



Upcoming League Events

January 15, 2023

We will be gather after Mass at 10:30 am in the auditorium to complete our membership posters and finalize our membership drive plans. Please remember to bring your ideas, your scissors and a smile!

January 21/22, 2023

This is Our Membership Weekend and Years of Service Pins Presentations Event! Our League members will also be filling the ministry positions at the Masses at 5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please contact Joan Joubert if you can assist with any of these at: 622-4754 or joubertj@tbaytel.net.

January 29, 2023

We will gather following the 10:30 am Mass. Linda from the "Dew Drop Inn" will be joining us to speak about possible opportunities to help. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Dew Drop Inn. We will gather to listen, learn and then create a plan for action. All parishioners are welcome!

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Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis.

Q. Father Dan Lapolla, who died recently in California was our Pastor at St. Dominic's Parish in Thunder Bay for many years. Why did our Bishop transfer him outside of our Diocese and why was his funeral not held in our Cathedral? d.t.

A. It is a popular misconception that Bishop Colli transferred Father Lapolla, c.s. The truth is that the Bishop did not move him out of our Diocese but Father Dan's Religious Superior did! Let me explain.

Father's ministry at St. Dominic's began in 1981. He first served there as Associate Pastor together with Father Rizzi from 1981 to 1985, then as Pastor from 1997 to 2018 and most recently, as part of the Parish Clergy team from 2018 to 2022, before his departure for California.

"Diocesan" vs. "Religious" Priests

We know that most of the priests who minister in our Parishes are ordained for the Diocese of Thunder Bay and are transferred from time to time by our Bishop to Parishes within our Diocesan Boundaries

in Northwestern Ontario. However, some of the priests who minister to our people here are members of Religious Orders or Congregations. They are loaned to our Diocese on a temporary basis to minister in some of our Parishes, at the request of the Bishop, when there is a need. Father Lapolla and many of the Pastors who once served at the Parishes of St. Dominic and St. Anthony were not Priests of our Diocese but were members of a Religious Order known as the 'Scalabrinian Congregation'. Their "Provincial Superior" who lives in Chicago. This is why the



initials, 'c.s.' appear after his name, They stand for (*in Latin*), 'Congregatio Scalabriniana' (Scalabrinians) Who are the Scalabrinians?

They were founded in Italy in 1887 by a Bishop, now Saint, named John Scalabrini, to "maintain Catholic faith and practice among Italian immigrants in the New World." Today, though, they continue to minister to all seafarers, migrants, refugees and displaced persons of all cultures throughout the whole world.

Why a Transfer to California?

With all this foundational background explained, you will now understand that it was the Superior of Father Dan's Order, to whom he vowed his obedience, when he was ordained, who transferred him. He was asked to move to one of the retirement homes of the Scalabrini community in California to ensure that he would receive the best care and medical assistance that Father Dan needed due to his failing health.

Father's Funeral Mass

Again, by order of his Religious Superior his Funeral was not held in our Cathedral but elsewhere, celebrated by his brother Scalabrinians. To show our Diocese's love and gratitude to him for his good work among us, Bishop Colli and many of our Diocesan Priests concelebrated a special Memorial Mass at St. Dominic's Church last Thursday, January 12th.