

## Christmas Message 2023

Bishop Thomas Dowd



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Hi, this is Bishop Thomas Dowd, Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Sainte Marie, wanting to offer you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year 2024.

Christmas is a chance for us to recognize all the many blessings that we have received and when I think of 2023, I can count so many. It is a chance for me to say thank you. First of all, to all of you, who offer your prayers and your support to the work of this Diocese. We are doing our best and trying to move forward proclaiming the Good News to the world, the Good News of Jesus Christ. A big thank you as well to the whole team here at the Diocese. Being Bishop here would not be possible without the support and hard work of so many and I'm very grateful for all of their contributions. A big thank you to our priests who serve us so tirelessly in our churches, priests, born here in Canada, priests who have come to us from abroad and share their gifts and their talents with us in our little corner of the world. A big thank you to all those involved in their parishes and community organizations and groups of all sorts. Your prayers and your work makes such a difference in people's lives. Thank you.

Please continue to pray for us. Please continue to pray for me and I will pray for you.

I wish you again, Merry Christmas and a blessed, happy and Holy New Year 2024. God bless you.



+ Thomas Dowd  
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