

Bulletin Announcement from Bishop Daniels

Ad Limina of the Bishops of Canada

During 2017 the Bishops of Canada will be making their Ad Limina visit, beginning with the visit to Rome of the Bishops of Atlantic Canada from March 13 -18. "Ad Limina" literally means 'toward the threshold' and connotes the responsibility of every bishop to make regular pilgrimages to Rome (normally every five years) to visit the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul and to visit the Successor of St. Peter. During this pilgrimage each bishop is to pray at the tombs of the Apostles for the people entrusted to his care and to assure the Holy Father of the loyalty and support that the bishop and the people of his diocese have for the Pope and for his Petrine Ministry.

The Atlantic Bishops are scheduled to celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter on Monday, March 13 and to celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Paul on Friday, March 17. We are also scheduled to meet with the Holy Father on March 16 from 10:00 am to noon. It will be my great honour to bring the prayers of the people of the Diocese of Grand Falls to the celebration of these Masses at the Tombs of the Apostles and it will be my further great honour to bring the love, admiration and prayerful support of the people of our Diocese to Pope Francis.

In addition to the above events, the Bishops of Atlantic Canada will be meeting with the closest collaborators of the Holy Father in thirteen other meetings with the leaders of various Offices of the Holy See. These meetings will provide an opportunity for dialogue about the pastoral concerns for the Church from both a local and universal perspective.

Please pray for me and my brother Bishops of Atlantic Canada as we make this historic Ad Limina visit.