



RE: RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS – EFFECTIVE January 2, 2017

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of four important members of the Diocesan service team. A special “thank you” was expressed to them at our Christmas staff dinner in December. Here are the names of the four retirees:

Rosemary Cappadocia

Rosemary has served the Diocese for the past thirty-six years in the Chancery office and Marriage Tribunal. Her specialized knowledge, dedication, selfless commitment, professionalism and love of the Church has been a beacon of inspiration for all who came in contact with her. We are very grateful to Rosemary for her long term of service and loyalty to the Diocese as well as her special ministry of responding to the needs of our faithful and the Canadian Church.

Sister Suzanne Shank, s.a.s.v.

Sister Suzanne joined the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie as an archivist on March 9, 2007. Over the next 10 years she was instrumental in organizing, preserving, maintaining, and collecting the history, valuable papers and archival material of the Diocese. Sister Suzanne has been invaluable in administrative assistance and support regarding historical legal processes and data during her tenure. Her professional competencies have contributed to developing an efficient and structured methodology and a detailed management of our multimedia historical storage processes. She will be greatly missed for her pleasant and personal commitment to helping others learn and succeed.

It is important to note that Sr. Thérèse Laferrière, s.a.s.v. continues her invaluable work in the Diocesan Archives.

Mijou Pelletier

Mijou joined the Diocese in 2009. Early on, she contributed to the French Pastoral Services group of the Diocese. More recently, Mijou assisted with the "Debout dans le Christ" Program (Arise Program) in the French sector. She was one of the administrative leaders and contributors to the 2015 Indigenous Celebration Services held across the Diocese. Her friendly, welcoming, helpful spirit was always enjoyed by the staff and faithful of the Diocese.

Jean McHarg

Jean joined the Diocese September 15, 2014. She led the English sector in implementing the Arise program and worked closely with many parish communities. She also contributed to the leadership of the successful Indigenous Celebration Services held across the Diocese in 2015. Her enthusiasm, openness, commitment, and willingness to accept greater responsibilities and challenges was appreciated by the faithful of the Diocese.

On behalf of the Diocese we wish Rosemary, Sr. Suzanne, Mijou and Jean every happiness in their retirement, which is well deserved and earned.

We call upon your prayers so that the Lord may provide competent and Church loving individuals who will fulfill these positions left vacant.


+Marcel Damphousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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