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DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

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TO ALL PRIESTS AND PASTORAL LEADERS DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

Dear Friends,

As you know, after many years of wonderful service to the Conception Bay Renewal Center, Sr. Geraldine Mason retired thus bringing an end to the presence of the Sisters of Mercy in this area.

I am very grateful that Fr. Clem Flaherty offered to continue to offer Sacramental Preparation programming until we made a decision about the long-term disposition of the Center.

I asked Fr. Hearn, VG, to bring together a committee to evaluate the future viability of the CBRC. After reviewing the programming, the operating costs, the capital upkeep costs, and the Diocesan subsidy, the committee recommended that the Center was not viable and should be closed.

I have accepted their recommendation and, **effective June 17, 2022**, the Conception Bay Renewal Center will no longer offer any new programs. The Center will, however, honour existing commitments made for 'outside' events and once these commitments are met, will close.

It will now become the responsibility of each parish to provide Sacramental Preparation to those planning to be married, those bringing children to be baptized, and those seeking instruction in the faith. This can be done by parishes individually or as a group of parishes as your needs and resources suggest.

It is never easy to see a long-standing chapter of our diocesan history to come to an end. However, more than ever, now is the time to act prudently as stewards of both parish and diocesan finances.

With my gratitude for your continuing pastoral ministry, I remain

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Anthony Daniels".

Most Rev. Robert Anthony Daniels
Bishop of Grand Falls

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