

June 10, 2022

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Anne Parish Community,

God has been good to us! This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Anne Parish! We are overjoyed to celebrate this momentous occasion and honour our legacy. We are ever grateful to the founders of the parish and those who have supported parish life to the present time.

We invite you and your family and friends to share in our excitement and celebrate with us in any way that you are able. Here are some of the ways you can join in celebrating our Anniversary year.

- You may pray for our ongoing growth and development. Enclosed is our *St. Anne 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer* of thanksgiving. We are reciting this prayer following Communion at each of our Masses for the remainder of the year.
- You may wish to celebrate with us at a special *60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass* held Sunday October 2 at 4 pm. Archbishop Don Bolen will be presiding along with other con-celebrants.
- You are invited to a *Celebration Banquet* and short program at 5:30 pm following the **Celebration of Holy Mass** on October 2. Banquet tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children.
- You are invited to contribute photos for our *Living Wall of Photos* which is featured in the foyer. Bring photos (to mass or mail to the office) of yourself/family/parishioners engaged in St. Anne Parish life over the past 60 years. (e.g., sacraments, social engagements in the hall). The parish will receive photos from May 1 September 1. Please include your name on the back of the photo so they may be returned. Join in the fun by adding to our historical storyline as we recall our transformation over the years.
- You are invited to pray for and add names of deceased parishioners to a **60**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Book of Remembrance** which is located in the welcoming area of the church.
- You are invited to leave a legacy to St. Anne Parish by contributing to our *Tree of Life 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign* (please see brochure for details), which features a permanent installation with commemorative name plates. Through this initiative, parishioners/friends can donate (e.g., as a donor individual, family, or group, in memory of or in honour of a loved one or founding member(s), celebrating accomplishments of people associated with the church). This fundraiser will support the St. Anne Raise the Roof initiative (Buildings and Grounds) with a target of raising \$60,000 for 60 years of blessings! Celebrating 60 years comes with the reality of maintaining our beautiful infrastructure for years to come. Engraved plates will be created for donations of \$500 or more (see enclosed pamphlet).

There are three levels of giving. Each level will be represented on the Tree of Life by leaf colours (e.g., copper \$500 to \$749; silver \$750 to \$999; gold \$1000 to 1999; platinum \$2000 +). We also welcome and recognize donations of \$60 or more which may be used toward supporting the celebration/church or sponsoring tickets for families or those less fortunate.

Enclosed we share a copy of the **St. Anne 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer** as well as a **Save the Date Bookmark** to spread the News of the celebration to be held October 2, 2022. In addition, we are excited to announce that the choir will help celebrate by leading us in singing a special St. Anne 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn! We are grateful for so many blessings.

We celebrate our Parish of St. Anne, *known for stepping up in times of need whether for our neighbours, refugee families, archdiocesan charities, or parish projects and activities*. We are driven by our mission to be a caring faith community, coming together to celebrate God's love and truth through the sacraments. Through the leadership of our Pastors, Pastoral and Finance Councils and in collaboration with the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus, our Good Neighbour Project, our Parish Youth and other groups such as Conquest Boys Club we help to make Christ present to others through loving service. We are "small but mighty"!

Feel free to contact us and join in the fun of preparing for the celebration. Whether you would like more information, answers to some questions or especially passing on names and contact information of former parishioners/ friends of St. Anne's we want to hear from you!

With deep appreciation for your support of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Louise Tessier & Denise Nelson Co-convenors, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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