

# Perth Huron Crossroads Catholic Family of Parishes

Dear friends in Christ,

I trust this message finds you well and at peace. These past few months have been so unusual. For most clergy, we have been at home, not in our churches. There are still people working from home. I do not know when this experience of isolation will end. Moving forward, we will all need to be at our best to begin anew that we hope, God willing, is coming soon.

I am happy to share this announcement from Bishop Fabbro that we are now officially Perth-Huron Crossroads Catholic Family of Parishes effective September 1, 2020. We have been preparing for this for several years now.

I thank Bishop Fabbro for placing his trust and confidence in myself as he appoints me as your new pastor. I am very happy with my new appointment and I look forward to meeting you and your families as we begin to work, pray and journey together.

At this point, I only ask of two important things:

Firstly, that we thank God for the years that Father Ben and many other priests who served here in our parishes. May God bless them as they continue to serve the people of God in the Diocese of London.

Secondly, I ask that you pray for me, your new pastor and Fr. Ronnie Tagnines our new Associate Pastor. Change and transition is not always easy. However, I believe, that when you pray for us and we pray for you, together we can make a difference in building up the Body of Christ. I have asked Fr. Ronnie to reside in Kinkora rectory as we could not provide him, at this time, a suitable accommodation at the rectory in Seaforth.

A big thank you to our Transition Team for their hard work, time and talent, their advice and assistance they provided. I thank you all for your patience and especially to all the volunteers for the committed support during COVID-19. They have been amazing. God bless you all. It is already been a year, since I started in the parishes here and I have enjoyed very much serving you all. As we begin this new assignment, we look forward to working with you as we seek to grow together in Christ in a future full of hope.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught our parishes that worship and ministry can continue in new ways. Praise God that we are finally slowly coming back to our normal life. I am not sure, to be honest, what this new norm is going to look like. But let us make the best of the time we got to be back to worship together in person with our parish family accepting the invitation of Jesus himself in this time, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Mt. 11:28

Father Philip Joseph  
Pastor