



The Rt. Rev. George Thorneloe
1897 - 1927

One hundred years ago, Archbishop George Thorneloe claimed, "The past has been the seeding time, before us lies the harvest: it is ours to reap. An abundance of blessing awaits us if we will rise up to claim it."



Anne Germond Legacy Fund
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Bishop's Message

As Algoma's 11th Bishop, I often reflect on my predecessors—each with a vision for their time. Like them, I focus on the daily needs of our diocese, but my eyes are also on the future.

To sustain and strengthen episcopal ministry, I invite Algoma Anglicans to invest in the Anne Germond Legacy Fund. This fund will ensure the Bishop's office has the resources to support clergy, walk alongside parishes, and foster unity in our diocese.

The Bishop's role is vital to our shared witness, not only strengthening the Church but also speaking with and for those on the margins, ensuring that all voices are heard as we proclaim the good news of Christ in Algoma.



Our Vision

The Anne Germond Legacy Fund is a bold investment in Algoma's future. It ensures our diocese will always be led by a local Bishop—one with the time and resources to walk alongside congregations, visit deaneries, and strengthen the ties that bind our faith community.

This fund isn't just about sustaining leadership; it's about empowering it. By providing essential administrative and executive support, the Bishop's office will be equipped to guide parishes through change, foster innovation, and create new opportunities for collaboration.

Over time, the Legacy Fund will also ease the financial burden on parishes, reducing reliance on apportionment and creating a more sustainable future for ministry in Algoma.

How to Give

There are many ways to support the Anne Germond Legacy Fund:

- Make a One-Time or Recurring Gift
- Make a Pledge
- Give a Gift of Securities
- Leave a Bequest

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Your Bishop

Since the Early Church (c. 100 CE), some are raised up, and ordained to lead us in this work as Bishops, serving as living icons of our vocation. Without the office of the Bishop, there can be no Diocese, for the Bishop serves as a symbol, teacher, and overseer for the Diocese, and connects us to the wider Church.

→ Focus

The Bishop brings focus to the life of a community, initiating and managing its common activities, ensuring good order, pastoral care, and discipleship formation within the diocese for the sake of God's mission. The Bishop prayerfully determines pastoral appointments and the selection of postulants for ordination. The Bishop counsels pastors and encourages congregations.

→ Continuity

As chief pastor, the Bishop links one parish to another, representing the diocese to the wider church and the wider church to the diocese. Bishops often are on the forefront of local, national, and global issues, speaking the word of faith to the needs of the world. Bishops are one vital and visible way of showing we are a continuation of the original Apostolic church.