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LONDON NORTH CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

"Being a mission-oriented Church forming disciples of Jesus"

PARISH BULLETIN: SPECIAL EDITION

GREETINGS IN THE LORD

Dear Friends,

I am honoured and delighted to accept the call to become the Pastor of the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes. I take this responsibility very seriously and recognize that together we will embark on this new reality for the greater glory of God.

I am deeply indebted to our Transition Team who, over the last six months, have prayerfully and diligently taken time to meet, consult, brainstorm and make decisions for this momentous occasion in our history. I appreciate and thank Brian Dunn, Julie Sans, Theresa O'Leary, Keith Rodrigues, Amedeo Awai, Cindy Livingston, Cathryn Hall, Debbie Walsh, Deacon Rudolph Pflanzner, Father Christopher Pietraszko, and Father Sekar Raj. They have been professional, considerate, helpful and full of spiritual wisdom. I will be forever grateful for their hard work and prayerful devotion.

The Family of Parishes model is meant to bring faith communities together to share resources and a variety of gifts, so that we can effectively proclaim the message of Jesus and invite people to a relationship with the Lord. Our 3 communities can better face challenges and hurdles in much the same way as does a strong family; together as one. It might seem overwhelming and difficult to adjust, but much like the early Christian communities, we need to pray and be open to how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in faith and do things differently.

Prayer is absolutely essential to this ongoing process. I humbly ask each parishioner to pray for our Family and its continued growth. Pray for our children and youth that they might heed the Lord's invitation to draw closer to him. Pray for those who have let faith slip amidst the distractions of the world, that Christ may gently lead them back. Pray for those sitting beside you in the pew on Sunday that we might all grow in holiness and deepen our commitment to follow Christ. We all have to embrace change. Change can be frightening and unsettling, but without change there can

be no conversion. We must be open to new things, new methods of evangelization and ways of operating our parishes in the strength of one united family. Change will require patience, time, understanding, hope and flexibility.

"Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome. If we see only the problems, we will be defeated; but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory".

- Warren Wiersbe

As a Family of Parishes, we will embrace this new reality with eager hope. As your pastor, I'm overjoyed that God brought us together. I believe the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes is brimming with potential to make disciples of our neighbours and beyond. Thank you for your prayers and support for me and our dedicated staff.

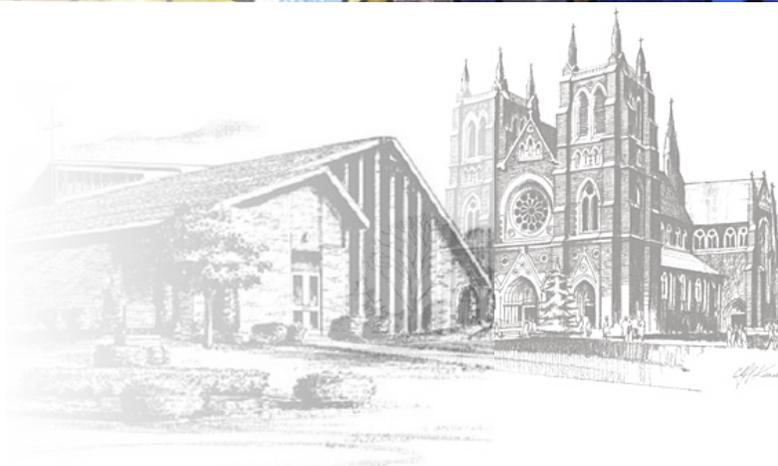
Please know that I have been praying for you and all the families of the church. I humbly ask for your prayers that God would grant me wisdom, patience and a complete dependence on Him to accomplish His purpose for this community. We will evaluate our progress and make adjustments as necessary. There are many pastoral demands and limited resources to meet them all. The parish staff will be required to adjust their job descriptions and in some cases office location changes. The work of *being a mission-oriented Church forming disciples of Jesus* is an ongoing labour of love. I am delighted to be on this exciting mission with you. We will do our best to ensure a smooth transition to this new model of joyfully working together.

In the Shepherd Lord,

Father Daniel Bombardier
Pastor

Who We Are

London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes is comprised of three Catholic Communities: St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Catholic Community; St. Michael's Parish; St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. The term "family" is used because each community has its own unique distinction, and yet is unified with a common mission and purpose. Just as any family has its own unique members, it also has a unity that binds it together. We are **being a mission-oriented Church, forming disciples of Jesus.**



Our Logo



All three communities were considered in the development of this logo. The chain has a dual meaning:

(1) It reminds us of **St. Michael the Archangel** who bound up Satan so that we might have freedom from his malice.

(2) It is also a broken chain which reminds us of the freedom Christ brought to **St. Josephine Bakhita** who was a slave. The chain is connected to the Keys of **St. Peter** which remind us of our unity with our Bishop, and the unity we have as a family of parishes.

We the **London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes** are bound together in a spirit of peace.

Meet our Team

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Meet our Patron Saints

Called by Jesus through our sacraments, we the Church, are to be living signs of Christ's presence in our community, church and homes. We do not celebrate our sacramental life in isolation and every person brings their particular gift to renew the whole community. We embrace the Gospel by believing, preaching, and living in the ordinariness of life. This is exemplified and leads us to imitate our patron saints.



St. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped at nine years of age by slave traders and was treated brutally for years. After she was ransomed and taken to Venice she became a Catholic nun, served joyfully and serenely in a convent, schools and an infirmary until her death in 1949. Hundreds of ordinary people gave witness to her service of comfort, advice and encouragement doing her ordinary tasks of cooking, being a doorkeeper and nurse. Almost immediately following her death she was credited as being directly involved assisting many to receive graces and miracles.

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Parish Pastoral Council

The primary responsibility of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is pastoral planning, which is an ongoing crucial process and is mission-oriented. Pastoral Planning involves discernment, consensus, prioritizing goals and objectives, implementation and evaluation. Working with the Pastor and Pastoral Team, the PPC identifies the needs of the parish and works toward the fulfillment of the mission.

As we move from "transition" to "activation" of our new Family of Parishes, a new PPC will be formed. The expectation of the Transition Team was that the members representing each community would form the basis of the PPC. We will still need more members.

As we seek to discern new members to serve on the PPC, we look for leaders who embody the following qualities: a desire for spiritual growth, an enthusiasm about the future direction of the family, the ability to study, reflect on issues and draw sound conclusions, a willingness to speak honestly and work towards consensus, the ability to inspire and empower others, and the flexibility and openness with people and ideas.

If you feel called to this ministry or if you know others who you feel have the gifts that could contribute to the family in this manner, please contact the parish office at St. Michael's or St. Peter's. 

Meet our Patron Saints continued...



St. Michael's mission calls us to follow his role to wage battle against Satan, to help souls attain salvation and prepare people for their hour of death. The intercession of St. Michael is powerful because he dwells in heaven so closely united to God and is sent to be our protector and guide.

St. Peter is often understood as being impulsive, jumping out of boats, challenging Jesus, drawing a sword and cutting off an ear and yet Jesus chose him to be the Rock on which our church is built. As such, St. Peter was our first pope and his ministry was conferred directly by Jesus. Peter also showed a creative energy as the unofficial leader of the

Our Prayer

Holy God, as we the community of the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes gather in your name, help us to be people of vision. Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us, to help us move boldly into our Family of Parishes with confidence.

Three communities strengthening one another through shared prayer and gifts.

Though we may at times have differing views, grant us the grace to hear one another with respect, a spirit of charity and fullness of hope. Give us the gifts of wisdom and understanding, so that all of our efforts arise out of the desire to do your will and to serve your people.

Led by compassion and truth, may we ultimately be guided by one goal, together with one voice.

Give us the grace to draw our hearts to one another and respond to the gift of your spirit.

Uniting as a mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus, we ask you to grant that our Family of Parishes, praying with Mary the mother of Jesus and guided by St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Michael and St. Peter, may increase the reign of the Divine Saviour.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

disciples and at Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, he boldly proclaimed the Kingdom of God. His mission and ours was outlined, "Feed my lambs, look after my sheep, feed my sheep."

Being a mission oriented family of parishes means we are committing to the mission of Jesus in unity before the needs of individual parishes. We will complete the tasks of the mission to form disciples of Jesus. There will be obstacles and we will continue in faith and the strength of the Holy Spirit by disciplining ourselves and working together as a family team. 



Dorothy Solomon

Our Mass Times

Weekdays

St. Michael's Parish: Tuesday–Friday: 8:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica: Tuesday–Friday: Noon

Weekends

St. Michael's Parish:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

St. Josephine Bakhita:

4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 p.m. (St. Michael's)

Livestreamed Mass: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m., St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica



Looking Ahead

Over the past 6 months much work has been done in areas of communications, personnel, mass schedule, and assessing offices, facilities and resources. Thank you to the Transition Team who has guided us through the process to date. Much of the work has been completed, much more work still needs to be done.

Over the summer, the Transition Team will continue to meet as we discern the future direction of the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes. Any updates will be communicated via the website, social media, and special bulletin. Stay tuned!

St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Michael, St. Peter...
Pray for us.



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