

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **PASTOR**

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**10 May 2020**

Let us pray . . .

For our new bishop . . . that Christ the Good Shepherd may bestow upon our new bishop to teach, sanctify and govern the Diocese of Pembroke.

For all mothers that God will bestow a loving blessing upon them.

For vocations to the priesthood . . . that those who hear the call to discern a priestly vocation may find encouragement and support.

For those studying for the priesthood or our diocese . . . Rev. Mr. Michael Coyne of St. Francis Xavier Parish and Mr. Lucas Casta of St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay.

For jubilarians . . . especially Rev. Joseph O'Malley on his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose souls of the Covid-19 victims, the six members of the Armed Forces and Lawrence Power.  
Requiescant in Pace!

**A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL !!**

## (ALL CANCELLED) PUBLIC MASSES & MEETINGS

Masses celebrated by Fr. Patrick Dobec

JoAnne Mullin by Robert and Margaret Serran

Theresa Yantha by Carol Mask

Brian Rumleskie by Eddie & Diane Etmanskie

Otto Cohn by Bryan and Jean Madigan

Intentions of Sr. Rosenda Brady by Jerry & Diane Green

Gladys Bolduc by Catholic Women League

Intentions of Rev. Norbert Cybulski by The Parish

Every Sunday for the Intentions of all the People – Missa Pro Populo

THE HOLY SEE ANNOUNCED on May 6<sup>th</sup> that the Coadjutor Archbishop is the Most Reverend Marcel Dampousse. Archbishop Elect Dampousse will become Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall when Archbishop Terrence Prendergast retires. The announcement also said that the Archdiocese of Ottawa and the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall are now canonically amalgamated to form the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. The civil amalgamation will require an Act of Parliament and is not expected for several more months. In addition, the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.S.s.R., has been appointed Bishop of Pembroke, also effective May 6<sup>th</sup>.

My dear faithful of the Diocese of Pembroke,

It is a great joy for me to extend a warm welcome to His Excellency the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.S.s.R., as the newly appointed Bishop of Pembroke. Bishop Desrochers, a priest of the Redemptorist Province of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, has been serving as the Auxiliary Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall. He is well known to many pilgrims who have benefited from his ministry at the Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.

The Diocese of Pembroke has been blessed with this gift of a new shepherd. I am thankful to Bishop Desrochers for his generous acceptance of this episcopal mission. I ask that you pray in thanksgiving to the Lord for His goodness and that you begin praying for the intentions of your new Shepherd and Bishop.

May the Lord continue to bless the Church of Pembroke in this Easter season.

With prayers for Bishop Desrochers and for you, my dear people.

In Christ,

+Michael Mulhall

Archbishop of Kingston

Apostolic Administrator of Pembroke

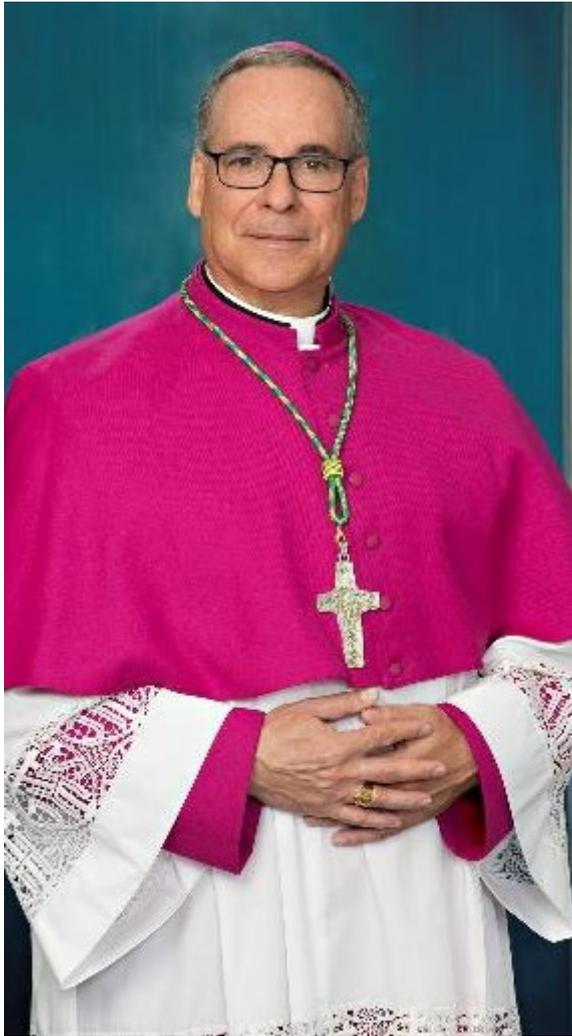
**Registered Households 176  
Last Sunday's Offering \$3078.00**

**65 Household Envelopes &  
4 E-transfers: \$2998.00**

**1 Visitors Envelope: \$60.00**

**Building Fund: \$20.00**

Your kind remembrance of our Parish in your donations helps us to meet our ongoing expenses. Thank you to all who continue to generously support our Parish Community. May God Bless You.



Last Wednesday, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. At the time of his appointment, Bishop Desrochers was serving as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. Bishop Desrochers will assume the pastoral governance of the Diocese from the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, who currently serves as its Apostolic Administrator as well as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kingston.

Bishop Desrochers was born in 1956 in the Hull sector of Gatineau, Québec. Upon completion of secondary school, he entered Algonquin College, Ottawa, to pursue studies in Fine Arts and Commercial Art which, in turn, led him to work as a graphic artist for seven years with the Ottawa French-language newspaper *Le Droit*. He later entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) to pursue his vocation and was ordained to the priesthood in 1989. Following his ordination, he worked on a special evangelization project in the Gaspé region of Québec. He went on to serve for several years as Rector of the former Redemptorist monastery in Aylmer-Gatineau, before being appointed to the Shrine of Saint Anne-de-Beaupré. After a brief period as superior of a retirement home for Redemptorists near Québec City, he returned to Saint Anne-de-Beaupré as director of the *Annals of Saint Anne* magazine, serving in that capacity for three years and, in July 2011, became Rector of the Basilica Shrine of Saint Anne-de-Beaupré. He devoted part of his time to preaching retreats all over North America and, in June 2015, returned to this ministry in a full-time capacity as well as serving as Director of Vocations for the Redemptorists. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall of Ottawa on 12 December 2018 and ordained Bishop at Alexandria on

22 February 2019. Bishop Desrochers has subsequently worked closely with the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., the then Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall and Archbishop of Ottawa, both of which were then united *in persona episcopi*.

The **Diocese of Pembroke** has 55 parishes and missions, with a Catholic population of 38,140 served by 41 diocesan priests, 26 priests who are members of institutes of consecrated life, 13 permanent deacons, as well as three Brothers and 91 Sisters who are members of institutes of consecrated life, in addition to one lay pastoral assistant.



## MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF PEMBROKE

May 6, 2020

On the feast day of Saint François de Laval, patron saint of the Bishops of Canada, Pope Francis made public his decision to appoint me Bishop of Pembroke.

I gave my "yes" without hesitation and wholeheartedly when the Apostolic Nuncio informed me of the decision taken by the Holy See. Having lived more than thirty years in the Redemptorist community, I have learned to trust the decisions of my superiors when I am asked to move or take on new challenges.

I had had the opportunity to travel the roads of your beautiful region several times when I was preaching or when I celebrated "Evenings with Saint Anne" in several churches to make her known and loved. And these trips have already allowed me to meet some priests, religious men and women, and lay people living in this diocese for which I have recently been given responsibility.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I know that you have been waiting for a long time for the announcement of the appointment of your new Bishop. Being a native of the Gatineau Valley, I can at least reassure you that I will not feel like a stranger in your midst. I am looking forward to getting to know you and having the opportunity to fraternize with you as time goes by. But above all, I look forward to working with you, hand in hand despite COVID-19, in the great work of evangelization that the Lord has entrusted to us, each according to his own vocation and according to the talents and riches that he has deposited in each one of us to build up his Church.

The next few weeks will be spent preparing for my insertion into my new diocese. In the near future, I'll give you more details about the date of my official installation. Until then, I look forward to meeting you soon and to celebrate together, in a modest way no doubt, this joyful and family-friendly event. Receive my blessing †

*+ Guy Desrochers, C.M.*

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Bishop-designate of Pembroke Diocese