

## INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to provide this overview about the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund ("IRF") and the participation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at its September 2021 Plenary meeting announced a nation-wide collective financial commitment in the amount of \$30 million dollars to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. The IRF serves as a tangible expression of the commitment to engage in truth, reconciliation, and healing with Indigenous Peoples and to address the trauma Indigenous Peoples experienced and continue to experience to this day due to the Residential Schools Policy. Each Diocese across Canada has pledged a sum of money to ensure that the national financial commitment will be met. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough was asked and has agreed to pledge the sum of \$400, 000. The funds will be overseen by a local committee comprised of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit ("FNMI") representation and used for these purposes: • Healing and reconciliation for communities and families; • Culture and language revitalization; • Education and community building; and • Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture. These Indigenous Peoples reside within the territorial boundaries of the Diocese: • Hiawatha First Nation • Magnetawan First Nation, Britt/2 P.O. Box 175, Peterborough, ON, Canada, K9J 6Y8; BishopMiehm@peterboroughdiocese.org Page 2 • Alderville First Nation, Roseneath • Wahta Mohawks First Nation, Bala • Moose Deer Point First Nation, Mactier • Henvey Inlet First Nation, Pickerel • Shawanaga First Nation, Nobel • Wasauksing First Nation, Parry Sound • Curve Lake First Nation • Métis Nation of Ontario - Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council • Métis Nation of Ontario - Moon River Métis Council The Diocese is engaging with the Indigenous Peoples residing here and establishing the local IRF Committee to oversee the collection and disbursement of funds in partnership with the national IRF Committee. The Bishop's Appeal in 2022 on July 3rd and 10th will be ear-marked for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund and additionally, there will be two other collections in 2023 allocated for the IRF. The Diocese of Peterborough supports the CCCB effort to promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. With Jesus Christ as our model, the Church stands with those who suffer, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. May God bless our journey toward healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

*Yours in Christ,*

*†Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm Bishop of Peterborough*

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



**St. John the Baptist Church  
Port Severn**

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**Weekend Masses  
Sunday 9 A.M. - Port Severn  
Sunday 11 A.M. - Honey Harbour**

**Weekday Masses  
(See inside bulletin)**

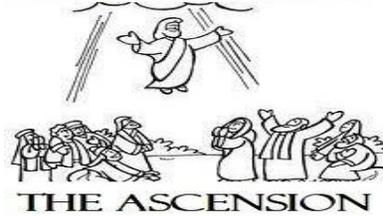
**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses  
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 29, 2022

**Gospel Today, Luke 24:46-53** -Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven while the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

"While he was blessing them, he was carried into heaven."



### COLLECTIONS Last Sunday May 22, 2022



\$1,290 - Regular Sunday Offerings, \$145 – Papal Charities

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK/PRIESTS ANNUAL RETREAT** – We, priests of the diocese of Peterborough, are going for our annual holy retreat on Monday, May 30 until Friday, June 3 at Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. Please keep us in your prayers and the success of the said retreat.

### WEEKEND MASSES (Pentecost Sunday)

Sunday June 5, 9am Mass @ Port Severn – For +Mr. & Mrs. Henry Cadeau by Don & Eileen Cadeau

Sunday June 5, 2022, 11am Mass @ Honey harbour – For people of the parish

**WELCOME BACK SUMMER PARISHIONERS** - On the feast of Christ's Ascension, I rejoice to welcome back our summer parishioners who have been away from Mass because of the pandemic. During this past year, we've missed seeing you and we are excited to welcome you back. Know that your presence always leave a unique mark on the life of our parish. Thank you to all of you who have so generously supported our parish even in the midst of such trying times. At times like these we can appreciate more profoundly the gift of faith and the importance of belonging to a parish family like ours. God bless you always,  
*Fr. Martin*

**SPRING FLING**- St. Mary's Church Victoria Harbour, Saturday June 4, 10-3. Games for kids, bake & craft sale, penny table, used books & lots more!  
Sponsored by St. Mary's CWL.

**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION** – "It is said that by His death and Resurrection, Jesus opened the gates of heaven for all humanity. This is true, and His Ascension demonstrates this to us. Ascension is His proof that those of us who believe in Him in faith and follow Him will also be raised on the last day, and enter into heaven. Jesus Christ currently reigns in heaven. His ascension marks the beginning of the time in which the Church actively communicates the message of Jesus to bring many to faith who will live with Christ for eternity in the place He has prepared for us."

**UKRAINE: THE WAR IS KILLING PEOPLE AND WOUNDING THE EARTH** – "War always does grave harm to the environment and to the cultural riches of peoples", said Pope Francis. It's exactly what is happening in Ukraine as the war continues to wreak death and destruction. Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Office for the Environment says, "War destroys flora and fauna, it destroys housing, threatens health and human life, the well-being of present and future generations. The most serious damage to the environment is caused by the chemical pollution of air, water and soil from bombing, by the use of military equipment, exhaust gases, fuels and lubricants being released into the environment, by the thousands of burned and decommissioned vehicles. The Russian military attacks both military infrastructure and civilian targets, in particular, oil depots and industrial facilities are hit, and this causes fires that, in turn, cause further pollution of the environment. We can see first hand how war destroys not only human lives, but also results in the pain and suffering of all Creation with the many long-term environmental consequences for human life itself and the common good."

**PRIEST BENEFIT FUND** - Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough, On behalf of the retired priests of the Diocese of Peterborough, I thank you for your ongoing generosity to our Priest Benefit Fund. This fund is the principal way that we care for priests who have retired from pastoral assignment either because of age or health concerns. Our senior priests served with dedication for many years and often still substitute in parishes when their health permits. They remain an important part of our Catholic community and your concern for them reflects both this fact and your appreciation for their priestly service. Our Annual Parish Appeal for the Priest Benefit Fund will take place on Sunday, June 12th, and additionally, donations are accepted at parishes or online ([www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org)) any time of the year. Knowing that these are financially challenging times for many people, we are grateful for any contribution you can make to this appeal, which is so important to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Peterborough. On behalf of all our priests – retired, planning for retirement, or still years away from it – I offer you our sincere thanks and our prayers. Yours in Christ, †*Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough*