh Wardle in late 2021, this online game challenges players to guess, in six attempts, a five-letter word. Following each guess, coloured tiles indicate when correct letters have been selected and/or occupy the correct position: green indicates correct letter and position; yellow confirms correct letter but incorrect position; and gray indicates letter is not contained in final word answer. Allowing players to post their results, in the form of a grid of coloured squares, to various social media platforms was, pun intended, a game-changer, and Wordle became a viral phenomenon by January 2022. I have explored such Wordle clones as Wordle2 (six-letter words), Byrdle (choral-themed), and Nerdle (each guess is a mathematical calculation). I recommend Wordle for its satisfying gameplay and friendly social media community. I have no aspirations to launch a Catholic-themed clone (Catholicle, anybody?) but confess that seasonally appropriate five-letter words did cross my Wordled mind during recent Lenten days. Readers are invited to add to my list which includes agony, blood, and crown; and flesh, cross, and agape.

Linguistically tongue-tingling and recognizably Catholic words reflect the work of the ecumenical councils of the early Church that were convened to examine the nature of Jesus Christ and repudiate heresies regarding same. Addressing the Arian heresy which taught against the co-eternal nature of God and the Son, the First Council of Nicaea (325AD) declared that Jesus was homoousios with the Father, that is He is of the same essence as the Father and was not created as an act of the Father's will. The Nicene Creed professes our belief that Jesus is the "Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father." Belief in the hypostatic union of Jesus' divine and human natures supports the teaching that the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father and the Son." The Filioque clause was added to the Nicene Creed by the First Council of Constantinople (381 AD), igniting controversy amongst theologians like Nestorius, who taught that Jesus had separate human and divine natures. The Council of Ephesus (431 AD) repudiated the Nestorian heresy which led to the Nestorian schism. The Filioque controversy was among the theological differences that led to the Great Schism, in 1054, between the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox Church. In 1515, the Council of Trent declared tran-substantiation, the doctrine teaching that the elements of bread and wine used in the celebration of the Eucharist become the body and blood of Christ, as a dogma of the faith.

I don't expect to see my Catholic friends posting consubstantial, Filioque, or transubstantiation to our shared social media platforms any time soon. Celebrating the joy of the Easter season with the Church, may we always seek to better understand Jesus Christ, the Logos who is the Word made flesh:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (RSVCE, John 1: 1-5, 14).

Dr. Kathleen Moquin lives with her family in Parry Sound.



Our Lady of the Cape, Queen of Intercessors, Queen of Canada will be visiting her children all across Canada from May 1/22- June 22/22 in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the 1947 Marian Congress in Ottawa. At that time her statue was processed by horse and carriage from Cape du Madeline, Trois Rivieres, Quebec to Ottawa, Ontario to be present for the Congress. Over 200,000 people from Canada, USA and other parts of the world descended on the streets to meet her, and accompany her on the journey.

SAVE THE DATE
May 22/22 1:30 PM

On May 1 this year, her Pilgrim Statue will travel from Windsor to Ottawa visiting many churches along the way. On Sunday May 22/22 Mary will be visiting the people of Peterborough Diocese at our Cathedral of St Peter in Chains! Everyone is invited and encouraged to join Bishop Miehm in welcoming Our Lady of the Cape to the Cathedral May 22, at 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM for her brief visit among us.

History of Our Lady of the Cape

Our Lady of the Cape has been recognized by Popes since the first church was opened.

On October 3/1880 the new parish church of Cap-de-la-Madeleine was officially opened; in June 22/1888 the small church was officially consecrated to Mary and thus becomes a 'Shrine'.

Pope Pius X granted the venerated image of Our Lady of the Cape, (at Trois Rivieres, formerly Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec) its Canonical Coronation on Oct

12/1904, (the 50th Anniversary of the definition of the Immaculate Conception) consecrating the *Dominion of Canada* to Mary, Our Lady of the Cape!
In 1909 the Bishops of the Canadian Church gathered for the first Plenary Council. One of the five pillars of devotion to the rosary included the Shrine at Cap de la Madeleine where the statue of Our Lady of the Cape, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, had recently been crowned.
On August 15/1954, Pope Pius XII sent another ceremonial coronation. This statue has been considered miraculous since the 'ice bridge' miracle of 1878 and the 'prodigy of the eyes' miracle of 1888.
In 1984 St. Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass at the Shrine on his visit to Canada.

This year, 2022, is the 75th Anniversary of the historic 'Marian Congress 1947' in Ottawa, Ontario where the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape was processed from Canada's National Marian Shrine at Cap-de-la-Madeleine to Ottawa and venerated by hundreds of thousands en route to the Congress. This Marian milestone is being marked and celebrated by multiple replica statue tours of Our Lady of the Cape throughout Canada beginning May 1st. In preparation all are encouraged to view the docudrama, Bridge of Roses: The Story of Our Lady of the Cape that chronicles the story of Canada's National Madonna.
Her impact will have no bounds!

Everyone on the Diocese is most Welcome to welcome Our Lady of the Cape and Queen of Canada!

SAVE THE DATE
May 22/22 1:30 PM

WATCH THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

Bridge of Roses at bridgeofrosesfilm.com



The movie behind Mary's Blueprint to *Renew the Universal Prayer of the Church* through the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary at Marian shrines.



Alleluia!
He is Risen!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough,

One of the most common refrains in Lent is "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you; for by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world." This Lenten theme culminates in Holy Week, where the cross of the Lord is so pivotal. It is prominent in the Passion readings of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the shadow of the cross looms, even as Jesus gathers at table with his apostles. And the solemn act of the veneration of the cross on Good Friday is always one of the most moving gestures of Holy Week – indeed, of the entire Church year.

Then on Easter Sunday, we rejoice that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus has brought about the salvation of the world. By conquering death, he has bestowed the fullness of life. An instrument of torture and death is transformed into a means of grace, pardon, peace and reconciliation. And in giving his life for us, Jesus asks us to live our lives for others. He invites us to take up our cross and imitate him in his self-sacrificing love. We rejoice to share in his resurrection, knowing that he calls us to share in his work of salvation on Good Friday.

May the Paschal mystery that we celebrate fill our hearts with joy, strengthen our faith, and renew our commitment to sacrificial love. And may God bless you and yours abundantly in this holiest season of the Church's year.

Yours in Christ,
+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough