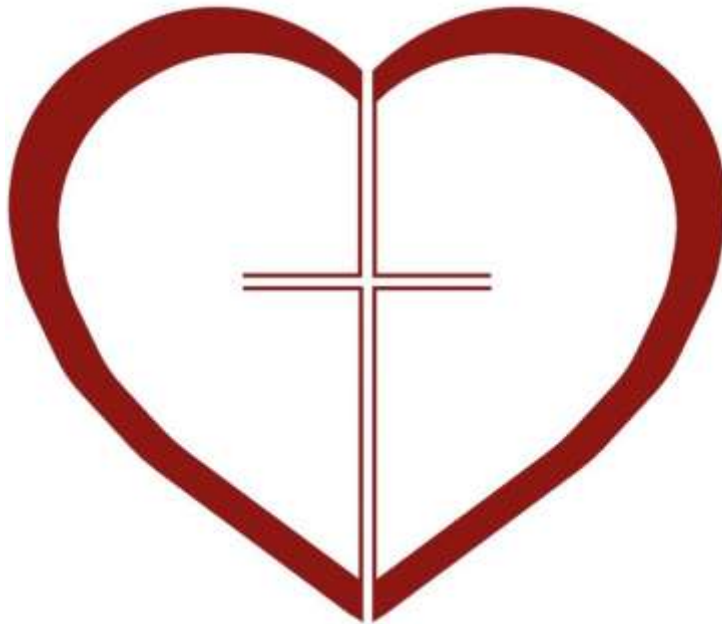


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Deanery News and Announcements

REMINDER: DEANERY COUNCIL MEETS ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 17th at the Church of the Epiphany starting with Coffee at 9:30.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS: There have been some additions to the "Lift Up Your Hearts" resources - info re music, daily devotions for adults, a Q&A sheet. Have a look on our website: <http://dioceseofalgoma.com>

YOU'RE INVITED: to a conversation about a new monastic initiative for women offered by the Sisters of St. John the Divine. Please come, and share this invitation with other women. Date: Saturday, Oct. 17th Time: 3:30 pm Location: The Fielding Memorial Chapel of St. Mark at Thorneloe University. Presenters: Sr. Connie and Sr. Louise of the Anglican Sisters of St. John in Toronto. For more information: www.ssjdcompanions.org

YOUTH ALPHA: Do you have questions about Christian faith? Are you 13-24? Do you know someone who has questions and falls in that age group? Rev. Jeff Hooper and Cora Felbel will host a six week Youth Alpha Course, beginning Sunday October 18, at 6:30pm at the Ascension. Supper will be provided.

Would you like to help organize? Help contribute to the evening meal for Youth ALPHA? Please contact Rev Anne at cagermond@bell.net.

DID YOU KNOW: That members of your Deanery Executive are here to help with various tasks? These tasks range from building inspections, liturgical items, administrative items, building/construction projects etc. The second position we'll focus on is that of Lay Steward.

There are two Lay Stewards in each Deanery. Our Lay Stewards are Gilles Tessier (Epiphany) and Tom Linck (Lively).

As taken from the Diocesan Canons, you can see that the qualifications and duties of Lay Stewards are varied:

Qualifications of Lay Stewards: 4. a) A Lay Steward shall: 1. be a communicant of at least one year's standing; 2. be at least eighteen years of age; 3. reside in the deanery being served; 4. not hold the Bishop's licence as a deacon or priest; 5. at the time of election, be an elected delegate to the forthcoming Diocesan Synod.

b) Lay Stewards, once elected, continue as members of Deanery Council, the Executive Committee and synod throughout their term of office. (Amended, 1995, 1999).

c) No person shall hold the office of Lay Steward for more than 4 consecutive synods. In the case where a person has been elected to replace a Lay Steward who has vacated the office (Canon F-1: Section 9), the partial term served will not count towards the four consecutive regular synods. (Adopted 2013) responsible to Bishop: 5. The Deanery Officials shall be jointly responsible to the Bishop through the Territorial Archdeacon for the Deanery. (New 1973; Amended 1999).

Duties of Deanery Officials:

6. a) The Deanery Officials shall visit each parish in the deanery, at least once in each year, if possible, to confer with the clergy, churchwardens and other officers of the church.

b) On such visits the Deanery Officials shall: (i) examine the condition of the churches, rectories and other church buildings; (ii) inquire as to their insurance; (iii) inspect the burial grounds and buildings; (iv) note all additions, alterations, decays and dilapidations that have occurred; and (v) determine the amount of debt and what steps are being taken for its liquidation. (Amended 1973).

c) In addition the Deanery Officials shall inquire as to: (i) the value and condition of any endowments, in land or otherwise; (ii) the amount of stipend which is contributed annually to each incumbent by the congregation, with any other help given (eg. the supplying of fuel, water, electricity, telephone, etc.); (iii) whether the stipend is regularly paid, and if not, to what extent it is not paid and why it is in arrears; (iv) in the case of assisted parishes, whether any increase in the amount contributed by the parish is possible.

d) The Deanery Officials shall further: (i) inquire as to parish registers and other service books, and whether they are properly kept; (ii) obtain an inventory of all parochial property at the time of the visit; (iii) inquire whether the churches are supplied with all necessary altar furnishings and whether the requirements of Canon I-3, sub-sections 2(p) & (q), are met.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA FACEBOOK PAGE: The Primate addresses the leaders of Canada's five largest political parties. Outlining some of the major issues facing Canada and its most vulnerable residents, the Primate encourages each leader to listen to all they encounter on the campaign trail and offers his prayers.

View the message [here](#)

READINGS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

The readings assigned for this week for "Lift Up Your Hearts" are as follows:

Deut. 4.32-40

Psalm 100

Romans 8.31-39

John 3.1-17

The Revised Common Lectionary readings (Taken from <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>) are: [Proper 23 \(28\) \(October 11, 2015\)](#)

- First reading and Psalm
 - Job 23:1-9, 16-17
 - Psalm 22:1-15
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
 - Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
 - Psalm 90:12-17

- Second reading
 - Hebrews 4:12-16
- Gospel
 - Mark 10:17-31