

INTRODUCING THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

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December 8, 2025 marks a significant milestone for the Archdiocese of Kingston as we begin our celebration of 200 years of faith, service, and devotion to Christ the King. We are one of the oldest Catholic dioceses in Canada, and over the centuries, countless priests, religious, and lay faithful have lived out the call to know Christ more deeply and spread His love through the establishment of parishes, schools, and charitable institutions rooted in the Gospel.

To commemorate this anniversary, a special prayer has been composed, offering thanksgiving for the solid foundation of faith built over the past two centuries. The prayer reflects the core mission of our Archdiocese and the theme of the 200th anniversary: *"To know Christ and the power of His resurrection"* (Phil 3:10).

*O Christ our King,
who, for two centuries has
built up the Archdiocese of Kingston,
upon the solid rock of Faith,
grant that your people
may know you, the Risen Christ,
and through participating in your suffering and death,
come at last to attain
the glory of your resurrection.
You, who live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

This simple but profound prayer beautifully captures the essence of this journey and reflects the deep longing of our hearts: to know Christ Jesus and to reign with Him through uniting the ups and downs of our ordinary lives to His suffering and death. By praying these words, we not only make thanksgiving for the faith passed down through the generations, but also recommit ourselves to the present and future mission, asking for the grace to do our part to continue building up the Archdiocese upon the solid rock of Christ by configuring our lives to the Cross so that future generations may continue to proclaim His holy name and share in His mission. Copies of this anniversary prayer can be found in all parishes, missions, schools, and institutions of the Archdiocese. Pray it often so that all may come to know Christ and the power of His resurrection.

