



Kanata Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of the Cross

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- WHAT:** Annual Good Friday Walk of the Cross
- WHERE:** In Kanata, beginning and ending at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Kanata (1817 Richardson Side Rd).
- WHEN:** Friday, April 07, starting at 1:00 pm
- WHO:** People of ALL ages and Christian faiths are invited to take part
- WHY:** To commemorate Christ's walk to His crucifixion at Calvary

Background:

Every year on Good Friday, a "Walk of the Cross" takes place in Kanata. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the Walk has not taken place for the past three years. However, this year marks its return.

Beginning in 1985, Christian Churches in the community of Kanata decided to hold a symbolic interdenominational annual event on Good Friday. The church ministerial group met and, with the help of the Kanata InterChurch Council, the annual event began. The Christian churches host a symbolic procession through community streets with participants carrying a wooden cross and stopping at significant spots for scripture readings and reflection. A member of Holy Redeemer Parish, Tom Flood, made the original wooden cross that is still used today.

Each year, different Christian churches take a turn organizing the walk. This year the hosting church is Trinity Presbyterian Church, Kanata.

On Friday, April 07, the event will begin at 1:00 pm and last approximately an hour. The format will change for this year. The Walk will take place in the parking lot of Trinity Presbyterian Church. We will begin with a brief welcome and then walk the perimeter of the parking lot. Once the Walk has been completed, there will be refreshments available.

The walk takes place, rain or shine, and begins with a group of about ten people being asked to carry the cross as a group for the first segment of the walk. After each reading, another group takes up the challenge. People of all ages and denominations are invited to take part; the event regularly brings out a significant number of people; some years over 200 have participated. This walk has taken place every year since its inception in 1985 (Except for three COVID years).