

INFOFAX

Change in Northern Dioceses

Discussion is presently under way to change the boundaries of the dioceses in Northern Ontario. The former diocese of Moosonee has already been altered by being split into west and east along the Ontario – Quebec border. The eastern portion is now absorbed by the diocese of Amos, with the western portion being administered by the diocese of Hearst.

Furthermore, the present discussion is exploring the possibility of amalgamating that portion of the diocese of Moosonee with the present dioceses of Hearst and Timmins, forming one **large northeastern diocese**. That idea has been accepted by the Ontario bishops, and in principle, by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The earliest possible implementation is the summer of 2013, so there may be quite some time before this *comes to pass*.

Retirement and New Appointment

We regret to inform you that **Jocelyne Lamoureux**, our auditor for the marriage tribunal, has chosen to retire, and is moving to British Columbia. We want to thank her for many years of excellent and devoted service. For the interim, **Deacon Michel Néron**, has been appointed to take her place. All references to annulments are to be referred to him, effective immediately.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism mass will be at St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral in Timmins this year, starting at 7:00 pm on April 3, 2012. Bishop *Jean-Louis Plouffe*, from the diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, has graciously accepted to celebrate this for us, in the absence of a bishop of Timmins. We thank him for his generosity and consideration. This will be the *only* mass celebrated in the diocese on that date.

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