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DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

Mass Intentions and Mass Stipends

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Having consulted the Priests and Pastoral Leaders and the Board of Administration of the Diocese, I have decided to increase the recommended offering (Mass Stipend) for a Mass requested for a specific intention (Mass Intention) from \$5.00 to \$10.00 in the Diocese of Grand Falls This increase will take effect April 21, 2025 (Easter Monday).

Some important notes:

- 1) As is the case with past, current and future Mass Stipends, these are **offerings** and not the 'cost of a Mass'. A person who requests that a Mass be offered for a specific intention is free to offer any amount of their choosing and no priest will ever refuse to offer a Mass intention based of the offering made.
- 2) This increase applies to all Mass Intentions with Mass Offerings. The policy of the Diocese is to permit multiple Mass intentions. In these cases, the first Mass Stipend belongs to the priest-celebrant. The second and/or third Mass Stipend is given to a fund for the care of ill priests. As a result, this increase will strengthen this fund.
- 3) Parishes that are unable to offer any Mass Intention within a year of the request must send these unfulfilled Mass Intentions, together with the accompanying Mass Stipend to the Pastoral Center for distribution among retired priests and to send to the Missions. As a result, this increase will provided greater support for retired priests and priests in the Missions.
- 4) All Mass Intentions already requested or offered before April 21, 2025, with their accompanying Mass Stipend of \$5.00 will be honoured.

All prayer intentions are a powerful pleading for God's grace. How much more is this true of Intentions offered with the Eucharistic celebration. I am humbled by the faith of so many of our people who place their trust in God by requesting Mass be offered for a specific intention – it is an ancient and noble tradition. My sincere thanks to the priests in this Diocese who offer Mass with devotion and care. I am

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend R. Anthony Daniels
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