



DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

From the Archbishop

November 20, 2020

Dear family and friends of Algoma,

Connecting parishes and communities across the Diocese of Algoma has been a prime focus of our beloved newspaper the *Algoma Anglican*. For decades the paper has shared the joys and sorrows of the people of the diocese and provided articles from our bishops and other contributors whose names have become household words.

In these times of new technology and rapid sharing of information, obvious challenges have arisen for our paper newsprint industries. Trying to remain current and newsworthy is a tremendous difficulty when the many social media sites have become the norm and news is only “news” for seconds.

As you are all aware, after 15 years of dedicated service as our editor, the Rev. Peter Simmons resigned from that role in 2019. We express our deepest appreciation to Peter for his commitment and for a job well done over so many years.

We have persevered quite well throughout this year in providing the *Algoma Anglican* on a quarterly basis with the committed and hard work of our editor, George Cribbs, and assistant editor, Sharon Corston. They had volunteered to offer their services for 2020 while we discerned the future of our paper.

At our recent Executive Committee meeting, we had a fulsome discussion about the *Algoma Anglican* and its place in the diocese. Realizing that it still represents a sharing of information across the diocese, we discussed the financial implications in our budget to continue with the paper as well as the reality that other ways of providing information would be more effective. It was unanimous that we are still committed to finding alternative ways of communicating but that the continuation of the printed version of the *Algoma Anglican* is no longer feasible practically or financially. This will be a difficult message for many to hear. Know that communication across the diocese remains a priority and we are pursuing other avenues to keep all of Algoma's family in the loop.

I ask that you uphold in prayer our endeavours as we investigate alternative avenues for information dissemination and, also, that you keep each other in your prayers as a people of God across Algoma.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "+ Anne: Algoma". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "In Christ," text.

The Most Rev. Anne Germond
Archbishop of Algoma