

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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Office of the Chancellor

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Dear friends:

On behalf of His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, and the Diocese of Hamilton, I warmly welcome you to the Catholic Archivist Conference. Your gathering, albeit a necessarily virtual one in this Covid-19 time, is an important one for each of you engaged in the important work of maintaining and preserving our Church records, ensuring that the historical legacy of our Catholic communities will be available for future generations. Your conference is an important opportunity for you to network, to learn and to renew your commitment to your important ministry in the Church.

We offer our prayerful support to you as you come together for this conference and for your continued service to the Church in your respective Dioceses, Religious Communities and Catholic institutions:

Lord God, in your providence, your Word was made flesh for the life of the world. You have graced us with a share in his life and called us to live as a community of disciples, bearing witness to his continued presence and action in the Church of every time and place.

Bless with gifts of wisdom and knowledge those who have been entrusted with the task of recording and handing on to future generations the unfolding story of your love for us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Chancellor

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