



Diocese of Kamloops
BISHOP'S OFFICE

Memorial of St. Bridget
July 23, 2025

Looking Back with Gratitude, Looking Forward with Hope

Dear Father Peter Nguyen, and the parish communities of St. James and Our Lady of the Valley,

As we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of our Diocese and journey together through this Jubilee Year of grace, I write on behalf of all the clergy and seminarian to extend our heartfelt thanks for the warm and generous hospitality you shared with us during our recent clergy fun day.

In the spirit of looking back with gratitude, we are truly thankful for your joyful welcome, thoughtful preparation, and the beautiful sense of fraternity that united us. From the celebration of Holy Mass at St. James, to breakfast at Our Lady of the Valley, the comfortable accommodations, the lovingly prepared meals, and the refreshing time on the water—whether by boat or canoe—every moment was not only enjoyable, but a witness to a vibrant, faith-filled community rooted in charity and joy.

And as we look forward with hope, your kindness inspires us. It is through such generous gestures that the bonds of communion in our Diocese are strengthened, and our shared mission is renewed with fresh energy and joy.

Please know how deeply your efforts were appreciated. May the Lord continue to bless you, your family, and the parish communities of St. James and Our Lady of the Valley, as we continue to build upon the legacy of faith entrusted to us as pilgrims of hope.

With gratitude and prayer,

✠ Joseph Phuong Nguyen
Bishop of Kamloops