



Infifax



1- **Publication of the Book on the Centennial of the Diocese** “A Century of Faith in Action. Diocese of Timmins 1916-2016”.

In the context of the centennial of our diocese, many people hoped for the publication of a book that would make it possible to remember some persons and events that have marked our history. Indeed, such an anniversary is a privileged opportunity to discover this “great cloud of witnesses”(Heb 12: 1), the couples and families, men and women religious, deacons, priests, bishops, who have built our diocesan Church. Each one of these people, in generous response to their particular vocation, has made their unique and irreplaceable contribution to the building of the Church and of civil society. Their presence and their action marked the different sectors of work, education, healthcare, attention to the needy and we still benefit from it.

Mr. Florent Héroux, an historian from New Liskeard, took up the challenge to present this history to us in the book, “*A Century of Catholic Faith in Action. Diocese of Timmins 1916-2016*”. Assisted by his wife Mrs. Jeannine Lafond Héroux, as well as many other collaborators, he provides us with a volume that recalls the numerous actors and actresses of our history, its events, its challenges and transformations. Invaluable photographs embellish its presentation. It offers us a goldmine of information for us to discover and appreciate.

This book will be launched September 8th in the parish hall of the Cathedral in Timmins, following the diocesan Marian celebration at 7:00 p.m. For the southern region, the launch will take place in the parish hall of *Sacré-Coeur* Church in New Liskeard on Saturday, September 10th after the 7:15 p.m. mass. The book is offered for sale at a cost of \$30.00. Afterwards, it will be possible to obtain it in the different parishes.

2- **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin**

This year, in the northern part of the diocese, the celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin will highlight people who devote themselves to their brothers and sisters who are ill, as indicated in Infifax N. 50 of June 29th:

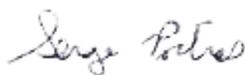
- People who care for a family member affected by an illness, a handicap or old age;
 - Staff who are devoted to the service of the sick in hospitals or specialized residences;
 - People involved in palliative care;
 - Volunteers in our parishes who visit the sick or elderly, who look after their daily needs, bringing to them the comfort of prayer and Holy Communion.
- 3- Sunday, September 4th is the date for the introduction of the new French translation of the **liturgical lectionaries**. Beginning today, French-speaking faithful will be using the new liturgical translation of the lectionaries approved for the whole of the French-speaking world. This translation replaces the one used for over forty years.
- 4- **On Sunday, September 18th**, we are invited to pray for the faithful departed. This prayer takes on a special meaning in this centennial year. With the kind authorization of municipal officials, I will preside over a time of community prayer at the **Timmins cemetery on Sunday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m.**, following which, the faithful will be able to make their way individually to the graves of their deceased beloved.

This time of prayer is an expression of our faith in God, who offers eternal life to those who believe in Him, as well as our charity and recognition of them; it is an intercession for their intention as well as a request for intercession for our own needs.

It is hoped that such a time of prayer is realized in other cemeteries of the diocese.

- 5- On September 25th the **pilgrimage of catechists** will take place. As it is not possible for many to go there, each parish is invited to highlight **people responsible for religious teaching in our Catholic schools as well as catechists who work in our parishes,** particularly in sacramental preparation.

With my blessing.



✠ Serge Poitras
Bishop of Timmins