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To: The faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear brothers and sisters,

We invite you to celebrate with us the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Merlin on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. The day will begin with lunch at 12:00 pm and a Praise & Worship concert featuring the Wallaceburg Life Teen Band. A rosary Procession will then take place at 1:30 pm, followed by the celebration of Mass and benediction at 2:00pm. Parishes are encouraged to organize a pilgrimage to this celebration.

You are also invited to join us on July 16th for a walking pilgrimage to the Shrine. There will be three starting points for the walking pilgrimage; a 22 kilometre walk will depart from St. Ursula Church in Chatham at 7:00 am, a 10 kilometre walk will depart from the North Buxton Museum at 10:00 am, and a 4 kilometre walk will depart from the Merlin Community Hall at 10:00 am. The Merlin group will walk at a modest pace more suitable for pilgrims with mobility concerns. Parishes are encouraged to organize a car or bus pool of pilgrims and join one of the departure locations. Pilgrims arriving by car will be able to park their vehicles at these locations, and volunteers will be available after the day's celebrations to drive pilgrims back to the parking lots. A diocesan representative will be at each of the departure locations and will lead pilgrims to the Shrine. Pilgrims are welcome to bring their own lunches, or purchase a hamburger or hotdog from the Knights of Columbus for a small fee. It is not necessary to register for this celebration.

A pilgrimage encourages everyone to become missionary disciples with us, and to invite their family, friends and neighbours to pray together in this year dedicated to prayer in our diocese, to deepen their faith and their relationship with the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

+ *Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.*

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
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~ *Jesu in Te Confido* ~