

Intercessory Prayer Network

Prayer Intentions for October 2021



Pastoral Plan Priority #1 – [Draw people into deepening intimacy with Our Lord](#)

Pastoral Plan Priority #2 – [Make every Sunday Matter](#)

Pastoral Plan Priority #3 – [“Embrace Your Priesthood” – Discerning God’s Call to each person](#)

Pastoral Plan Priority #4 – [Build and Support Family and Community](#)

Pastoral Plan Priority #5 - [Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord](#)

Pastoral Plan Priority #6 – [Move from Maintenance to Mission](#)

Prayer for our diocese as we embark on the Bishop’s Annual Appeal

The 2021 Bishop’s Annual Appeal will be launched in our diocese Oct. 17, funding ministries and services across our diocese, in parishes and beyond. The theme of this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal is “God is doing new things” – Isaiah 43:19.

Father, Creator God, we praise You for Your creative spirit moving our diocese and parishes forward as a community of believers. You are inspiring us, calling us to see that You are doing something new. You are making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. As we focus on You, strengthen our spirits.

Your Love has chosen to lead our path to a new place. Open our hearts, so our sharing of what you gave us will reflect our love for You. Help us to live boldly in the spirit of abundance, faith, reconciliation and service.

With Your wisdom and guidance, we accept the challenge to grow and expand Your ministry. May we run the course with joy, faith and a deeper understanding of the vision You have set before us. Amen



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Transform Conference: Empowering Missionary Disciples

Adult Faith in our diocese – The Transform Conference Oct. 22 and Oct. 23, 2021 is a diocesan event designed to inspire people to share their faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to take the mission back to their parish. Find more information online at: <https://rcdos.ca/transform-2021/>

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask You to send forth Your Holy Spirit to inspire all the baptized to take up Your call to follow You as missionary disciples. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will help every Catholic to grow in confidence and commitment to proclaim the Gospel and witness to You in our world. Amen.





*Pastoral Plan Priority #5 - [Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord](#)
Pastoral Plan Priority #4 - [Build and Support Family and Community](#)*

Palliative Care and Moral Distress – Fall Congress

The diocesan Fall Congress Series: “Be the Light” continues on Tuesday, Oct. 26 with an important and timely presentation on Palliative Care and Moral Distress in an era of medically-provided euthanasia / assisted suicide. Find more information online at: <https://rcdos.ca/fall-congress-series/>

[Excerpts of prayer for 2020 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day from the Catholic Health Association of the United States: [LINK](#)]

God of all comfort, be with those who are sick and suffering. May they receive the medical, spiritual and psychological care they need; may they be supported in love by their family and friends and caregivers, enabled to live well...

God of all companionship, be with those who care for others in their infirmity. Strengthen them with the graces of patience, love, joy and peace. Surround them with communities of care...

God of all people, move in our hearts that we may affirm the value of all human life through our action and advocacy on behalf of those who suffer. Open our eyes to see you in the faces of those affected by serious illness that we may care for them as we would care for you....

God of life and death, you became human, accompanied us and shared our joy and know our pain. Be with those who suffer physically, mentally or emotionally. Give us the courage and grace to draw near to those who suffer, offering our support, care and loving presence. May our solidarity and witness affirm the beauty and value of each human life. Amen.

