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Happy Anniversaries, Archbishop O'Brien!

On Sunday, July 30th, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien celebrated two special anniversaries — thirty years as a bishop and ten years as Archbishop of Kingston — with a Mass and garden party at St. Mary's Cathedral. Several members of his family travelled from Ottawa and Montreal to join the Archbishop for this special event, including (pictured above, from left to right), his brother, Michael O'Brien, his sister-in-law, Marie O'Brien, his sister, Rosemary O'Brien, his brother-in-law, Randal Marlin, his sister, Elaine Marlin, and his brother, Gregory O'Brien. *Full story and more pictures on page 2 and page 3.*

photo by Katherine Quinlan

A Reflection on Milestones

Archbishop Brendan M. O'Brien

It is often said that it is important to celebrate the milestones of life, whether they be birthdays, wedding anniversaries, graduations, retirements, or other special events. Milestones call our attention to life as a journey. Gathering with family and friends to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary, as many did last month to mark Canada's 150th birthday, is a time to look back over the intervening years and to give thanks for our blessings as we face the challenges of the future.

In my own family, this summer brought a succession of milestones, beginning with my mother's 100th birthday on June 22nd. She is a healthy, active centenarian, and we gathered in Ottawa for two lively celebrations of her big birthday. A week later was the 30th anniversary of my Episcopal Ordination, and a month after that was the 10th anniversary of my installation as Archbishop of Kingston. My family came to Kingston on July 30th and were graciously welcomed to the Archdiocesan celebration of both anniversaries. It was a beautiful July day, and the Mass, Reception, and Dinner were memorably lovely. I am grateful to those who organized these happy events and for the outpouring of good wishes from so many people from across the Archdiocese.

These milestone celebrations have been an opportunity for me to reflect on three decades of Episcopacy, from Ottawa to Pembroke to St. John's to Kingston. My appointment in Kingston has been longer than any of the others and, in many ways, has been particularly fruitful and rewarding. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as your Archbishop for the past ten years, and I look forward to working with you and for you for the remainder of my term of office.

This issue of *Journey* features two of our parish churches which have also marked special anniversaries this summer. Just as it is important to celebrate our family milestones, it is important to recognize and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of our parishes, which are the centre of our faith communities. This summer, both St. Brendan's in Rockport and St. Killian's in Ardoch had wonderful celebrations of the 125th anniversaries of their churches. These anniversary events were an opportunity to remember the past and to look forward to the future. Let us continue to celebrate our milestones together as we build up our Church and give thanks to God for the great gift of our faith.



Photos by Katherine Quinlan

Archbishop O'Brien Celebrates Special Anniversaries

Katherine Quinlan

This is a summer of anniversaries for Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, as he celebrates 30 years as a bishop and 10 years as Archbishop of Kingston. The Archbishop was ordained to the Episcopate on June 29, 1987, and now is the longest-serving bishop in office in all of English Canada. After ordination, he served as Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa from 1987 until 1993; as Bishop of Pembroke from 1993 until 2000; and as Archbishop of St. John's from 2000 until 2007. He was installed as Archbishop of Kingston exactly ten years ago, on July 25, 2007.

To celebrate these special anniversaries, parishioners from across the Archdiocese joined the Archbishop on Sunday, July 30th, for Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, followed by an elegant garden party on the Cathedral grounds. It was a picture-perfect day, which was a special blessing in this summer of rain, and the sun shone brightly through the stained glass windows as beautiful classical music filled the Cathedral before the Mass. Father Shawn Hughes greeted the Archbishop on behalf of the congregation as the Mass began, and, as it concluded, he invited everyone to join the Archbishop for lunch outside. Marquis tents had been set up, shading dozens of tables set with white linen, beautiful flowers, and comfortable chairs. The buffet tables were laden with delicious food, all prepared by Cathedral parishioners, including delectable fancy sandwiches, squares, cheese, vegetables, and fruit, all set out on tiered china plates. Tea and coffee were served from silver tea services, with lemonade and lemon water in glass carafes. The Archbishop circulated from table to table, and all present had an opportunity to share their good wishes with him.

Since it was Sunday and the priests of the Archdiocese were celebrating Mass in their own parishes, they were not able to be at the Cathedral for the morning Mass and luncheon. Priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay representatives gathered later that day for a reception and dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. The room was decorated with the same beautiful flowers that had been used on the tables at the Cathedral garden party, making the dinner a lovely extension of the day's celebrations. Guests enjoyed the classical piano music of May Ng, as they sipped punch and sampled hors d'oeuvres before sitting down to a delicious buffet dinner. The Master of Ceremonies, Father Brian Price, guided the program, which included touching remarks by the Archbishop's sister, Elaine Marlin, and a power-point presentation narrated by the Archbishop himself. Father Price, as Chair of the Council of Priests, presented His Grace with a special gift to which the priests had all contributed – a beautiful new set of vestments, including a matching chasuble and mitre.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the Archbishop was quietly reflective as he reminisced about his years of service as a bishop and his first 10 years in the Archdiocese of Kingston. He concluded his remarks by expressing gratitude to all those who had organized the day's celebrations.



Photos by Katherine Quinlan and Sharon Buffett

Celebrating 125 Years!

St. Brendan's, Rockport

Rev. Justin Pulikunnel



On Sunday, July 16th, St. Brendan's church in Rockport marked its 125th Anniversary, with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Archbishop O'Brien. St. Brendan's was named after the Irish monk, St. Brendan the Voyager (484-578), who was reported to have reached the shores of this continent over nine hundred years before Columbus discovered America. The picturesque church, a mission of St. Patrick Parish in Lansdowne, is perched on top of a cliff overlooking the St. Lawrence River in the heart of the Thousand Islands. The Mass and reception on July 16th were the culmination of several months of preparation by parishioners to mark this auspicious anniversary, and to acknowledge the old Rockport families who came by skiff, rowboat, horse, and buggy to build the church in 1891. The church was consecrated in 1892.

We were honoured to have Archbishop O'Brien with us for the celebration of our special anniversary. His Grace has a particular fondness for our church, since St. Brendan is his namesake. The Archbishop was assisted at the Mass by Father Justin Pulikunnel, who currently serves as Associate Pastor, and by (Transitional) Deacon Brian Russell.

The women of the parish prepared a delicious lunch for the outdoor reception which followed the Mass, and the weather cooperated splendidly. The celebration was capped off with a boat tour around the Thousand Islands, courtesy of the Rockport Boat Lines. A great day was had by all.

St. Kilian's, Ardoch

Nancy Skipper

The preparations for the celebration of our 125th anniversary began approximately one year ago with the commissioning of a pewter ornament designed by Cindy Johnson. The choice of speaker was easy – we would bring back the priest whose vision for the summer church (50 years ago) was brought to reality: Father Peter Murphy!

On Sunday, July 9th, the sun shone brightly in Ardoch as the celebration began with the recitation of the rosary in the parish cemetery, led by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Belleville. A new cross, donated and constructed by Kirk Chabot, was blessed, as was the cemetery itself. As Mass began in the church, parishioners and guests were welcomed by Wayne Manion, who spoke about the history of the summer church and reminisced about Father Murphy's time at St. Kilian's. We were honoured to have Archbishop Brendan O'Brien with us to celebrate the Mass, assisted by Father Murphy, Father Paul Njoku (our parish priest), and Father Vitus Ike-me. Altar servers were Tony O'Connor, Gabby, Abby and Clarke Lemke, and the music minister was Kerry Skipper.

During his homily, Father Murphy shared his memories of St. Kilian's. True to form, all his words echoed his love (and ours) for the Church. The physical church building of St. Kilian is truly a gift to all who call the rural setting of Land O'Lakes home. But, as Father Murphy pointed out, the true gift is not the physical building, but the Church itself. Father Murphy talked about the construction of the summer church by a dedicated group of volunteers who worked long and hard to complete the project – and did so, on budget, for \$11,000. The size of the building was determined by the number of pews acquired from St. Michael's in Belleville. Parishioners of St. Michael's who visit St. Kilian's still remark on "their pews". Our pews are of great value – as reflected in the cost of insurance for the church! Both Wayne Manion and Father Murphy spoke of the joyful faith of the community of believers in and around St. Kilian's. Father Murphy mentioned one parishioner who had walked six miles through the woods every week to attend Mass. Father spoke of the need to return to the Eucharist, no matter how far we have to travel, as it is only through the Eucharist that the community can remain vital.

At the conclusion of Mass, the congregation found its way outdoors and feasted on sandwiches and desserts made by members of St. Kilian's congregation. It was truly a beautiful day of celebration.



Catholic Women's League elects a new Diocesan Council

Trish Purdon-Irwin

At the closing Mass of the annual Diocesan CWL Convention in St. Mary's Cathedral, the 2017-2019 Council was sworn in by Archbishop O'Brien. The Diocesan Council members come from all three regions of the Archdiocese of Kingston and are happy to provide assistance to parish CWL councils. The new CWL President, Maureen Vincentine, can be contacted at bvincentine@sympatico.ca. Blessings to all CWL members, with best wishes for a great year.



(Front row left to right:) Shirley McDonald, (Corresponding Secretary); Nancy Richer, (President Elect/Organization); Bernadette Veitch, (Community Life); Maureen Vincentine, (President); Trish Purdon-Irwin, (Communications). (Second row left to right:) Wilma Turcotte, (First Vice President/Education & Health); Rev. Dale Wright, (Spiritual Advisor); Margie Norwood, (Spiritual Development); Colleen Hill, (Christian Family Life); Jean Mulvihill, (Treasurer); Margie Royle, (Past President). (Absent:) Elizabeth Knudson, Second Vice President/Legislation; Maureen Laurin, (Recording Secretary); Maria Watts, (Resolutions); Kathy Huffman, (Life Member Liaison); Cynthia Rozario, (Webmaster).



Anne Madden is sworn in as President of the Ontario Council of the Catholic Women's League by newly installed Provincial Spiritual Director, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien



12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care in Trenton

Cerelina Berry

The Catholic Women's League of St. Peter-in-Chains Parish in Trenton hosted 12 Hours of prayer for palliative care on May 4, 2017. This national CWL initiative was held during National Hospice Palliative Care Week as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. Palliative (end-of-life) care provides physical and spiritual support for people at the end of their lives, alleviating their pain and suffering. In the words of Pope Francis, "Let us not underestimate the power of many voices united in prayer." With one heart and one voice, all people of faith are urged to focus on that power of prayer. The event at St. Peter's included Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Stations of the Cross, the recitation of the rosary, and other prayers and reflections. This CWL initiative promotes "a culture of life that includes quality palliative care for all citizens. We want Canadians at end-of-life stages to experience the comfort, love, and sense of accompaniment that we know is possible and that truly reflects the love that God created in us and for us." The 12 Hours of Prayer event in Trenton was a peaceful and uplifting experience for all of us.



Hospice Quinte Support Group
of St. Peter-in-Chains Parish, Trenton

Photo by Cerelina Berry

Youth Ministry

Nadia Gundert

The summer of 2017 has been filled with many blessings for young people in the Archdiocese of Kingston. The 'Totus Tuus' (Latin for 'Totally Yours') Summer Camp ran for four weeks this summer at three of our parishes. The young campers loved the experience; their families were thrilled with the programming; and the host parish communities were enriched by having the young people at the church throughout the week. The camp included songs, activities, water games, outdoor play, daily prayer, daily Mass, and lots of fun! A big thank you to all those who supported this initiative!

At the end of July, a group of 40 high school teens and chaperones attended Steubenville Toronto, a high school youth conference in Oshawa. It was an inspiring weekend, as they interacted with 1300 other young people from across the province. There were excellent speakers, beautiful liturgies, Eucharistic Adoration, amazing praise and worship music, and even a Mass at which our very own Archbishop O'Brien presided.

There is much to look forward to this Fall, including a new year of *Duc in Altum* for young adults in their 20s and 30s (see poster on page 11); as well as WITNESS – youth faith days for Gr. 6 students in both the ALCDSB and CDSBEO Boards - that will take place in each of our deaneries from Oct 17-20. The Youth Office is partnering with our school boards to offer the Faith Days, which will feature Catholic music artist Josh Blakesley and his band, who will lead us in praise and worship music, as Josh shares his witness story. We will also have breakout sessions that include 'Men In Black' (vocation stories and Q & A with some of our priests) and Faith In Action (secondary students share their experience of living out their faith on mission trips). Any Gr. 6 student in our Archdiocese who would like to attend, but is not a student in one of our Catholic schools, is still welcome to join us with a parent or guardian. Contact the Youth Office at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca for more information. On Friday, Oct 20th, we will have an 'XLT' – an intense experience of prayer, adoration, and worship – at St. Mary's Cathedral, from 7-9 p.m., featuring the Josh Blakesley Band. All are welcome to attend. (see poster on page 11).

Finally, Pope Francis has called for the next Synod of Bishops in the Fall of 2018 to address the topic of *Young People: The Faith and Vocational Discernment*, to discuss how the Church can better support young people in living their faith and discerning their mission in life. To help prepare for this Synod, the Pope and Bishops are asking both Catholics and non-Catholics throughout the world to share their experience. We have an **Archdiocesan Youth Survey** online, and we invite responses from young people (16-29 years of age) in our Archdiocese. There is also a separate survey for adults over the age of 29 (youth ministers, teachers, parish staff, parents, parishioners, etc.). Please visit our Archdiocesan website at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca to complete the survey by the end of September.



left: Fr. Leo Byrne celebrates Mass at the Totus Tuus Camp at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Kingston.



right: Youth and chaperones from the Archdiocese of Kingston attend Steubenville, Toronto.



left: Totus Tuus Camp at St. John the Baptist Parish, Perth, and

right: at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Belleville.



The Word of God in Life and Ministry

Rev. John Hibbard

We live in a world filled with words. Some words pass over us unnoticed; others we ignore; some we hear but do not heed; others profoundly move us positively or negatively. This was the message we heard this summer in the parables of the Kingdom. The Word of God is generously scattered in the field as seeds, waiting to germinate, grow, and produce a harvest. St. John, in his Gospel, called the Son of God “the Word of God” – who came among us to be the Word of life. He taught and spoke in parables that we might know God’s love and understand that the Kingdom of God is now among us. Ideally, words that are internalized lead to action. The example of Christ, who showed compassion, died on the Cross, and rose from the dead, shows us how words are to be translated into action in our own lives, just as they were in Christ’s. For this to happen, the words of Christ must be heard and absorbed in order that they can transform us. That is why, in the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word precedes the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both invite us to open our hearts to the transforming power of God’s love and mercy. If the Word does not enter us, the Eucharist cannot transform us. Our actions need to be guided by the Word of God. Of course, we must be convinced that we need transformation.

Just as it is important in our personal lives, the Word of God is also vital to the life of our parishes. Words can shape and transform the lives of those preparing for Initiation, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc., as well as the People of God who gather at Mass Sunday after Sunday. What words do we speak?

In order to assist us, the Liturgical Commission is sponsoring a Conference that focusses on the role of the Word of God in the Sacraments of the Church. This two-day conference will be held on Friday, September 15, and Saturday, September 16, and will focus on the role of the Word of God in our lives as Catholics. We will explore the place God’s Word has in the preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and first sharing in Holy Communion, as well as the implications of having the Word of God at the heart of the initiation process (RCIA).

Justice and Peace Commission initiates survey of parishes

Bridget Doherty

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Justice and Peace Commission, a joint commission of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston and the Anglican Diocese of Ontario. The mandate of the Commission is to understand and apply Christian Social Teaching; to advocate for the vulnerable in society locally, provincially, and globally; and to support parishes and like-minded groups seeking social justice.

Recently, the Holy Father proclaimed November 19, 2017, to be the first World Day of the Poor. How will we answer Pope Francis’s call? The Commission, inspired by the Holy Father, invites parishes to take this opportunity to both celebrate and renew our commitment to social justice. The Commission has learned that there is much to be gained by strengthening the relationship between the Commission and the parishes. First, however, it is important for the Commission to have a better understanding of the great work that is being done at the parish level.

The Commission has developed a survey, the results of which will help us to address many of the needs of both the Commission and the parishes. We are asking your parish priest to consult with parish groups in completing this survey on behalf of your parish.

The survey can be found in the Justice and Peace section of the Archdiocese of Kingston website, www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

It is the sincere desire of the Commission that the results of this survey will help us to support our communities in faith, hope, and action.



Congratulations to Donald J. Cox

on the occasion of his Retirement as Treasurer of St. Mary’s Cemetery after a remarkable 44 years.

We extend our sincere gratitude for his dedication and devoted service.

Board of Directors and Staff St. Mary’s Cemetery, Divine Mercy Mausoleum & Columbarium

From the Office of Family Ministry

Sr. Lucy Kearney, SP

A quick perusal of *Journey* draws our attention to various programs and events planned for the Church of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Whether planned by the Archdiocesan pastoral offices, parishes, or Catholic School Boards, the common goal is to build up the Church by calling people into the future by word, faith, and example. Although there are various needs, the following constants are present: families steeped in the practices and traditions of the Catholic Church; families who are searching for acceptance and seeking knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Church; families experiencing illness, loneliness, and brokenness. As Archdiocesan, parish, and educational organizations, the following questions impact our planning: How are we addressing the needs of the entire family? What are our attitudes toward, and understanding of, family realities today? What steps are we taking to invite/include those presently disconnected from the Church?

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10b)

In a quiet, peaceful environment, those experiencing separation and/or divorce are invited to "Come away, reflect, be renewed and refreshed". The theme of the upcoming Retreat, *'Resilience vs Resistance: Welcoming New Life'*, facilitated by Sr. Helen Russell csl, will assist you in finding joy, love, and inner strength to overcome life's challenges and difficult times.



RETREAT

FOR THE SEPARATED AND / OR DIVORCED

November 17—18, 2017

Resilience vs Resistance: Welcoming New Life

Retreat Facilitator: Sr. Helen Russell, csj

Friday evening, November 17, 2017 – 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

and Saturday, November 18, 2017 – 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

at Providence Spirituality Centre, 1200 Princess Street, Kingston, Ontario

\$40.00 registration for commuters includes lunch and evening meals;

or \$85.00 registration includes Friday night accommodation and Saturday breakfast.

Registration and Payment DUE by October 27, 2017.

Please mail or drop off at the Family Ministry Office,

Archdiocese of Kingston, 390 Palace Road, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4T3.

Please make cheque payable to Archdiocese of Kingston and

indicate in the memo section 'Separated and Divorced Retreat'.

For further information, contact Sr. Lucy Kearney at 613-548-4461, ext 113

or by email at family@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca



From the Office of Religious Education

Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms

**“Just as yeast leavens bread from within,
so the laity are called to be a leaven in the world.”**

(Lumen Gentium 31)

The **Office of Religious Education** is engaged in continuing the mission of Jesus through evangelization and catechesis, and promoting lifelong learning in religious education. As always, we welcome your ideas and reflections on spiritual advancement through religious education. We are encouraged by a recent parish initiative. Both St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Kingston, and St. Mary Parish, Chesterville, organized very successful **Pastoral Care Courses**, supported by the Archdiocese, and we look forward to continuing this initiative in a number of other parishes in the Fall.

Feedback has been very positive from the **online faith formation courses**, provided by the Newman Theological College in Edmonton. Registration cost is \$85 per course, and information can be found on the website, www.newman.edu/CCS. Please feel free to contact me for further information or to discuss the value of this program.

There are two exciting initiatives that I would like to bring to your attention. First, we are planning a **Day for Reflection and Renewal for all those involved in parish and Archdiocesan ministry** on Saturday September 30th (10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. We hope you will join us for this special Celebration of Ministry. Details included below.

Second, we are currently **updating our resource library** in a significant way. Soon we hope to publish a guide to resources available in the library. Should you have any specific recommendations on resources that you would value as part of our Archdiocesan Resource Library, please let me know. I can be contacted by telephone, (613) 548-4461, or by e-mail, maryjo@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.



Please come!

***Everyone
is Welcome!***

DAY OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL FOR ALL INVOLVED IN MINISTRY

Saturday, September 30, 2017

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston

*Come hear more about what our call to Ministry is all about,
share about your ministry, and learn how to fill your spiritual well.*

Registration fee \$10.00 (lunch included)

For further information and to register, please contact Gorett at the
Catholic Pastoral Centre 613-548-4461 or
ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

Archbishop Blesses Chapel at new Providence Care Hospital

On Sunday, May 28th, Archbishop O'Brien presided at the first Mass held in the Worship Centre of the new Providence Care Hospital. His Grace was assisted by Father Dan Ryan and Deacon Larry Judge. During the Mass, the Archbishop blessed the altar and the adjacent Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. Readers at the Mass included Patrick Whalen-Browne (member of the Providence Care Hospital Board of Directors), and Pam Carr (Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario designate on the Board). Bernadette Burgess was musician and cantor. Sister Sandra Shannon, General Superior of the Sisters of Providence, spoke during the Mass about the health care legacy of the Sisters in Kingston, which included the establishment of both St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Providence Mental Health Services (also known as the Kingston Psychiatric Hospital), which have together become the new Providence Care Hospital. The Mass and Blessing were attended by patients, clients, families, representatives of the Sisters of Providence, members of hospital administration, and community members.



Photos submitted by Patricia Van Boxmeer

Ordination of Brian Russell to the Transitional Diaconate

Deacon Brian Russell was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 24th, 2017, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brockville. Blessings to Deacon Russell as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood in the coming year.



Photo submitted by Corinne Côté

Joining together to Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Confederation

Rev. John Hibbard

On July 5, 2017, at Holy Rosary Church, Belleville, Christians, Muslims, and Jews were invited to pray for our country, Canada, on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. A unique hour was chosen to gather-1:50 pm-by Father John Hibbard and organizer, Sheila Alexander. The interfaith Prayer Service consisted of Readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, and the Koran. Representatives from local churches, veterans, service groups, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, and the mosque, led prayers and lit candles to mark the occasion. Many participants wore red and white.



Participants hold a large Canadian flag that once flew on the Peace Tower of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON YOUTH OFFICE PRESENTS:

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 / 7-9 pm
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL - KINGSTON
 All are welcome. Free-will donations will be graciously accepted.

DUC IN ALTUM

For Catholic young adults in their 20s & 30s!

We invite you to join us on this one year journey and discover more about God's plan for your life.

2017—2018 Session Dates

Oct. 13-15 (Opening Retreat Weekend)

Nov. 11, Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7,

May 25-27 (Closing Retreat Weekend)

Information Night: Wednesday, Sept 13 @ 7:00 pm
Diocesan Centre (390 Palace Rd, Kingston)



Contact Nadia Gundert - Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office at
youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call 613-484-2446
www.kingstonvocations.com/duc-in-altum

Message from the Editor

Thank you to all those who have contributed articles for this issue of *Journey*. I am happy to have been appointed Editor of our Archdiocesan Communicator, and I look forward to receiving your articles and pictures, which will be included in future editions as space allows. Our hope is to have *Journey* in our parishes three times a year. Look for our next issue on December 9th-10th; the deadline for submissions to that issue is November 3rd. Publication and submission dates for 2018 will be included in the December issue.

You can contact me at (613) 548-4461, or by e-mail at susan@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca. Please submit your articles and (high-definition) pictures to me by e-mail only. Please note that the *Journey* is also available online to read at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

Susan Lett, Editor

Supporting our family of priests

Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund November 11-12, 2017

Susan Lett

I attended a funeral Mass many months ago, and, during the homily, the parish priest extended his sympathy to the family. His caring was so clear as he looked back on the life of the deceased, whose family he had known for many years. He spoke about how the man and his wife had coped with the struggles of illness, and he spoke about the many special moments that made up the story of their lives – from the joy of their children's baptisms to the pride of their graduations, all of which he had shared as their friend and parish priest. He concluded his homily by thanking the family for allowing him to be part of their lives.

That homily had a profound effect on me. I looked around at the people sitting in the church and realized that, for each one of us, the priest is part of our family. The priest is there for us whenever we need him, helping us, guiding us, supporting us, sharing our joy and sadness, our good times and our hard times. I thought about how the priest giving this funeral homily had helped me in my own life over the years, even though I was not in his parish.

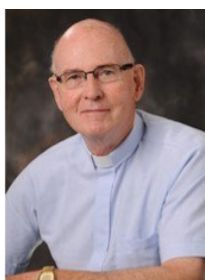
The priesthood is not an easy life. Priests give up the comfort and companionship of a normal family life in order to devote themselves to the service of God's people. They work hard for us and do not ordinarily retire until they reach the age of 75, a full ten years after most of us take retirement. The modest salary they have received as parish priests does not allow them to accumulate retirement resources; after retirement, they live alone and without the family support that most of us enjoy. Even in retirement, most of our priests continue to serve, providing coverage in parishes and pastoral ministry in the community.

On the weekend of November 11-12, we will have an opportunity to show our support for the priests who have served us so well. There will be a collection that weekend for the Priests' Retirement Fund, which enables the Archdiocese to provide a modest pension to our retired priests.

Please give generously to this collection and show your support for our family of priests.

Paying tribute to Father Leo Byrne and Father Augustine Mendonça

Katherine Quinlan



The longest-serving pastor in the Archdiocese of Kingston retired in 2017 at the age of 79. Father Leo Byrne had served the parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Parish for 27 consecutive years! Father Leo was born in Read and was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Kingston in 1962. After ordination, he served as Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, Wolfe Island, St. Joseph

Parish, Kingston, St. John Parish, Kingston, and St. Mark Parish, Prescott. In 1969, he was appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Cardinal, where he served until 1975, when he was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Railton, and St. Mary, Odessa. From 1975 until 1983, Father Leo was a part-time chaplain in area correctional institutions, and, from 1984 until 1990, worked as Coordinator of the Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Kingston, while pursuing post-graduate studies (M.Ed.) at Boston College in Newton, Massachusetts. For the past 13 years, Father Leo has served as Dean of the Central Deanery of the Archdiocese and as a member of the College of Consultors and the Personnel Committee. We are grateful to Father Leo Byrne for all of his 55 years of service to the people and parishes of the Archdiocese of Kingston.



Father Mendonça was not born in Canada, but he has served most of his 51 years of priesthood in this country. He was born and raised in Mangalore, India, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1966. After serving for three years as Associate Pastor of a parish in Mangalore, he moved to Montego Bay, Jamaica,

where he served as Associate Pastor at the Diocesan Cathedral from 1970 - 1973. He moved to Canada in 1973 to pursue studies at the University of Ottawa (M.A.) and St. Paul University (JCD, PhD), after which he took further post-graduate studies in Washington and in Rome. When he returned to Canada to teach at St. Paul University, he began 19 years of service as Associate Pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Kemptville. In 2008, he was appointed Administrator of the Parish of St. Mary, Carleton Place, and was made Pastor of that same parish after his incardination to the Archdiocese of Kingston in 2013. He retired in 2017 after 9 years in Carleton Place and 28 years in the Archdiocese of Kingston. We are grateful to Father Gus Mendonça for his years of service to the parishioners of Kemptville and Carleton Place.