



## *Sixth Electoral Synod*

of The Anglican Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

November 28, 2020

We appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us.

*1 Thessalonians 5.12–25*

Gracious and loving God, you raise up leaders in your church, blessing their labours both for us and among us.

We thank you for calling men and women,

giving them gifts of faithfulness, compassion, and vision.

Bless this diocese as we prepare to elect a bishop;

those who will offer themselves as nominees;

and Geoffrey our bishop, as he prepares for retirement.

Give us courageous hearts and discerning minds,

that we may trust in your providence

and recognize the servant leader you are calling by your Spirit.

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church.

Fill it with all truth;

in all truth with all peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it;

where it is in error, direct it;

where anything is amiss, reform it;

where it is right, strengthen and confirm it;

where it is in want, furnish it;

where it is divided and rent asunder, make it whole again;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**