

BE RECONCILED

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! During the writing of this note I received via email a memo from our Archbishop, Thomas Cardinal Collins outlining the lifting of most pandemic restrictions. Wow! There is light at the end of the tunnel. What has driven us apart is beginning to lose its power. May we be instruments of every divine grace that knits us back together. In one of the Sunday Lenten readings St. Paul states that God who has reconciled us to himself has given us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5.18). What a powerful reminder of our mandate as Christians.

It is for this reason that we have taken a phrase from St. Paul's letter to guide us on our Lenten journey: BE RECONCILED! It speaks to the call to work toward healing and reconciliation between the Catholic Church and Indigenous Peoples of Canada. I think it speaks to the call to seek a path of respect and dialogue in a society that is polarized over many social and political issues. It speaks to what has become fractured from living in a pandemic for two years and the need to reconnect, to rediscover what unifies us as human beings. It speaks to the places within ourselves that need to be brought into a deeper integrity, a deeper unity with God so that we can grow in wholeness and holiness.



On Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon Deacon Robert Kinghorn will lead our Lenten Retreat, sharing his ministry of reconciliation done on the streets of downtown Toronto where he interacts with people ravaged and marginalized by addiction, homelessness, human trafficking, and other forces that leave us disintegrated and lonely. Please join us at the church and bring a friend!

As we get set to undergo the spiritual exercises of Lent may we be buoyed by our hope in Jesus Christ whose death and resurrection have conquered every separation wrought by sin and brought us back to God. Like Jesus our Lent may involve going out into the desert and wrestling with some demons. Like Jesus may we be led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened in this exercise. May this Lent truly be a time of reconciliation with God, self and others.

In Christ,
Fr. Dominic