

## 2017-02-16 - Letter of Gratitude from +Anne

Dear Ascension friends - even as I eagerly anticipate worshipping with you on **Sunday** morning I wanted to express my sincere thanks for your prayerful presence (in person or livestream) on **Saturday** morning at the consecration. As I entered St. Luke's Cathedral a sense of deep peace overcame me, and when I saw familiar faces in the assembly it just felt as if I was there amongst family and friends. The whole experience and service was Spirit filled and I pray that you came away with peace, love and joy in your hearts. Thank you to Joanie for making the livestream at the Ascension possible for those who were unable to travel to the Sault. And thank you to those who did travel for going through such horrid weather.

In an email to me a few days prior to the consecration a parishioner from one of our parishes suggested that I 'snapshot' a few moments during the service; that I treasure them in my heart and give thanks for them in the days following the service. There were so many of those moments, but the one that stands out is kneeling before the Archbishop believing that God has called me to this high office and accepting the call with grace. I pray that God will give me the strength to carry out the work that is before me and I am excited to begin it.

Thank you for the mitre! It takes a bit of getting used to, as all new things do, but it is so beautiful and wonderful to have knowing it came from all of you.

As I move forward in my new role know that you remain uppermost in my thoughts and prayers as you move forward in your various ministries. Yesterday afternoon I attended an Open House to welcome three new Syrian families to Sault Ste. Marie who are all enjoying life in Canada and settling in well. I imagined the Ascension doing something similar sometime this year. I hope to walk in downtown Sault on The Coldest Night of the Year, and know that this is something you support too. May our Lord continue to guide and direct you in all your doings which are begun in Him.

With gratitude in my heart. Blessings to you all.  
I remain yours in Christ,  
+Anne



