

Friends,

RCCO membership renewal or new will be available as of April 1st.

I am sending this out to regular members as well as others who may also be interested in getting together to explore, discuss or perform organ music, other church music, concerts, organ crawls, building organs with pipes or computers, historical buildings and instruments, travelling, conventions, choirs, piano students, composing, and any number of reasons and motivations to be involved.

Locally we support people playing the organ, try to find employment, provide lessons, put on concerts and recitals, share music, offer social get togethers, and link up with the National office for education and interest.

Below is a list of what is offered through the national office. Please go to rcco.ca or our facebook page to find us here in Thunder Bay. If you are interested and have questions, you may reply to my email, and I will do my best to help you. If you are already a member, put the renewal date on your calendar.....April 1st.

Your membership supports RCCO activities and resources such as:

- Organ Festival Canada
- The Summer Organ Academy
- Organist Launchpad
- Examinations and professional accreditation
- Scholarships
- The National Organ Playing Competition
- The FutureStops Podcast
- Our website and online resources such as the Buy & Sell forum and Positions Available listings

Membership also includes a subscription to the journal *Organ Canada/Orgue Canada* and access to the online discussion forums. Plus, members can benefit from members- only discounts on health insurance, music publications, registration for Organ Festival Canada, and reduced-rate subscriptions and memberships in partner organizations (the American Guild of Organists, Royal College of Organists, and the Fédération Québécoise des Amis de l'Orgue.)

The RCCO is also conducting a membership campaign this year. *New members can obtain membership for a 50% discount* (so be sure to tell your friends!)

And of course, thank you for supporting us through another year of music-making. It's only with your help that we are able to keep organ music and organ playing a vital part of our community.

Yours in Music,
Nancy Wallace
President, RCCO
Thunder Bay Centre



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Caring for seafarers
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Mission to Seafarer Meat Sale

Janet Pike 807-627-1112 jepike@tbaytel.net will be coordinating the Meat Sale and Barbara Brayshaw Fontaine 807-344-8607 will assist her.

Canvassers are needed to make the Meat Sale a success.

Please contact Janet if you would like an order form.

Order forms will be given to MTS Congregation Reps and those who were canvassers last year and they will be available at the beginning of March.





CAMP GITICHIGOMEE

Two-Bit Auction

**Beautiful baskets & prizes to bid on
Two 50/50 draws during the event**

Tickets only \$5.00

(Available in advance and at the door)

Friday April 12th, 2024

**Where: West Thunder Community Centre
(915 Edward St South)**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.
* Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. to view baskets ***

gitchigomee@shaw.ca

Voicemail: 622-0020

*Camp Gitichigomee provides children the opportunity to enjoy a fun and exciting camping experience.
Please join us to help reduce the operating cost and to subsidize registration for low income families!*

MISSION TO SEAFARERS: Port of Thunder Bay Fund-raising Dinner Friday, April 19, 2024

5:30 pm Symposium 6:15 pm Buffet Dinner
Current River Community Centre - 450 Dewe Ave.

Guest Speakers:



**The Most Reverend Anne Germond,
Archbishop of the Dioceses of Algoma and
Moosonee; Metropolitan of the
Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
and**



**Chris Heikkinen,
Chief Executive Officer, Port of Thunder Bay**



**Chaplain, Canon Ed Swayze
will present the
"Year in Review"**

Adults - \$45 Children 6 to 12 - \$20

See your MtS Congregational Rep or
Contact Janet at 807-627-1112 or
the Seafarers Centre at 807-344-8241.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 12.

\$15 Charitable Income Tax Receipt for adult ticket

www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay

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"Congregational Health and Vitality"
Deanery of Thunder Bay – North Shore
Afternoon with Archbishop Anne



Saturday, April 20, 2024

12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

St. Michael and All Angels
Parish Hall

675 Red River Road

Please indicate your attendance to
Janet Pike by email: jepike@tbaytel.net or
phone: 807 627-1112 preferably by
Wednesday, April 17
to help the organizing committee.

All are welcome!

12:30 – 1:00 – Gather and chat with refreshments and
goodies.

1:00 – Opening Worship followed by presentation by
Archbishop Anne and discussion groups.

2:30 – 2:45 Refreshment Break

2:45 – presentation and discussions continue

4:00 – Dismissal

For further information please contact: Carol Knox carolknox3@gmail.com
or 807 476-0715 or Janet Pike jepike@tbaytel.net or 807 627-1112



**YOUNG ADULT
RETREAT @LV**

**May 10-12
2024**

Register online

"Panel Discussion Event"
moderated by
Abp. Anne Germond
on Thursday May 2nd,
7-8:30pm

**HOMELESSNESS
WEEK**



Visit the Diocese of Algoma
website for Homelessness Week
reflections, prayers, and parish
resources.

**Send questions and register at
Jane.e.cox1@gmail.com.**

**Registrants will receive the
webinar link 3 days before the
panel discussion on May 2nd.**



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