

Dear fellow parishioners and friends,

Below is part of a letter from His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, the Bishop of our Diocese of Hamilton in which he encourages us to begin our Advent journey with hearts and minds renewed. We are preparing to celebrate the “in-breaking” of the Son of God into history, into our humanity. We call it the incarnation of the divine, the in-dwelling of the Emmanuel, the “God-with-Us”, so that we may recognize and honour His presence in and among us each and every day of our lives.

Bishop Crosby invites us to extra prayer and reflection, and to view the videos being produced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops that will help us focus on a current issue of great concern, trying to discern the “signs of the times” in the process of healing and reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples.

Have an Adventurous Advent!

Blessings.

Fr. Brian

Advent begins this weekend. We will be celebrating Christmas before you know it. As we begin the Advent season, I want to encourage you to watch (and share) this year's Advent video series sponsored by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina, is this year's speaker and the focus of his reflections is the process of healing and reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples. During these Advent days, the visit of Indigenous leaders with a few Bishops to meet with Pope Francis will occur. Bishop Bolen's presentation will help us understand and prepare for this historic event in the context of the Advent scripture readings.

Below is the link which will take you to the website of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops where his talks can be found.

[Journey through Advent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccc.ca\)](http://ccc.ca).

They are usually posted a few days before the weekend. You will not want to miss his presentations.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

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