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St. Michael

29 ELLIOTT ST, LEAMINGTON, ON N8H 3M4

St. John de Brebeuf & Companions

67 MAIN ST E, KINGSVILLE, ON N9Y 1A1

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

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Our Lady, Star of the Sea

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OFFICE HOURS (Closed 12PM-1PM)
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Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday)

<i>St. Michael</i>	4:30 pm	Confession
	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
<i>St. John de Brebeuf</i>	4:30 pm	Confession
	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass

Sunday Mass

<i>St. John de Brebeuf</i>	8:00 am	Confession
	8:30 am	Sunday Mass
<i>St. Michael</i>	9:30 am	Confession
	10:00 am	Sunday Mass
<i>Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	10:30 am	Confession
	11:00 am	Sunday Mass
<i>San Miguel</i>	2:30 pm	Confesión
	3:00 pm	Misa Dominical (Español)
<i>St. Michael</i>	6:00 pm	Confession
	6:30 pm	Sunday Mass

Weekdays - Mornings

Wednesday & Thursday		Friday	
<i>St. Michael</i>		<i>St. John de Brebeuf</i>	
8:00 am	Confession	9:00 am	Confession
8:30 am	Daily Mass	9:30 am	Daily Mass
9:00 am	Holy Hour	10:00 am	Holy Hour

Weekdays - Evenings

Tuesday		Wednesday	
<i>St. Michael</i>		<i>St. John de Brebeuf</i>	
6:00 pm	Confession	6:00 pm	Confession
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	6:30 pm	Daily Mass
7:00 pm	Holy Hour	7:00 pm	Holy Hour
1st Wednesday of the Month:		6:00 pm	Confession
<i>Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		6:30 pm	Daily Mass
Every 2nd Thursday (seasonal):		6:00 pm	Confession
<i>Our Lady, Star of the Sea</i>		6:30 pm	Daily Mass



SEPTEMBER 14TH 2025



Information



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Readings for September 21st 2025

1st Reading: Amos 8: 4-7
2nd Reading: First Timothy 2: 1-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

Faithcation 2025

Everyone 18 years of age and older is invited to FAITHCATION 2025 taking place at the Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley from Friday night September 26 to Sunday September 28. The theme of this year's retreat is PILGRIMS OF HOPE –THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS. Come to relax, pray, and reflect on the gift of being faithful disciples in our world today. For more information, please contact Fr. John Jasica at jjasica@dol.ca



Weekly Bulletins

Please bookmark this page to view our current weekly bulletin and an archive of past bulletins:
<https://esscatholic.ca/bulletin>
(new bulletins are added on Fridays)



Follow us on social media for updates, events, and inspiration!

Facebook: @ErieShoresSouthCatholicFamilyofParishes

Instagram: @esscatholic



Guatemala Hope Annual Auction & Dinner

We need items for both the live and silent auction.



Items will be auctioned separately, or grouped together for a themed basket to auction off.

You can reach Barry Elliott for pickup or a delivery drop off spot 519 – 819 – 5117 or email us at info.guatemalahope@gmail.com

Some ideas for baskets:

Java Delight Basket: Starbucks and Tim Horton's coupons/items

Movie Night Theatre (for home or a night out)-
Coupons, Popcorn, Snacks, Drinks



Jubilee Sites and Dates

- St. Joseph's, Stratford – September 11 to 13
- St. Joseph's, Chatham – September 19 to 21

Please Pray for our Diocesan Family



Rev. Robert Remark
Ms. Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Worker
Rev. Daniel Vere
Rev. Michael Michon
Rev. Mr. David F.S. Basil, CSB
Rev. Waclaw Chudy, C.S.M.A.
Rev. Anthony Bae



JOIN LEAMINGTON or KINGSVILLE LIFE CHAIN
Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm
A peaceful, prayerful, pro-life witness against abortion.
On the sidewalk along Erie & Talbot in Leamington
OR
Main & Division in Kingsville
One Hour Could Save a Lifetime!

PARISH DEACONS: Deacon Anthony Rebkowec | Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky & Alex Litt (retired)
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SEPTEMBER 14TH 2025



Upcoming Parish-Wide Liturgical Focus

All parishioners are encouraged to arrive 10 minutes early for Mass on the weekends of: September 13–14: We will focus on liturgical silence, preparing our hearts in quiet reflection before Mass begins.

September 20–21: We will emphasize common posture during the liturgy, in unity with our Family of Parishes and the wider Diocese.



St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day

In celebration of St. Vincent de Paul Feast day on September 27 we are collecting pantry items 2–5pm on Saturday, September 27 and 7–8am Sunday, September 28 at St. John de Brebeuf Church. Donations will also be take in Leamington and Wheatley during Mass that weekend. Please drop off your items in the baskets provided near the entrances of the churches.



The Ambassadors of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

The Ambassadors of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary lead the crusade for the Social Reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We bring the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to your home for one week to prepare the way for the enthronement of His Sacred Heart. In this way you make of your home another Bethany where Jesus is always welcome and among friends. For more information we will soon have a display in the back of the Church or you may call Mike at 519–819–1544.

Marriage Prep Retreat- Save the Dates 2026

The 2026 Marriage Preparation Retreat will take place at Holy Name of Jesus Parish on Friday, March 27 (6:45 PM to 10:00 PM) and Saturday, March 28 (8:15 AM to 6:00 PM). The cost for the retreat is \$135/couple, payable by cash or cheque at the door on the first night of the retreat. This includes food and refreshments, guest speakers, and resource materials.

To register visit:



<https://www.centralessexatholic.dol.ca/marriage>

August Sacraments- Congratulations to

All!

Confirmations:

Gavin Araujo



Marriages:

AUGUST 9 - Marriage of Falisha Verissimo and David McDonald

AUGUST 16 - Marriage of Celeste Dancil and Sheldon Foldesi

Baptisms:

Roman Perciballi

Carsyn Duarte

Dante Mastronardi

Isabella Bermudes

Olivier Lacelle



Kingsville SSVP Requests

As the new school year starts, the Kingsville Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting items to support families in need. We are especially in need of juice boxes, cookies, canned fruits, crackers, and granola bars.

Your continued generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you for helping us serve our community!



RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PRO-LIFE CAUSE

Windsor –Essex County Right to Life is holding a Walk for Life fundraiser on Saturday, September 20th . Meet at the Riverside Sportsmen Club for registration from 10:00 to 11:00.

- a) If you would like to get involved, but prefer not to drive to Windsor, you may walk at a time and in the location of your choice. For pledge sheets contact Henrietta O'Neill (phone and email info below). You can send your money and pledge sheets by mail or deliver to 2541 Jefferson Blvd. Windsor, ON N8T 2W5.
- b) Support a walker: contact Henrietta O'Neill, 519 322-1062, hentneill13@gmail.com
- c) You can donate by sending a check to the Jefferson Blvd address (above).
- d) You can go to the website www.wertl.ca and click the red 'donate now' button at the bottom of the page.

Please consider donating to help us uphold the right to life for all humans from conception to natural death.



*please send bulletin submissions to: esscatholic@dol.ca by Monday 4pm



Calendar – September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Worldwide Eucharistic Adoration 6-8am (Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine)	15 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB) Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)	16 Portuguese Rosary for Abortion 2:30pm (SM) Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)	17 Rosary-1:00pm St Louis School	18 Men's Rosary 7pm (SJB) Rosary-1:00pm-Cardinal Carter	19	20
21	22 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB) Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)	23 Portuguese Rosary for Abortion 2:30pm (SM) Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)	24 Grief Share 10am-12pm (SJB)	25 Men's Rosary 7pm (SJB) Grief Share 6:30pm-8:30pm (SM)	26 Pasta with the Angels 6:30pm (SM)	27 Midland Shrine Pilgrimage Oktoberfest (SJB) St Michael's Dinner & Dance, Roma Club
28 Mass & Procession in Honour of St Michael 12pm (SM)	29 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB) Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)	30 Portuguese Rosary for Abortion 2:30pm (SM) Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)				

Calendar – October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Grief Share 10am-12pm (SJB) Rosary- 1:00pm Ecole St Michel	2 Men's Rosary 7pm (SJB) Grief Share 6:30pm-8:30pm (SM) Rosary-1:00pm St John de Brebeuf School	3	4 Little Flower Girls Club 9:30am-12pm (SJB) First Saturday Devotion
5	6 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB) Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)	7 Portuguese Rosary for Abortion 2:30pm (SM) Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)	8 Grief Share 10am-12pm (SJB) Rosary-1:00pm St Louis School	9 Men's Rosary 7pm (SJB) Grief Share 6:30pm-8:30pm (SM) Rosary-1:00pm-Cardinal Carter	10	11
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Daily Mass Schedule – Week of September 16th-19th 2025

Confession 30 min. prior to daily Mass - Holy Hour for 1 hour following Mass

Tuesday September 16 th 6:30pm Leamington	Jamie Rego, Christiano & Maria Mendonca Manuel & Joaquina Santos Maria & Jose Calmeiro Julio Mauricio Maria Calmeiro Armenio Ferreira	Thursday September 18 th 8:30am Leamington	Roger Foulon & Deceased Family Members Liv. & Dec. Members of the Iles & Sabga-Aboud Families Mr. & Mrs. Archiel Werbrouck Gary Heisler John Clarence Jackson & Liv. & Dec. Family Members Velimir Bakalic & Liv. & Dec. Family Members
Wednesday September 17 th 8:30am Leamington	Joe & Sara Gabriel & Deceased Family Members Francesca & Natale Palazzi & Deceased Family Members Italia Colasanti Souls in Purgatory Joao Tavares, Guilda & Antonio Aleixo Maria & Gabriel Teves	Friday September 19 th 9:30am Kingsville	Souls in Purgatory George Leferman Living & Deceased Parishioners of our Family of Parishes
Wednesday September 17 th 6:30pm Kingsville	Warren Wilson & Dec. Members of our Family & Friends Larry Everaert, Dan Dumont, Alex DelBrocco Nelly Wolbers, Meghan Morin & Special Intentions of the Morin Family		



For girls in Grades K-6!

CRAFTS, GAMES & ACTIVITIES CENTERED ON VIRTUES & SAINTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

END OF YEAR EVENT & RETREAT

WHEN: 1st Saturdays
October 4th 2025 to
June 6th 2026
9:30am-12pm
WHERE: St. John de Brebeuf,
Kingsville
COST: \$10 per child

REGISTER BY:
SEPTEMBER 25TH



Saint Michael
THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

St. Michael's Parish
"Pasta with the Angels"

Friday, September 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm
29 Elliott Street, Leamington

**Come take a peek into the spiritual world
Fr. Tom is talking Angels, Archangels, and
your very own Guardian Angel
(with time for your questions too!),
followed by a Pasta Dinner.
Goodwill donations Appreciated**

**To register please call St. Michael's church
at 519-326-2643
Or register online at escatholic.ca**

Where EVERYONE is welcome

Celebrating
the month
of the *Holy Rosary*

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X

October is the month of the Rosary. We would like to celebrate in a special way.

For the month of October we will be praying for all students, teachers, and staff to be witnesses of the faith to our young people.

Come and join us on the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, October 1 at 1:00 pm ~ Ecole St. Michael
(33 Sherman Street, Leamington)

Thursday, October 2 at 1:00 pm ~ St. John de Brebeuf School
(43 Spruce Street South, Kingsville)

Wednesday, October 8 at 1:00 pm ~ St. Louis School
(176 Talbot Street East, Leamington)

Thursday, October 9 at 1:00 pm ~ Cardinal Carter Middle School & High School
(120 Ellison Drive, Leamington)



Bring your rosary and meet us at the front doors of the school. At Cardinal Carter we will be praying at the prayer garden located behind the school. We will pray inside if the weather is not cooperating.

Hope to see you there. If you can't be there, we invite you to pray the rosary at home with your family especially throughout the month of October!!



Our church invites you to come out and pray for our students as they begin their school year and to pray for all those who have gone back to school.

We will be especially praying to keep our children safe from harm and for our teachers, school staff, our families and our church to help our children to keep their eyes focused on Jesus.

We pray that Jesus and Mother Mary will place their arms around them protecting them from harm.

Join us on the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, September 10 at 1:00 pm ~ Ecole St. Michel
(33 Sherman Street, Leamington)

Thursday, September 11 at 1:00 pm ~ St. John de Brebeuf School
(43 Spruce Street South, Kingsville)

Wednesday, September 17 at 1:00 pm ~ St. Louis School
(176 Talbot Street East, Leamington)

Thursday, September 18 at 1:00 pm ~ Cardinal Carter Middle School & High School
(120 Ellison Drive, Leamington)



Bring your rosary and meet us at the front doors of the school. The meeting place for Cardinal Carter will be behind the school (back door) at the prayer garden.

We will pray inside if weather is not cooperating.
Hope to see you there!!



Bringing the Fatima experience here.

Our Lady of Fatima promises all the graces necessary for Heaven if a Catholic finishes the Five First Saturdays devotion

With our Bishop's blessing, we invite you to experience a **Fatima Night Under the Stars** in the beauty and peace of one of our area's most cherished Marian Shrines.

This event is inspired by Jessica Hanna, founder of **Blessed_By_Cancer**, whose witness inspired souls worldwide to believe in Christ through Mary.



The First Saturday Requirements necessary to fulfill this Devotion, are included in each evening:

- † Confession.
- † Eucharist.
- † Pray 5 decades of the Rosary.
- † 15 mins of meditative prayer.

Come, bring your family & friends. Let's fill the Shrine with love and prayer

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY
BEGINNING OCTOBER 4TH, 2025

(and continuing on the first Saturday of Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb)

AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON SHRINE

THE LEAMINGTON LEBANESE CLUB

447 Highway 77

Leamington, ON N8H 3W6 Canada

4pm-7pm Confessions + Eucharist*

7pm-8pm Optional Dinner (\$25)

8pm-9pm Candlelight Rosary and Meditation*

*times may change



Jessica Hanna/Hanna
#blessed_by_cancer

Let us know you're coming!

SIGN UP NOW

REGISTER BY EMAIL BEFORE **SEPTEMBER 20th** at **first5saturdays@gmail.com**

Email your NAME, CONTACT INFO, and "YES" or "NO" to DINNER. (Dinner is \$25/person)

Dinner can be prepaid via e-transfer (to the same email address) or you can pay cash at the door.

The registration process is essential to prepare the necessary resources, including Priests, Eucharist, Candles, and Food.

Questions? Call Sharon at 519-996-7155



A Christian Peer Support Group
For Adults Who Have Suffered
The Loss of a Loved One

The passage of grief is painful but you do not need to walk that path alone.

Our Family of Parishes offers a supportive and confidential place where you can explore and understand your grief experience.

The program is offered twice weekly allowing you to attend in the morning or evening.

It is open to all adults who have suffered the loss of a loved one, no matter whether the loss is recent or sometime in the past.

GRIEF SHARE 13-WEEK PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY'S

September 24 to November 27, 2025 & January 7 to January 14, 2026

from 10 am to 12 pm

at St. John de Brebeuf Church, 67 Main Street East, Kingsville

OR

THURSDAY'S

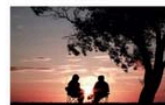
September 25 to November 28, 2025 & January 8 to January 15, 2026

from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

at St. Michael's Church, 29 Elliott Street, Leamington

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

A one day event focusing on how to manage your grief during the holiday season. To be held end of November/early December. Dates and times to follow shortly.



It takes strength to face our sadness and to grieve and to let our grief and anger flow in tears when they need to. It takes strength to talk about our feelings and to reach out for help and comfort when we need it. ~ Fred Rogers

If you have any questions, want to register or would like to learn more about the program, please contact Veronica Costa at 519-324-6796





Blessed Michael McGivney

Holy Mass & Relic Veneration

Tuesday, September 16

St. Michael's Parish, Leamington
 6:30 pm - Holy Mass, with Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
 7:00 pm - Veneration of the Relics of Bl. Michael McGivney
 - Light Reception to follow -

Wednesday, September 17

St. John de Brebeuf, Kingsville
 6:30 pm - Holy Mass, with Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
 7:00 pm - Veneration of the Relics of Bl. Michael McGivney
 - Light Reception to follow -

Thursday, September 18

St. John the Baptist, Amherstburg
 6:30 pm - Holy Mass, with Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
 7:00 pm - Veneration of the Relics of Bl. Michael McGivney



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ADMIT ONE \$40

SEPTEMBER 27TH 2025
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
SUPPER SERVED AT 6:30PM

LIVE MUSIC BY THE MUSIC MEISTERS
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CONTACT TONY
 519-733-3701



St. Michael's Knights Of Columbus



Sandwich Fundraiser

LUNCH OPTIONS-\$12.00

1. Philly Steak
2. Italian Delight
3. Schnitzel on a bun

***ORDERS COME WITH A BOTTLE OF WATER!**

DATE: Oct. 22 (Preorder by Oct.20)

Please order ASAP to help us serve you better.

PICK UP 11am-1:30pm

St. Michael's Church hall

CALL or TEXT: 226-936-1021

Home: 519 398-9619-leave message

Email: la_romana@live.ca

\$12

ST. MICHAEL'S festival weekend



Friday, 6:30 pm at St. Michael's Parish

Pasta with the Angels

- Angels & Archangels talk by Fr. Tom
- Pasta dinner, cash bar
- Cost: Goodwill donation
- Register at esscatholic.ca/smf2025 or call the office at 519-326-2643

Sep 26



Saturday, 6:00 pm at the Roma Club

Dinner & Dance

- Live entertainment: Eclipse Duo
- Cost: \$65 per person
- Purchase tickets by calling Dina at 519-326-0994

Sep 27



Sunday, 12:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish

St. Michael Feast Day

- Holy Mass & Procession (12 pm)
- Festivities at the Roma Club:
 - 2:00 pm - Activities for children
 - 5:00 pm - Dinner (buffet)
 - 6:00 pm - Dancing
 - 8:00 pm - Fireworks

Sep 28



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3 September 2025
Feast of St. Gregory the Great

To: The Clergy and Lay Faithful in the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Land Acknowledgements in the Diocese of London

The Diocese received a formal request from our own Truth and Reconciliation Committee (T&RC) to consider the use of a “Land Acknowledgement” across the Diocese. The request included, among other things, that all Families of Parishes would use the same wording and on the same dates, whether at the celebration of the Eucharist or at meetings. Discussions ensued with various groups to reach a protocol based on what was brought forward by our T&RC.

From the T&RC, we learned that a Land Acknowledgement is not recognizing the legitimacy of land claims nor territorial claims; not meant to create division among parishioners; nor take precedence over the prayers of the Mass. On the positive side, we see that a Land Acknowledgement can be a recognition of the unique, enduring, historical and ancestral relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories; a relationship involving the land, the climate and the creatures upon it. It can be an expression of appreciation to those on whose ancestral territory we reside; and a way of honouring those who have cared for the land from ancient times, not as owners but as good stewards. It reminds us that all are connected to one another, to nature and to the Creator who fashioned us all.

A Land Acknowledgement can also be a means for expressing our desire for peace among all peoples, and a starting point in our efforts to gain a richer and deeper understanding of Indigenous history and culture. It can be an expression of our willingness to overcome the systemic injustices that have occurred in our country, and a clear statement that we wish to know the truth that will ultimately lead to reconciliation.

In light of the above, it is my expectation that Families of Parishes, our diocesan offices, and all groups under the umbrella of the Diocese will observe the following protocol:

1. On the Sundays of or preceding the following dates, a Land Acknowledgement will be read with the words of welcome before all weekend Masses begin; that is, before the opening hymn is announced:
 - i. May 5 – National Day for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls;
 - ii. June 21 – Indigenous Peoples Day;
 - iii. September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day); and
 - iv. December 12 – Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
2. At the first meeting of every commission, committee, council or group of the Diocese, coinciding with the beginning of the “pastoral year” (September to June), a land acknowledgement will be read. This will be done on an annual basis at the same time of the year, after a suitable welcome, but before the opening prayer.

3. The land acknowledgement to be used in all of the above situations will be the same across the Diocese. There are to be no alterations. The following words will be used:

Out of deep respect for those who have cared for these lands since ancient times, and those who guard and care for them still, we are committed to tread lightly on the land, respect water and all living things as gifts of the Creator, and affirm our desire for right relations with all peoples, especially the Indigenous peoples, who share our common home.

It is my intention that this policy come into effect on this day, 3 September 2025, and will remain in effect unless otherwise abrogated by me or one of my successors. Further, it is my intention that this policy will be honoured in all Families of Parishes, our diocesan offices, and all groups under the umbrella of the Diocese of London.

I am grateful for the work of our diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Kathy Furlong, for bringing forward the original proposal for a Land Acknowledgement. I want to recognize particularly the work of this Committee in reaching out to the local Indigenous groups as we seek to be educated about these issues and to make our diocesan contribution, on behalf of the Catholic Church in Canada, through the Annual Truth and Reconciliation Fund collection. The Diocese is committed to contributing \$1.8-million to this fund, which we are collecting over the course of five years.

This important collection, as an expression of our diocesan family's desire to make reconciliation a reality, is helping to fund local initiatives designed by and overseen by Indigenous groups. All of the various initiatives across the country are proposed at the level of each diocese but approved by a national board of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to assure they are in keeping with the standards set out in the agreement between the bishops in Canada and national Indigenous leaders. Each diocese, therefore, supports only local initiatives in union with local Indigenous leaders. Your support of this annual collection is an important step in the whole process of reconciliation. I ask for your generosity in making your donation this year. Together, we can make "truth and reconciliation" a reality in our communities.

I hope that you have found time for some relaxation and vacation over the course of the summer. It is a wonderful time to meet family and friends, to appreciate the gift of our country's natural beauty and to reflect on the goodness of God. May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London

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