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Dear Friends,

We are writing to share an important update.

After careful consideration, Belong Ottawa, a community ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, and the City of Ottawa have concluded Centre 454, one of Belong Ottawa's drop-in day program sites, will relocate from its current location at St. Alban's Church after January 2027. While details of the transition are still being developed, what remains certain is Centre 454 is not closing. Its mission endures, and its commitment to those who rely on its services every day is as strong as ever.

This decision reflects changing realities in the neighbourhood, evolving health and social service landscape in Ottawa, developing needs of the ministry, and our shared commitment to ensuring Centre 454 has the space and resources to continue serving our neighbours into the future.

As you may know, Centre 454 is one of Ottawa's longest standing low barrier drop-in day programs, serving adults experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental health challenges, substance-use-related harms, and social isolation. For decades, it has offered practical supports including meals, showers, laundry, respite, housing referrals, income services, crisis intervention, and connection to community resources. It is a place where people are welcomed with dignity, compassion, and hope.

Belong Ottawa remains deeply committed to the work of Centre 454 – work that has been sustained through the generosity of parishes, donors, volunteers, and supporters across the Diocese. Through financial contributions, fundraising initiatives, prayers, volunteer service, and advocacy, our diocesan community has helped strengthen and grow Centre 454's ministry for over 70 years.

We recognize this transition marks the end of a significant chapter in the life of St. Alban's. For decades, the parish has faithfully opened its hearts and its doors to neighbours experiencing profound hardship. Through the generosity, hospitality, and faithful witness of its parishioners, St. Alban's has helped shape Centre 454 into the ministry it is today. We give thanks for this extraordinary legacy and ask you to hold the parish in your prayers during this time of transition.

The change will be undertaken thoughtfully and carefully. Belong Ottawa, with the support of our Diocese, is actively identifying interim and long-term locations while collaborating

with the City of Ottawa on a timeline that protects participant safety and ensures uninterrupted delivery of services. This is especially important in light of recent alterations to Ottawa's health and social service landscape in the ByWard Market, Lowertown, and Sandy Hill areas, as well as the increasing demand for low barrier supports. *(For more information, click [here](#) and [here](#).)*

As plans develop, we will keep you informed and share ways parishes, groups, and individuals may rally in support of Belong Ottawa and Centre 454's next chapter. We invite you to pray for Centre 454's participants, staff, volunteers, the people of St. Alban's, and everyone involved in this change.

Thank you for your continued support of our Community Ministries and for your shared commitment to serving our neighbours with compassion and care.

With gratitude,



The Reverend Victoria Scott
Director General of Community Ministries



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