



the **DIocese**
of **WESTERN**
newfoundland

The Reverend Mickton Phiri,
Diocesan Administrator

14 July 2026

Re: Diocesan 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

To the Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of our Diocese as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland. We give thanks to Almighty God for five decades of faithful witness, ministry, and mission.

I am pleased to share that our diocesan 50th anniversary celebrations will take place on Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25, 2026. Clergy and parish representatives from across the diocese, together with our ecumenical and community partners, and friends of the diocese, will gather for a day of fellowship, reflection, thanksgiving, and celebration. Our celebrations will culminate on Sunday, October 25, with a Diocesan Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

These celebrations will provide an opportunity for us to come together as one diocesan family, giving thanks for the past fifty years, reflecting on God's abiding faithfulness, and renewing our commitment to Christ's mission in this place and time. Further details regarding the diocesan celebrations will be shared in the coming weeks.

Parishes and congregations across the diocese are encouraged to mark this important milestone through local celebrations and acts of thanksgiving, especially between October 18 and 23. These may include special liturgies, historical displays, fellowship gatherings, outreach initiatives, or other appropriate events.

As we prepare for this joyful occasion, let us remember the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit as we journey together in faith. May this season of celebration be one of thanksgiving, renewal, and hope.

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. " (Psalm 118:23.)

Faithfully yours,

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