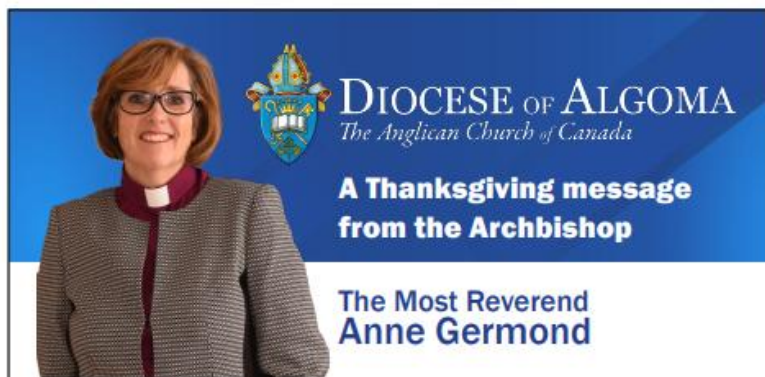




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Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This time of year, as the fields are gathered in and the colours of creation turn to autumn glory, we are reminded of Jesus' words: *"Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting"* (John 4:35). Thanksgiving invites us to rejoice in God's abundance and to recognize the many ways Christ's light and love are bearing fruit among us.

Across Algoma and beyond, I rejoice in seeing new growth in our churches — signs of hope and renewal that remind us that the Spirit is at work. At the

John 4:35

*"Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest"*



Lay Readers' Conference, we celebrated our long friendship with the Diocese of Moosonee and shared worship, learning, and fellowship with Bishop Rod BrantFrancis. As part of our thanksgiving, we gifted him the Survivors' Flag, a sign of memory, resilience, and hope that he will carry with him in his travels.

Closer to home, I am deeply grateful for the many ways parishes are responding to the needs of their communities. The work being done to address food insecurity

and homelessness is truly inspiring. Congregations across our Diocese are providing free community meals, running food banks, growing gardens, offering rides to grocery stores, and advocating for systemic change. In each of these acts — large and small — the love of Christ is being made visible. This is the gospel in action: *"You give them something to eat."*

We also give thanks for the opportunities to open our doors and share our joy. Doors Open at Bishophurst was our most successful yet, with more than 170 visitors touring this historic residence. It was a day filled with history, hospitality, and heartfelt joy — and the first-ever Blessing of the Animals on the grounds was a reminder of God's care for all creation. My sincere thanks to the people of Algoma, whose generosity and pride in Bishophurst help us preserve and share this place as a symbol of our shared story and ministry.

Wherever I go in the Diocese, I see how simple acts of hospitality are drawing people into conversation, prayer, and



fellowship. Whether through feeding ministries, open church doors, or blessings offered under autumn skies, the Spirit is moving among us — quietly, faithfully, abundantly.

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving, may our hearts be filled with gratitude. May we give thanks not only for the harvest of the land, but for the harvest of love, faith, and service that is growing in our midst.

With gratitude and every blessing,

Archbishop of Algoma