



The Office of the Metropolitan of Ontario The Anglican Church of Canada

The Most Reverend Anne Germond
Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

Thursday 5th March, 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

Your prayers are requested for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ottawa as they prepare to elect a new bishop on Saturday 14th March to lead them in their efforts to enable people to know Jesus Christ, to live and share the Good News, to grow in faith and to serve God's world.

Lay and clergy delegates from across the diocese will gather at Christ Church Cathedral in the morning for registration and a celebration of Holy Eucharist prior to the start of the episcopal election. I will chair this synod as Metropolitan for the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

Please uphold in prayer the candidates for Bishop of Ottawa:

The Venerable Christopher Ian Dunn
The Venerable Dr. Peter John Hobbs
The Venerable Brian Kauk
The Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley
The Very Reverend Shane Alexander Donaldson Parker
The Reverend Mark William Glenn Whittall

May God grant to the delegates and candidates all the gifts of wisdom and discernment they will need as they undertake this holy work in the Church, and I invite your prayers...

Gracious and loving God, we pray that you will call among us as our bishop a person of prayer, a faithful disciple, a compassionate pastor, a chief shepherd of your own choosing; who will guide the people of this Diocese of Ottawa as they share the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bless those who will elect Ottawa's new bishop with gifts of discernment and understanding, so that they will have the wisdom to recognize whom you are sending.

In this time of transition, keep us all steadfast in faith and united in love, trusting in the promises of your Kingdom. Fill our hearts and minds with your grace and favour that our words and actions embody the Story we proclaim. We ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

My thanks to the Election Committee, co-chaired by Kim Chadsey and Canon Doug Richards, for all their work to prepare for this important day in the life of the Diocese of Ottawa and our Church.

I remain yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Algoma and Moosonee
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