

## **MEMORIALS TO GENERAL SYNOD 2016**

### ***ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES***

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROVINCE OF CANADA

### ***DIOCESES***

#### **DIOCESE OF THE ARCTIC**

##### **“Memorial to General Synod Regarding Canon 21**

“We in the Diocese of the Arctic, having listened to and prayerfully considered the will of our people at our 2016 Diocesan Synod, wish to express our commitment to God and to the authority of Holy Scripture. We seek to preserve the unity of the Church and maintain our integrity as disciples of Jesus.

“We are committed to human flourishing, equal opportunities, dignity and justice for all. We view the institution of Holy Matrimony as a sacrament and not a human arrangement. The sacrament of Holy Matrimony is a creation ordinance which is restricted to, and defined as, a covenant between a man and a woman. Our Lord Jesus graced and blessed such an arrangement at the wedding at Cana (John 2). Jesus never commended any other form of relationship as a marriage.

“We seek to protect and promote this sacrament for the strengthening of the family, the stability of society, the unity of God’s church, and the common good. It is our sincere hope that we can remain in fellowship and ministry with the Anglican Church of Canada, while standing with the larger Anglican Communion.”

#### **DIOCESE OF HURON**

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Synod of the Diocese of Huron memorialize the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada to add Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr 1980, to the Calendar of the Church year on March 24, the date of his death.”

## **DIOCESE OF ONTARIO**

“Whereas the Mohawk have been loyal allies of the Crown since the seventeenth century and have been faithful Anglicans since 1710, with this commitment recognized by the establishment of Her Majesty’s Chapels Royal of the Mohawk in Brantford and Tyendinaga; and,

“Whereas the Roman Catholic Church recognized the piety and faith of the Mohawk woman Kateri Tekakwitha when Pope Benedict XVI canonized her on 21 October 2012;

“We resolve to petition the General Synod of the Anglican Church in Canada at its triennial meeting in 2016 to add St. Kateri Tekakwitha to the Calendar of the Anglican Church of Canada on one of the following dates: 17<sup>th</sup> April\* (anniversary of her death in 1680), 14 July (the date she is commemorated in the Roman Catholic Church in the United States), or 21 October (anniversary of her canonization in 2012).”

Note: 17 April is the day after another Mohawk woman, Molly Brant, is commemorated in the Canadian Calendar.