

Mass for Shut-Ins Report

CTV Mass for Shut-Ins is the longest running TV program in Canada on the network. This Mass provides so many shut-ins with an opportunity to participate in the Mass. It is very much appreciated by many. Over the years viewers have sent in many letters of appreciation and also donations to support the continuation of this very important ministry that comes from our Diocese. Viewership is not just in the Atlantic Provinces. People from all across Canada are able to see the Mass each week.

Four years ago Bishop Brian Dunn appointed me to be the Producer of TV Mass for Shut-Ins. I took this appointment with great honor. Mass for Shut-Ins has been blessed for years with wonderful volunteers who make sure all is organized and each Sunday the faithful receive a wonderful celebration of the Holy Mass. I look forward to assisting in leadership to ensure we continue as a group to offer the faithful the best celebration of the Eucharist as the Church directs us.

At this time I want to thank all the priests, deacons and laity who have volunteered to offer the Mass and participate in it. I hope you will continue to sign up with your parishes this upcoming year. I would also like to encourage church groups (ie: Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, Saint Vincent de Paul, etc) to continue to volunteer with your Chaplain being the main celebrant.

I want to thank Mae Rowe who coordinates Mass for Shut-Ins from the Pastoral Center. She has certainly done a great job this past year. I know she has many other jobs and Mass for Shut-Ins is just one of them. Thank you for your help this year and many years to come.

The volunteers are indeed the backbone and contribute directly and entirely to the great success of Mass for Shut-Ins. Their commitment is incredible and outstanding. I want to personally thank them for their work each week to making every week a wonderful success. All of the volunteers at this time have been with Mass for Shut-Ins for SO many years. Everything runs so smoothly and successfully due to their love for this ministry that reaches out to so many Shut-Ins.

Due to Covid 19 we will be taping weekly at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River this fall until CTV allows staff back in the studio on George Street. We will tape every Saturday starting at 11am. I ask parishes and groups to arrive by 10am.

I look forward to my next year serving with these volunteers and CTV staff in providing people a time to come together in worship on the Lord's Day each week.

Father Patrick J. O'Neill (Producer of TV Mass for Shut-Ins)

