

# SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear members of Sacred Heart Parish Family,

Happy New Year!

Now that the Christmas season is behind us and we begin to get back to our usual routines, I am filled with gratitude to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so beautiful. I would also like to give a special thanks to our church decorators for their hard work and creativity. Coming to Mass to worship the Lord should feel like we are coming home -a home that we are proud to live in.

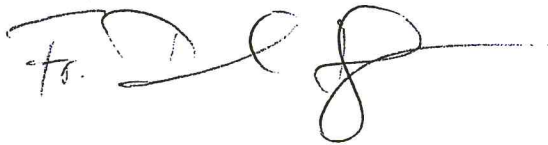
It is also a beautiful thing to see so many new faces in our Parish, but this has created increased demand for our washroom. For our Diocesan appeal this year, our Parish goal, in union with needs of the Church all over the Diocese, was to pay for this new washroom. I am heartened to see that we more than met our Parish participation goal of 150 donations with a total of 181 donations. It is clear that we have recognized the importance of this project and of our call to serve the Church all over the Island.

Inspired by the outpouring of support from the Parish, our maintenance team has worked to keep costs low, while creating a dignified space. ***I am happy to announce that we will begin work on the bathroom and sacristy this coming week.*** I would like to also take this time to thank the men of our maintenance team for all of their assistance. Many are tradesmen who have taken time out of their very busy schedules to perform a work of service on behalf of us all. In particular, I would like to thank Riley for the necessary plumbing work. I would also like to thank Braden and BG Granite and Ken and Victoria Custom Cabinets for aiding us in the countertops and cabinets respectively. This is not excluding the other members of the team whose dedication and service have preceded my appointment to this Parish.

Although the bathroom is the centrepiece of our work, the majority of the labour will occur in the sacristy and under the floors. I will ask for your patience as we go forward. Once our sacristy renovations are completed, our Peace Room (Reconciliation room) will be moved to a different space. Our new Peace Room will be located in the altar servers' room that will be completed once all other work has been accomplished. This new Peace Room will be accessible from the back of the church and will allow for a balance of intimacy and anonymity -seating or kneeling. Understandably, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be a little awkward for a few weeks until we finish the overall project. However, long time members of our Parish will recall that our plans are partially restoring the church space to its original design.

In the meantime, join me in asking St. Joseph for assistance in the coming weeks.

God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr. David Hogman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Fr David Hogman

Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish