



The Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon is back again this year, taking to the streets on Victoria Day weekend, May 15–17, 2009.

Each year, as this volunteer-driven event continues to grow, we are proud to showcase our city and province to thousands of participants and spectators. The event is also an excellent opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of health and wellness in our province; promote the physical and emotional benefits of running to people of all ages; and to raise funds for community programs.

While we are very excited to be celebrating the success of the Blue Nose again this year, we are aware that an event of this magnitude can create inconveniences for some. We wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and thank you and your parishioners for the patience and cooperation that you have shown. We have made it our priority to ensure you are informed, as early as possible, about how the race route may impact you this year.

Please find attached a map of this year’s route. Please inform your parishioners about the event and encourage them to allow for extra travel time during race weekend.

Walk To Worship Day – May 17, 2009

The success of the Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon relies on the support and cooperation we receive from the community and its leaders. In an effort engage our community during this year’s race weekend, we are asking parishes to support a **“Walk to Worship Day”** on May 17, 2009.

Many Nova Scotian communities have participated in Walk to Worship Days, including St. Marks United Church in Port Hawkesbury, Cape Breton. Twice a year, members of the congregation leave their cars at home and walk or bike to church. The day is a great way to embrace the link between physical and spiritual health, and to be environmentally conscious.




Please feel free to contact St. Marks United's "Walk to Worship Day" organizer, Rilla McLean by phone at (902) 625-2411 or by email at rilla.jim@ns.sympatico.ca

We encourage you to support Walk to Worship Day on May 17 by making a public announcement at your parish in the weeks prior to Victoria Day weekend.

Hopefully this information answers your questions about any impact the marathon may have on you and your parishioners. However, if you require anything further or have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Leal (457-6132) or David Venn (470-6582) from the Public Affairs Committee.

Sincerely,



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