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To all members of the Diocese of Huron,

Grace and peace to you.

As you read this note, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul – the “seat” of our Diocese of Huron - is undergoing a major transformation as it adapts its worship space to become an even more welcoming, accessible, and sustainable space. This is such a faithful and creative response to the needs of its parish, its community, our diocese, and our changing world. The world needs what we have to offer, and it needs what we are building today – within our own parishes and at our centre.

[Video footage of the construction over the past few months](#)

In preparation for Pentecost, I invite you to join me and Stacey as we financially lift up the promise of this brave and beautiful undertaking with a gift. If you have the capacity to give a major gift, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to make a smaller ongoing gift, it would be so gratefully received. Every single gift, no matter the size, is needed and encouraged! You might even consider funding a chair (there are 600 of them enroute!) and making your donation in honour or memory of a loved one, or in the name of your home community.

St. Paul's has stood faithfully at the corner of Richmond and Queens since the city's early days. It has educated the children of freed slaves on its front lawn. It has supported refugee families. It has fed people and offered them God's unconditional love in Christ. For close to two centuries, it has been a sacred space, a beacon of grace, beauty, glorious music, warmth and inspiration.

So many of us have our own memories of celebrating, praying, mourning, and worshipping at St. Paul's. Later this month, Anglican Church leaders from across Canada will gather there during General Synod. We are all part of the spirit of transformation that is alive here.

Thank you for your support, your hopes and dreams, and your prayers. May God continually bless you.

The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend

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