



## **Certificates of Appreciation for lay members of the Diocese of Algoma**

November 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

As we approach Reign of Christ Sunday when we celebrate the One through whom all life was created and sustained, and who holds all things together, my heart is full of deep gratitude for the many faithful disciples across our beloved Diocese who offer their time, talent, and treasure to the glory of God and the building up of God's kingdom here on earth.

Each year, the presentation of the Certificates of Appreciation provides us with a joyful opportunity to pause and recognize the countless acts of love, service, and quiet generosity that sustain the life of our parishes and ministries. From the dedicated wardens and treasurers to those who lead in worship, care for our buildings and grounds, prepare meals, visit the sick, or support outreach initiatives—your faith in action reveals the living presence of Christ among us.

Our diocesan motto for 2025 reminds us that, “With joy we shall draw water from the living wells of life” (Isaiah 12:3). This is a beautiful image of abundance and renewal. It reminds us that all we do in service, no matter how great or small, is sustained by the deep, life-giving love of God. As we draw from these living wells, we are refreshed and strengthened for ministry, that we might share that same living water with others who thirst for hope, compassion, and belonging.

Some recipients of this year's Certificates of Appreciation have already been celebrated in their parish, and all others will be receiving their certificate in the coming weeks. The list of all recipients is attached and will be posted on the diocesan website. A warm and hearty congratulations to all those who are being honoured this year.

Thank you for being living witnesses to God's grace in your communities. Your faithfulness and joy in service are signs of God's kingdom unfolding in our midst. May you continue to find refreshment in the wellspring of Christ's love, and may that joy overflow into every corner of your life and ministry.

With every blessing and deep gratitude,

The Most Reverend Anne Germond  
Archbishop of Algoma and Metropolitan of Ontario