

## Mission To Seafarers Annual Report

Thank you for your support of the Mission to Seafarers in Thunder Bay. Your support assists us to provide hospitality, assistance and a Christian witness to the seafarers who come to the Port of Thunder Bay. Our chaplain, Rev'd Ed Swayze and volunteer ship visitors visit over 85% of the ocean-going ships in the port, and provide services to all seafarers that request our help. The increased security all over the world is making it difficult for foreign seafarers to come ashore, making the Mission to Seafarers more necessary as an agency to assist seafarers.

We hope that the e-letters, newsletter and web site kept you informed about our work and a copy of our 2010 Annual Report is enclosed. To improve our communication and reduce costs, for those whom we have e-mail addresses, our newsletter and the annual report are being sent by e-mail.

In 2009 income was down because of decreased donations from parishes and service clubs. We hope that as the economy improves, people will find a way to make a donation.

We appreciate opportunities to make our work known better. As more people become aware of our work, it will be easier to raise funds. An invitation would be appreciated for an experienced volunteer or Rev'd Ed Swayze to speak about the work of the Mission to Seafarers to interested groups or to set up our display. We have two power point presentations: an 'Introduction to the Port of Thunder Bay and the Mission to Seafarers' and the 'Year in Review'.

Would you consider financially supporting the Mission to Seafarers this year, if you have not already done so? Your contribution enables a dedicated group of volunteers and Rev'd Ed, to care for seafarers.

The Blessing of the Fleet for the Thunder Bay's marine community is an opportunity to minister to the professional and recreational sailors in our port as well as raising awareness of the Mission to Seafarers. Further information is found on our web site. This service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. June 20, 2009 at Prince Arthur Landing Marina.

If you happen to be in Thunder Bay and would like to visit the Seafarers' Centre at Keefer Intermodal, please call Rev'd Ed.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Rev'd Ed. The Centre's phone is forwarded to Rev'd Ed's cell phone or a volunteer in his absence. He is regularly in the Seafarers' Centre on Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and by appointment.

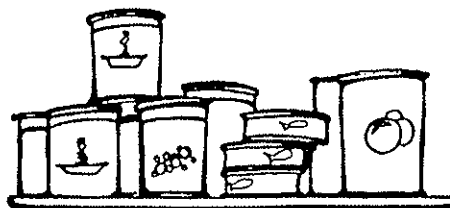
Yours in Christ,

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St. John's Cupboard is in high demand by our neighbours! We are very low on food of all kinds--but we do have plenty of cookies, crackers, and baby food. Greatly needed, are canned fish and meat, soup, beans, stew, pasta sauce, veggies, fruit. Last Sunday we had to close at 12:15 and turned several people away. Parishioners are encouraged to continue bringing in food every Sunday so it can be blessed at the altar. Please help us continue this very important ministry.

Thank you very much,  
Maureen



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