

## **REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST**

I wish to remind all members of Canon 2.6 the Diocesan Canon regarding Archives. We are fortunate in having an agreement, since 1975, with the Mills Memorial Library at McMaster University to house, preserve and copy our Diocesan Archives. This service is paid for out of Diocesan funds and there is no charge to the parish.

Again I encourage each parish to have some person, with knowledge of the parish, to be appointed Archivist. Please let me have any such names and phone numbers so I can contact them if I need to. Please let me know if you need a copy of what is kept at McMaster.

Also if you have not already done so, to send me a good set of pictures of your stained glass windows. These should be digital photos for our Diocesan Registry. Thank you.

If you wonder what parish records to keep for Archival purposes please contact me for a very helpful booklet entitled – “Archives – Our Story.”

Also a reminder, please print all signatures for Baptisms and Marriages as well as a written signature. These are very difficult to decipher sometimes if copies are needed for some important or legal purpose at a later date.

If your parish has produced a recent history please send the Diocesan Archives a copy for our records. If you are planning to write a history I may have some important facts to include.

With the increase of cremations today the disposition of cremated remains is a decision for the family to make. It should be noted in the burial register whether the ashes are interred in a cemetery or scattered somewhere. Very often, years later, some family member inquires through the parish or myself where cremated remains are interred or kept. I personally believe this is an important matter to be dealt with at the Diocesan National Church level.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Venerable John Rathbone