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THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE *Anglican Church of Canada*

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May the grace and peace of the Risen and Ascended Christ be with you all.

This is a general information letter with diocesan news updates for you to share.

The Provincial Government 3 Step "Roadmap":

This week I wrote to the clergy and church wardens to share what we know about the Provincial Government 3 step "Roadmap" towards the re-opening of Saskatchewan, and to encourage conversation with vestries to determine their particular church begin to discuss their particular staged re-opening plans. The Government plan begins with Step 1 on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30th. As the Re-opening Roadmap is based on vaccination levels in Saskatchewan, I encourage everyone to receive their vaccination as soon as possible. General guidelines for 2nd vaccinations have recently been published, so please watch for news updates. As a general guide, the 2nd vaccinations will occur 13 weeks after your first vaccination.

In Step 1 of the Roadmap, May 30th, places of worship may return to an in-person limit of 30% capacity, to a maximum of 150 persons (whichever is the least). Physical distancing, recording attendance, the full wearing of masks, and following other diocesan guidelines will still be required. The Faith Leaders Working Group will meet with the Covid 19 Response Team next week to assess the further lifting of restrictions for places of worship in Steps 2 and 3.

Step One <u>May 30th</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three weeks have passed since 70 per cent of people age 40 and above have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.• Vaccine eligibility open to all adults (18+) province-wide.	65% of 40+
Step Two <u>June 20?</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three weeks have passed since 70 per cent of people age 30 have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.• Three weeks have passed since the beginning of Step One.	53% of 30+
Step Three <u>July 11?</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three weeks have passed since 70 per cent of people age 18 and above have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.• Three weeks have passed since the beginning of Step Two.	44% of 18+

The above dates in red are estimates only. Three weeks is used as a buffer between the threshold and the easing of public health measures, as it is the length of time it takes for an individual to achieve the necessary immune response to a dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Provincial hospitalization rates will continue to be monitored throughout the re-opening. If acute care pressures require, a re-opening step may be paused to respond to COVID-transmission trends at regional or provincial levels. All current public health orders will remain in place until reviewed as part of implementing each Step.

General COVID-19 Information:

General public inquiries may be directed to COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca. or www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/about-covid-19/know-your-risk. For more information, contact: Julie Leggott Executive Council and Office of the Premier Regina. Phone: 306-787-9619. Email: julie.leggott@gov.sk.ca or contact Health Regina Phone: 306-787-4083 Email: media@health.gov.sk.ca

Important dates:

The above news, together with the lifting of travel restrictions, in and around, Regina means that the planned ordinations, confirmations and other events can now proceed as planned.

May 22 nd	St Andrew Trinity Rosetown Mr. Jesse Miller and Mr. Brody Albers, will be ordained deacon.
May 23 rd .	Feast of Pentecost. Bishop at the Cathedral
May 29 th	Diocesan Council meets via ZOOM.
May 30 th	Holy Trinity Yorkton the Revd Luanne Hrywkiw will be ordained priest.
June 6 th	All Saints, Melville Confirmations.
June 12 th	The Revd. Alex Campbell will be ordained priest. Venue and time to be announced.
June 13 th	St Michael's and All Angels, Beechy Confirmations.
June 20 th	St Stephen's, Swift Current Confirmations.
June 24 th	Clergy Day.
June 27 th	St Giles, Estevan Confirmations.
July 14-31	Bishop and companions farewell pilgrimage cycle ride to all the parishes in the diocese.

Episcopal search process:

As you will have read above, Diocesan Council will meet May 29th. In addition to a full agenda, final plans for the episcopal search process will be established. The Province of Rupert's Land Canons outline the process for an episcopal search and election.

June 20 th	My retirement and resignation letter will be received by the Metropolitan and the diocese.
July 1 st	The episcopal search committee will be appointed and announced by Council
July 1 st	The date of the episcopal election will be announced.
July 31 st	My final day of diocesan ministry as bishop.

Notwithstanding, though there are set times required by Canon that govern this process, it is prudent to begin praying for the Dean who will be the Diocesan Administrator after my retirement and to pray for those who will be involved in the search process; those who will be nominated as candidates for the election; and especially for the compiling of a diocesan profile. Dean Mike Sinclair will give leadership to this process and will be in contact with all concerned in due course.

Bishop Farewell July 14-31:

Plans are being finalized for a pilgrimage 'relay' cycle ride to 50 churches in the diocese, beginning at the Cathedral July 14 at 7.30am and ending at the Cathedral at noon on Saturday July 31. Hopefully we will be in Step 3 of the Re-Open plan for Saskatchewan by then. Due to numerous daily church visits and 200+kms riding per day, visits, though limited to 30-45 minutes per church, will include a time to pray, fellowship and for me to personally thank you for your faithfulness, dedication and partnership in the Gospel, in this blessed part of God's Kingdom. Hopefully there will be a video compiled about each church visited and a video vlog each day. Next week I will release a general newsletter containing all the information about the pilgrimage ride, with dates, times and locations for each visit.

Prayers:

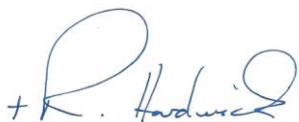
In addition to the episcopal process mentioned above, please pray:

- For all our ordinands and confirmands.
- For an end to the effects of Covid; for all still affected; for those treating them; and for all still grieving.
- For the people of Northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba threatened by Forest fires
- For the people of the Holy Land and for the nations suffering through war, oppression, or disease.
- And as we approach Pentecost, for the breath of the Holy Spirit to be upon us as we journey forth in hope and love.

Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you, precious saints that you are.

Have a blessed and Holy Spirit filled Pentecost

Yours in Christ



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