

## **Announcement Holy Family Parish, Paradise – January 29-30, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Parish:

Last Month, on December 21<sup>st</sup> the Archdiocese filed for Creditor Protection. At that time the cash reserves of the parishes and the Archdiocese were consolidated and dedicated to meeting our financial obligations to our creditors. Each parish received the estimated equivalent of 45 days of operating capital and was informed that parish expenses would need to be funded from this operating capital, parish collections and fund-raising efforts. Parishes unable to remain self-sustaining would need to be closed.

In the past weeks, in reviewing the financial situation of Holy Family Parish, Father Ken Walsh and the parish Finance Council determined that at the present time the parish does not have the financial resources necessary to continue in operation. They have informed me of this situation and we have agreed that the parish church will be closed, at least temporarily, as of Monday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

There are many details to be worked out regarding the closure of the church and the ongoing provision of pastoral and catechetical ministry for parishioners. Further information will be provided as it becomes available. The parish office will remain open for at least several more weeks and Father Ken Walsh and the parish Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Edie Evans, will do all they can to facilitate a smooth transition to the provision of pastoral ministry by neighbouring parishes.

I know that this announcement will have come as quite a shock to many of you. It is a situation that none of us wanted and brings with it many emotions and concerns. Please join with me in praying for God's guidance and grace in discerning how best to deal with this present situation according to His will.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Peter Hundt  
Archbishop of St. John's