



## **From the office of the Archbishop of Algoma Anne Germond**

**Announcement of the 2022 Certificates of Appreciation for lay members of the  
Diocese of Algoma**

**On the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Dear people of God in Algoma,

Our church is richly blessed by hundreds of gifted lay people, co-workers and partners in the Gospel who serve our congregations faithfully year after year. Some are wardens, treasurers, lay readers, or serve in other positions of leadership, but many of them have never held a formal title or sat on a church board.

Yet through their devoted and loving ministry the mission of the church has carried on, and because of their constancy it continues to do the gathering work of Christ in communities right across Algoma. His love is made visible in and through the work of their hands and the light that radiates from their hearts.

Wanting to find an appropriate avenue to recognise these wonderful people I invited incumbents and their wardens to nominate three individuals in their congregation whose servant hearts and dedication to the Church have enriched the faith community in which they have served, therefore enriching our common life in Christ. Countless hours of time, talent and treasure have been generously and sacrificially given by these faithful people of God. I am grateful for each and every act of reconciliation or service, for each kindness offered, for every meal prepared, for every person visited, for every letter written, for every prayer said.

Apparently, the assignment was a difficult one for our incumbents who shared that they could have sent in a dozen or more names. Such is the richness of Algoma's laity.

Over the last four months the names of more than 80 members of our diocese have been received in the Synod office and these will be the recipients of the first annual Certificate of Appreciation. Signed by myself and the incumbent of the parish they are given in gratitude for the generous spirits, passion, joy, hard work and dedication of these faithful stewards of the church.

The wording on the Certificate reads:

*“Because you have served the Lord in his church through the faithful exercise of your gifts, and because the Body of Christ has been enriched by your faithfulness, we award this certificate of appreciation to you.”*

**I am pleased to announce the names of the 2022 Recipients of the Certificate of Appreciation in the Diocese of Algoma**

***Algoma Deanery***

**St. Saviour's, Blind River**

Yvonne Plant

Marie Kirchmeir

Richard “Dick” Horton

**Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon**

Real Levesque

Grant King

Ernie Stopes (Posthumously)

**Emmaus, Sault Ste. Marie**

Max Grandinetti

Edie Leblanc

Alison Weir

**Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie**

Donna Komhyr

Ross Lay

Geoff Meakin

**Parish of St. Joseph and St. George**

Jennifer Falkins

Fred Court

Arthena Hecker

**St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie**

John Cockburn

Jo Anstess

Dene Clarke

**St. Paul's, Wawa**

Beverly Boyd

Anne Owen

***Muskoka Deanery***

**Christ Church, Gregory**

Lynn McBride

Mary Ellen Kirk

Jim Boyd

**Christ Church, Windermere**

Conrad Tucker

Sonya Tucker

**Church of the Good Shepherd, Emsdale**

Lois Clark

Judy Strood

Margeruite Gilpin

**St. John's, Eagle Lake**

John and Joyce Kellough

**St. George the Martyr, Magnetawan**

Marjorie Hobson

**Grace Church, South River**

Gladys Gough

Leona Loney

**Trinity Church, Parry Sound**

Canon Betty Whetham

Karen Jewell

**St. Thomas, Bracebridge**

Peter May

**Trinity-All Saints', Bala**

Patricia Gidley

**St. James, Gravenhurst**

Elaine Smith

Derek Shakespeare

**All Saints', Huntsville**

Philip Morehead

Louis Tusz

Ruth Fink

***Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery***  
**St. John the Divine, Copper Cliff**

David Stamp  
Joanne Stamp  
Lesley Flowers

**Christ Church, Lively**

Winston Hardacre  
Yvonne Hardacre  
David White

**St. Alban the Martyr, Capreol**

Valerie Tryon  
Dale Hartley  
Gil Hartley

**Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury**

Philip and Mary Hopkins  
Gilles Tessier

**Church of the Ascension, Sudbury**

Dave Fowler  
Marie Vitone  
Philip Balson

**All Saints', Gore Bay**

Hugh McLaughlin  
Rene Proulx  
Nancy Panton

**St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong**

Dianne Fraser  
Charlene Chambers  
Mary Buie

**St. Paul's, Manitowaning**

Leslie Fields  
Jane Prosser  
Deb Robinson

**St. Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya**

Lynda Peever  
Audrey Jones  
Dorothy Anstice

**Holy Trinity, Little Current**

Ursula Paxton  
Robert Paxton  
Vicki Collins

***Temiskaming Deanery***  
**Christ Church, North Bay**  
Bob Franklin (Posthumously)  
Vern Mortson  
Joy and Eric Magill

**Northern Lights Parish**  
Brian Park

**St. Simon's, Temagami**  
Edna Erwin  
Wayne Johnson  
Betty Louks

**St. Brice's, North Bay**  
Bill Burton  
Aase Jensen  
Eva Black

***Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery***  
**St. Stephen the Martyr, Thunder Bay**  
Gail Olofson  
Jeffrey Pike  
Carolyn Skinner

**Mission to Seafarers, Thunder Bay**  
David Stephens  
Irene Wyrozub  
Brad Yeo

**Gathering Table, Thunder Bay**  
Carol Kostyniuk  
Margaret Boone  
Sharon Corston

**St. George's, Thunder Bay**  
Janet Creighton  
Ingrid Koropeski  
Doug Hutchison

**St. John's, Schreiber**  
Shirley Hamilton  
Louise Stefurak  
Sharon Roen

**St. Paul's, Thunder Bay**  
Alison Arthur  
Ernie Tilbury  
Christopher Willie

The Certificates of Appreciation have been mailed to Incumbents and will be presented to them in their parish one Sunday morning in the coming weeks during Holy Eucharist. I have prepared a Rite which may be used. The Rite is based on Luke 4: 18-19 where Jesus announces his purpose and mission to a people in need of the gospel – good news.

I have chosen these verses for my 2023 Motto:

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm I would like to invite all the recipients, incumbents and members of your parish family to attend an online Service of Evening Prayer so that I can offer my personal congratulations. This will also be an opportunity for Certificate recipients from around the diocese to meet one another. Liz Hamel will send out a Zoom invitation to incumbents.

There will be an annual awarding of these Certificates of Appreciation. Incumbents and Wardens are asked to prayerfully consider who the worthy recipients will be in 2023 and to submit their names to Liz Hamel by April 15<sup>th</sup> so the Certificates may be prepared for distribution. In parishes where there is no incumbent the Territorial Archdeacon or Interim Incumbent will work with the wardens to nominate three individuals.

Hearty congratulations to the 2022 recipients of the Certificate of Appreciation. May you know how much your faithful and devoted service has meant to the Church. May the abundant blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be upon them and may they continue to be strong in faith, courageous in witness and persistent in good deeds all the days of their lives.

With gratitude and affection,

The Most Rev. Anne Germond  
Archbishop of Algoma