

ST. PAUL  
THE  
APOSTLE

*"For when I am weak,  
then, I am strong  
(2 Cor. 12)*

July 7, 2024 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Tues., July 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*St. Augustine the Martyr*)  
 Wed., July 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Weekday Mass  
 Thurs., July 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Solemn Mass of St. Benedict  
 + Blessing of St. Benedict Medals/Rel. Articles  
 Fri., July 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Weekday Mass  
 Sat., July 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm VIGIL: 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 Sun., July 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Bishop Colli's Farewell Mass with the  
 Presentation of Diocesan Awards for the  
 Parishioners in City Parishes



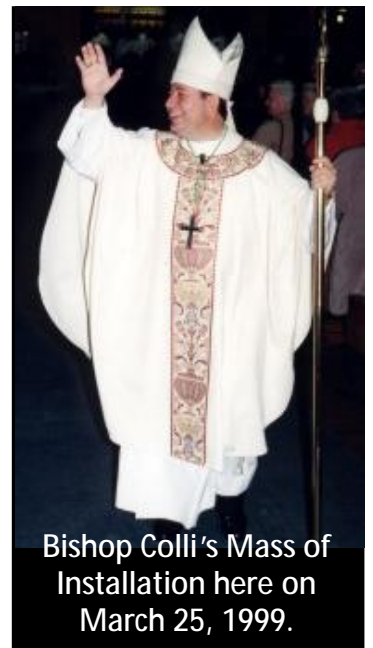
**BISHOP COLLI'S FAREWELL  
MASS AND DIOCESAN  
AWARDS DAY**



Bishop's Schedule  
 JULY 14, 2024  
 FINAL CATHEDRAL MASS

As we know, on June 17, 2024, Pope Francis accepted the retirement of Bishop Colli as the Bishop of Thunder Bay. in accordance with the universal 75 year age limit for all Bishops in Church law.

To celebrate the Bishop's 25 years of faithful service to our Diocese and to our Parish, all are welcome to attend his farewell Mass of Thanksgiving in our Cathedral next Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10:30 am. Diocesan awards to thank the volunteer work of parishioners in our many City Parishes will also be distributed during this special Mass. A farewell reception will follow in our Cathedral Auditorium and then a formal reception will be held in his honour at the Pastoral Centre from 2 pm to 5 pm.



Bishop Colli's Mass of Installation here on March 25, 1999.

**MASS OF BLESSING OF THE MEDALS OF  
ST. BENEDICT & RELIGIOUS ARTICLES**



Next Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Church around the world celebrates the Feastday of St. Benedict, the Founder of Western Monasticism.



Our 9:00 am Mass on that day will include the blessing of St. Benedict Medals and other Religious articles.

Catholics have traditionally worn these medals, devoutly trusting in the redeeming power of the Cross of Christ and the prayers of St. Benedict against the forces of evil in our world.

+++ ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND +++

**DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

Last Sunday's Collection ..... \$ 4,444.55  
 On-Line Donations ..... 270.00  
 Seminary Collection (*more*)..... 40.00  
 Votive Candles ..... 30.00  
 St. Anthony Poor Fund ..... 13.70

*Thank-you for your weekly support!*

**"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK**

Net Parish Share of 50/50 Raffle Draw ..... \$ 2,316.00  
 Free Will and On-line Donations ..... 160.00  
 Renovations Collection (*partial*)..... 390.00  
 In Honour of **St. John Paul II Graduation** ... 150.00  
 In Memory of **Paula Sacchetti**..... 200.00



Donation Totals this Week ..... \$ 3,216.00

**TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE**

\*\*\* \$ 1,108,639.00 \*\*\*





**OUR NEWEST PROVINCIAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT**



At their Provincial Convention being held in Sudbury this weekend, our own parishioner, **Colleen Martin** will become the newest Ontario League President for a two year term. **CONGRATULATIONS, COLLEEN, WE ARE ALL PROUD OF YOU!**



Our team has planned to offer this free program this fall, beginning in October. Participation in the Group is open to adults who have lost a loved one to death in the last two years. Those interested in participating are asked to please contact our Parish Office at 807-622-5389 to leave their name and contact information for registration.

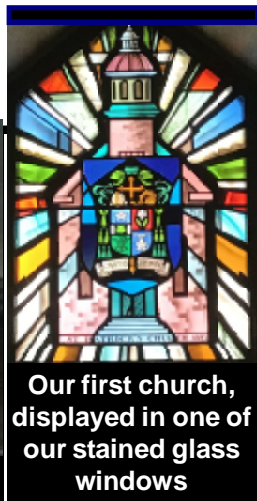
As Bishop Colli prepares to commence his years of retirement, I wish to continue with this series of pertinent articles to review matters that concern our Bishop, now, "emeritus", our Diocese and our Cathedral.

A. Bishop Colli's farewell Mass next Sunday will be celebrated in thanksgiving for his 25 years of faithful service to our People and for the future wellbeing of our Cathedral

and our Diocesan Communities of Faith. In anticipation of next week's special event, I have listed, in this first section, some highlights of our Diocesan and



Bishop Jennings



Our first church, displayed in one of our stained glass windows



Bishop Colli

Our Five Bishops ~ Bishop E. Q. Jennings (1952-69) was named our first Bishop in 1952. He was installed in our original church which was built in 1893, and which had just been designated, our first Cathedral.

Our other Bishops were: ~ Bishop Gallagher (1970-75), ~ Bishop O'Mara (1976-94) and, ... ~ Bishop Henry (1995-98).

~ Then, on March 25, 1999, our longest serving and 5<sup>th</sup> bishop, Most Rev. Fred Colli was installed in our Cathedral with a large number of clergy and laity from many denominations in attendance at the Mass.

- Today, the Diocese serves over 73,000 Catholics, in 42 parishes in an area of 222,000 sq. kms.
- Our Cathedral Parish now serves approximately 1,200 families.

**Brief Historical Highlights**

Established in 1952, the then Diocese of Fort William was formed by the joining of the eastern portion of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, with the northwestern section of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. In 1970, it was renamed, Thunder Bay.

**BISHOP COLLI'S EPISCOPAL COAT OF ARMS & MOTTO**

A bishop's Coat of Arms is a symbolic representation of his office, his family name and background and, his personal goal for ministry. Bishop Colli's crest, which has been displayed on the back of the



Bishop's Chair since 1999, is divided in two. The upper half contains a 'peace dove' which represents both the St. Catharines Diocese, where he was born and his name, 'Frederick'

(or: *peaceful ruler*). The lily represents the Mary and, his motto, 'Holy is His (God's) Name', are words taken from Mary's Prayer, 'The Magnificat', found in Luke's Gospel. The red cross reminds us

that a bishop is the servant of Christ and the 3 hills at the bottom of the crest represent the Bishop's surname, since the Italian word for, 'hills' is 'colli'.