



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

30 October, 2023

The Archives of the Archdiocese of Kingston are Temporarily Closed for Research Services

To Whom It May Concern,

We have temporarily suspended all research access to the archives of the Archdiocese of Kingston in advance of the construction of a new archival facility. Due to changes in personnel responsible for the archives, the need to consolidate our archival holdings, and in order to maintain the security of the collection, the historic archives are closed to both internal and external researchers of the Archdiocese.

This applies to all inquiries regarding archival research, in-person visits, research guidance, and other services for researchers and other archive uses.

The archives are unable to host researchers until 2025, at the earliest.

The Archdiocese of Kingston is excited to be investing in its archives by building a purpose-built archival facility in partnership with the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. The new state-of-the art facility will house all three archival collections and will be staffed by professional archivists.

While it is unfortunate that we must temporarily suspend access to the historic records of the Archdiocese, once the new facility is open the research services will be of a higher quality than what was previously available with updated finding aids, a dedicated reading room, regular hours, and a professional staff to facilitate access, based on approved access policies.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we prepare our collections for the move to the new archival facility.

Yours Sincerely,

Rev. James Quirk, J.C.L.
Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs