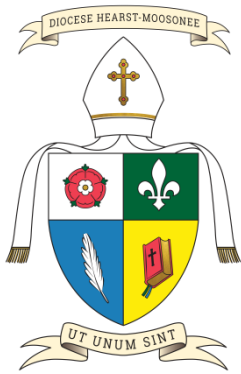


“Year of the Holy Eucharist 2021-2022”



APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR’S MESSAGE

March 18, 2022

Pastoral Theme: “This is my Body,
which is given for you” (Lk 22.19)



March 25th Consecration of Ukraine & Russia to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, at 5:00 PM in Rome (= noon EDT) at a special penance service.

In 2013, Pope Francis renewed the consecration of the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and dedicated his pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima, underlining the powerful intercessory role of our Blessed Mother Mary.

On September 26, 2017 to mark the 150th Anniversary of Canada, in Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica in Ottawa the Bishops of Canada consecrated Canada to Mary's Immaculate Heart as some had done in their dioceses (I had done so in Ottawa on Canada Day and in Alexandria shortly after).

In communion with Pope Francis and many Bishops around the world, on March 25th, I will celebrate Masses with an Act of Consecration at 10:00 AM at Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, Kapuskasing and at 5:00 PM in the cathedral. I encourage pastors in their parishes to join in consecrating Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary that day in their daily Mass. [The text of the Consecration will be sent out as soon as we get it.]

Let us entrust Ukraine and Russia to the maternal care of our Blessed Mother, asking for her powerful intercession to end the war and to ease the suffering of all the afflicted.

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Pray for us.

Restoration of the Sunday Mass Obligation

As the Government of Ontario has moved to lift all Covid-19 related restrictions to Sunday worship, I intend to issue a decree next week to restore the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective April 9, the Vigil of Passion (Palm) Sunday. This will apply to the parishes in the southern (Hearst) Region of the Diocese. Because of the continuing widespread outbreak of Covid cases in the parishes in the Moosonee Region, the dispensation there from the Obligation to assist at the Sunday Eucharist will remain in effect until decided otherwise. It will be important for clergy and others associated with catechesis to present this call to worship God communally on the LORD'S DAY in positive terms.

Damage to Priests' Residence in Attawapiskat

Earlier this week, an angry young person did great damage to the trailer (owned by the community hospital) where the priests in Attawapiskat reside. The windows which had been smashed are being replaced and order restored.

Father Michael Nwadinobi, who lives there currently, was shaken by the incident which took place in the early hours of the morning. Let us remember him in our prayers and pray also for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to heal the wounds found in the indigenous communities of our northern diocese.

My agenda (subject to modification)

Saturday, March 19: Mass for Solemnity of St. Joseph, Cathedral of Hearst, 9:30 AM.

Saturday, March 19: First Conference of Bilingual Parish Mission Conference,

Transfiguration Parish, Cochrane, 7:00 PM.

Sunday, March 20, Transfiguration Parish: LORD'S DAY Masses at 9:30 (English) and 11:00 (French); Second Bilingual Parish Mission Conference, 7:00 PM.

Monday, March 21: Transfiguration Parish: Mass with Third Bilingual Parish Mission Conference, 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, March 22: Mass with Confirmations for English-speaking students of Transfiguration Parish, Cochrane.

Friday, March 25: Masses with Marian Consecration on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Notre-Dame-des-Victoires parish, Kapuskasing, 10:00 AM and at Notre-Dame Cathedral at 5:00 PM.

Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27: Pastoral Visitation: St. Patrick's Parish, Kapuskasing: Masses on Saturday at 4:30 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM.

Saturday, April 2: Meeting with the Diocesan Association of the Knights of Columbus, Le Compagnon, Hearst, 9:30 AM.

Sunday, April 3: LORD'S DAY Mass, Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption Cathedral, Hearst, 11:30 AM.

Thursday, April 7: Meeting of Clergy at 9:30 AM, followed by Festive Luncheon.

Thursday, April 7: MASS OF CHRISM and Blessing of Sacred Oils with Renewal of Priestly Commitment, Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral, Hearst, 1:30 PM.

Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10: Pastoral Visitation, St. Francois-Xavier parish, Mattice: Masses on Saturday at 9:30 AM and on Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Holy Thursday, April 14: The Mass of the LORD'S SUPPER, Hearst Cathedral, 8:00 PM.

Good Friday, April 15: The Commemoration of the LORD'S PASSION, Hearst Cathedral, 3:00 PM.

April 16: Holy Saturday: The EASTER VIGIL, Hearst Cathedral, 8:00 PM.

We renew our commitment to pray for one another as we serve God's people here in Hearst-Moosonee.

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