



DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

From the Archbishop

4th Sunday in Lent

March 30th, 2025

Dear people of God at St. Paul's,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all as we continue our Lenten journey of penitence and prayer, fasting and sacrifice, and growing more and more into the likeness of Christ. Today's epistle reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians contains your motto: "So we are ambassadors for Christ." (2 Cor. 5.20) I give thanks for the many ways in which you embody these words in your mission and ministry within the walls of your church, and beyond.

I write to share with you the good news that following a robust concurrence process I have appointed Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans to be your new incumbent, effective September 1st, 2025.

This appointment is made with the concurrence of all the members of the committee and the support of the parish wardens. I am very grateful for the Concurrence Committee's dedicated and faithful work over the last year, as well as to all of you for your patience in waiting for the process to unfold.

Dean is a postulant for ordination in the Diocese of Algoma and is presently serving on placement at St. Thomas's Anglican Church in Bracebridge, Muskoka. He is also the Rector's warden at St. James Anglican Church, Orillia. During the summer of 2024 Dean was the summer student minister at St. Christopher's Anglican Church, McGregor Bay.

God-willing, Dean will be ordained to the sacred order of deacons at the celebration of Holy Eucharist at the beginning of our Diocesan Synod on May 7th this year with Archdeacon Deborah Kraft preaching.

Of course, Dean is no stranger to St. Paul's having served as your Director of Music between 2010 and 2014. He has a special affection for St. Paul's where he has '*witnessed a deep commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through strong connection to the surrounding neighbourhood and the diverse members of the community at large*'. He is looking forward to supporting the many volunteer ministries at St. Paul's and to continue building relationships with indigenous siblings in the parish through active listening, compassion, empathy, and the promotion of mutual exchange fostered by a common faith.

Dean holds a Doctor of Music (2008) from McGill University. He is committed to ongoing theological education and formation and will be spending time in Cambridge, UK next spring undertaking further studies.

From 2017 to 2022 Dean served as the Principal at Lakehead University Orillia Campus and is currently the Executive Lead for Lakehead University at the Georgian Campus.

Most special thanks are offered to the Rev. Gordon Holroyd and the Rev. Nancy Ringham for their caring leadership in the parish over the last year in leading services of worship and other pastoral ministry, to Deacon Anne Carr for her ongoing pastoral care and support of parishioners, and to the diocesan and parochial lay readers who offered their ministry of preaching and liturgical leadership. Thanks are also due to the devoted wardens and lay leaders whose faithfulness and dedication have ensured the smooth running of the parish on a day-to-day basis. Thanks also to Archdeacon Deborah for her oversight and guidance.

I invite your prayers for Dean as he prepares to move from Orillia to Thunder Bay over the summer months to assume the incumbency at St. Paul's. Let us also pray for one reminded that in Christ we are a 'new creation'. May we continue to be a people who bear a word of hope to those close and those far away.

I remain yours in the joy of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Germond". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom of the page.