



## Youth specialist from Ireland takes on a big challenge



NEW YOUTH OFFICER MARK DUNWOODY poses with family members in LaSalle, where he was a guest preacher at St. Lawrence Church before Christmas. He is with his wife, Diane, and two sons, Ricky (15) and Dylan (12); another son, Gareth, could not visit because of work commitments.

(Photo: Susan Winn)

Harvey Shepherd

The challenge of seeking to breathe new life into youth ministry in the Diocese of Montreal is a formidable one but challenge is nothing new to the man expected to take it on shortly after Easter. Especially challenges in working with youth, and in minority situations.

Mark Dunwoody, expected to take up his new job as youth ministry consultant for the Diocese of Montreal shortly after Easter – the first youth officer on the diocesan staff in more than two years – has been youth officer for the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross in the Republic of Ireland for six years. Bishop Barry Clarke of Montreal said he was delighted to make the announcement, which followed “a long and prayerful recruitment process.”

The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross is part of the Church of Ireland, an autonomous church in the Anglican Communion and active throughout Ireland, Northern and Southern. The diocese is at the south end of the island, deep in the largely Roman Catholic Republic of Ireland.

Mr. Dunwoody himself is originally from the North.

Before moving to Cork, he was youth director at Saint John and Saint Philip International Church of The Hague, in the Netherlands.

Prior to that, he had 17 years of youth work experience in Northern Ireland and Europe as a youth leader, scoutmaster and leader in outdoor pursuits.

He has extensive experience in reconciliation work and has designed and implemented programs in Northern Ireland, Poland and Ger-

many. He set up a project for the summer of 2007 that involved teenagers from Israel, Palestine, The Netherlands, Belgium and Ireland. He took part in a symposium at the South African Embassy in the Netherlands to look at how to empower the youth in a post conflict society.

Mr. Dunwoody has also led several groups of young adults to Luweero, Uganda, to implement a building project in a local school where his wife set up a dental hygiene project and worked in a clinic. (You can see information on that project at [www.healthy-vine.org](http://www.healthy-vine.org) on the Web.) He is currently part of a European group looking at issues regarding youth ministry.

Mark will come to Montreal with his wife, Diane, who is a university-trained midwife, and three sons.

## Climate-change protocol urged for Canada

Staff

Since the federal government has withdrawn Canada from the Kyoto Protocol on climate change it should issue its own protocol and make it at least as effective, says the Montreal diocesan committee on the stewardship of the environment.

Bishop Barry Clarke has urged individual Anglicans to join the diocese and make their views known to the government. He suggested they send along a text of the diocesan statement and add their own views.

The environment committee issued its statement in early January, not long after the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Durban, South Africa. During that conference, federal Environment Minister Peter Kent withdrew Canada from the Kyoto Protocol. The protocol, signed in 1997, provided a set of legally binding emission targets for developed countries.

The statement followed up on comments by Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, who said, “Those of us watching from afar echo the voices of delegates who are expressing concern that not enough action is being taken by developed countries. We believe we show our respect for God’s creation by working for a climate treaty that is morally and legally binding.”

“We in the Diocese of Montreal share these concerns,” said Raymond Noël, chairman of the environment committee. He noted that last July the Conference Board of Canada described Canada as one of the world’s largest emitters of greenhouse gas per capita: third (after Australia and the United States) among 17 countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. “During the past 20 years, emissions in Canada of car-

bon dioxide have increased by 20 per cent. This is not good stewardship of our resources.”

The statement acknowledged that the government has the right to manage Canada’s natural resources as it deems appropriate and to take Canada out of the Kyoto Protocol.

“However, we also feel that the government has a responsibility to manage those resources carefully and wisely.

“As the Government of Canada has chosen to withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol, we believe it now has the responsibility to issue its own clear and binding protocol that will be equally or more effective in reaching the goals for the reduction of emissions deemed necessary by the international community. This should include timelines for implementation that are based on technical feasibility and not expediency of special interest groups. We call upon our Government to exercise this responsibility to be good stewards of the environment by shouldering our share of responsibility for climate change mitigation and adaptation. “Canada should be setting an example instead of dragging its feet.”

Urging individual Anglicans to follow up, Bishop Barry said, “Please remember that the Bible, in many places, requires us to be good stewards. We cannot morally object to poor stewardship by our government if we personally do not do our part in preserving the environment. This is one way to do our part!”

He suggested that individual Anglicans forward the statement to Prime Minister Harper and Environment Minister Kent and their own members of Parliament by ordinary mail, postage-free, or email. He suggested parishes print up copies of the statement for this purpose.

For a suggested letter, see Page 2.

Harvey Shepherd

A former priest of the Diocese of Montreal is leaving a professorship at a school of ministry in Pennsylvania this year for a bishop’s post in Ethiopia, largely serving Sudanese refugees in the steamy region of Gambella near the Ethiopian border with Sudan.

Rev. Grant LeMarquand, 57, a Montrealer and graduate of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, who once served as an assistant curate at St. Barnabas Church in Pierrefonds and on the staff of Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal, will become area bishop for The Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritria and Somalia) under Bishop Mouneer Hanna Anis, bishop of the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North African and The Horn of Africa.

Dr. LeMarquand told a small “meet-and-greet” gathering at St. John the Baptist Church in Pointe Claire in early January that much of his effort will be focused on working with Anglican clergy who have fled over the border with their flocks from the Sudan. He said these clergy “are doing a wonderful job but have almost no theological education.”

As area bishop, working in close collaboration with Bishop Anis, Dr. LeMarquand said he will have three main functions, to preach and lead worship, to teach local Anglicans and “to lead them in the mission God calls us to live together.”

His wife, Wendy, a medical doctor, said she hopes to focus largely on community-based health care with the emphasis on relationship and partnership. She did this in Kenya when her husband was at St. Paul’s Seminary there in the late 1980s teaching future clergy. She will be working among people almost without medical care; the one understaffed hospital in Gambella is beyond the means of most people. Along with using her medical

## Former Montreal priest to be area bishop in Ethiopia



HEADED FOR ETHIOPIA, Grant and Wendy LeMarquand describe the challenges ahead of them to a gathering of Montreal-area Anglicans January 4 at St. John the Baptist Church in Pointe Claire.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

skills and knowledge to work out simple solutions to health issues in collaboration with local residents, she expects to carry out a prayer ministry, especially of healing prayer.

Grant LeMarquand said that Bishop Anis broached the idea of making him an area bishop a little over a year ago when Grant LeMarquand was in Egypt on a sabbatical, the latest of several visits he has made to the Egyptian diocese teaching and leading retreats. He had been teaching Biblical studies and mission at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Penn., an evangelical seminary in the Anglican tradition, for 14 years.

“It was an incredible challenge.”

The new area bishop is to be consecrated April 25 in Cairo and installed October 27 in Addis Ababa. He succeeds the first area bishop, Andrew Proud, who has moved to a post as suffragan bishop in England. How long the LeMarquands will stay is open-ended but the bish-

op-to-be, 57, noted that the retirement age in the Diocese of Egypt is 70. He will be the second to hold the post.

Grant LeMarquand said he and his wife hope for support from Canadian Anglicans through prayers, funds and personal visits from people prepared to face the rigours of the hot, humid climate and other challenges.

“If you come we will find something for you to do.”

They are going to Africa as missionaries of a U.S.-based organization called SAMS or the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders and hope to receive salaries of \$15,000 each. SAMS welcomes contributions but is not currently able to issue tax receipts to Canadian donors. Efforts are being made to resolve this difficulty.

The LeMarquands have two adult children in Canada.

For more information, see Page 3.

In this issue of our paper, I invite you to familiarize yourself with the Diocesan Ministry Action Plan (MAP).

#### OUR MINISTRY ACTION PLAN:

Through MAP we recommit ourselves to inspired, able leadership, healthy, sustainable parishes and community ministries, and transparent governance and management.

We reaffirm our value for diversity and continue to develop ministry that speaks to the realities of Quebec society and its peoples: its cultures, languages, ages, ethnicities.

Motivated by ministry more than maintenance, we embrace the need for courage to make difficult decisions and take risks.

Leadership in the church is not easy. There is a deep concern on the part of many that our churches may no longer have a relevant voice or program that is attractive to people today. Our buildings, which were once a resource and gift, are becoming increasingly financially burdensome and time consuming to manage and maintain. Decline in numbers and participation is shifting the burden of parish leadership onto fewer volunteers who are feeling tired and burned out. Clergy increasingly find themselves spending more time and energy worrying about the financial viability of their parishes than their pastoral ministries. For the sake of our participation in God's mission here in the Diocese of Montreal, this situation must change. MAP directs our next steps in this process of change.

Parishes and faith communities are founded on God's radical hope for a better world. This hope is realized by participating in God's mission for the world. Now is the time we need to rediscover the deep roots of real hope in parish life, in our diocesan relationships, and in our community-based ministries. Real hope, rather than wishful thinking, will give courage for the challenges that lie ahead. The Ministry Action Plan is an invitation to stretch



## Bishop's Message

ourselves, reaching further into the world around us with courage and trust, challenging each other to do a new thing inspired by God's promise, joy and abundant hope.

**Transform Us  
Holy, loving, inviting God  
In Jesus you call us to yourself  
And make us into a holy, loving and inviting people.  
May we proclaim the good news of your reign**

**In all we say**

**In all we do**

**In all we are**

**God the Sending One, may your love transform us in worship  
God the Sent One, may your grace liberate us in ministry  
God our Strengthened as we go, may your power lead us  
Gently in mission**

[Michael McCoy South Africa/Australia]

In John's Gospel we have these words of Jesus calling us to reflect upon life in God's service.

Jesus answered them, '... Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

[John 12.23-26]

Faithfully yours,

## Living in readiness for God's call

Janet Marshall

(Janet Marshall is congregational development consultant for the Diocese of Montreal.)

The Ministry Action Plan (MAP) is helping us become a church focused on mission more than maintenance. Rooted in the Marks of Mission, the MAP priorities express our deep desire to be a church that is so alive in God's mission for the world that our neighbours are compelled to notice and join in. But what does this look like, and perhaps most importantly, what must we do as a diocese, as parishes and as parishioners, to get there?

MAP is our strategic vision. It outlines the values, priorities and initiatives we have identified as most hopeful and critical for our health and growth in mission. It is my

observation that dioceses and parishes are actually quite good at visioning. There are lots of very fine vision statements on parish letterheads and bulletin covers. It's the planning and implementation that gets difficult.

This is, of course, because implementation always requires purposeful change, and we are a cautious people. We worry that we won't make the right changes: How can we know this is truly God's call to us? We are so afraid that our changes won't result in something better (or something more like how it was in the good old days) that we will not take the risk. We become anxious and stuck.

But let's not be naïve. Change is ubiquitous. It is more than mind-boggling to think of how the world has changed in the past 50 years,

especially when we think about technological change and the impact this is having on all aspects of our lives. However, as marketing guru Set Godin challenges: "As soon as you accept that just about everything in our created world is only a few generations old, it makes it a lot easier to deal with the fact that the assumptions we make about the future are generally wrong, and that the stress we have over change is completely wasted."

So, the question is not whether or not we change; it is whether or not we will be participants in choosing to change for the sake of mission – to actively become the people, parishes and diocese MAP describes. Are we ready for the adventure of being a missional church, and if so, how do we prepare ourselves? How do we live in readiness for God's call?

At Synod in October, the Bishop reminded us of the Rule of Life. Found in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 555) the Rule is a uniquely Anglican resource to help us remember and keep the basic disciplines of the Christian life of discipleship, a life poised to hear and respond to the Spirit. These disciplines or practices are:

- Regular attendance at public worship and especially at the Eucharist
- Daily private prayer and reading the Bible
- The practice of simplicity and self-discipline
- Bringing the teaching and example of Christ into your everyday life
- Being brave enough to speak about your faith in Christ to others
- Offering your personal service to the Church and the community
- Offering money, according to your means, for the support of the work of the Church for mission and ministry.

MAP's purpose is to keep us focused on those ministries that most resoundingly say yes to God's mission in the world. Are you ready?

## Letter to the editor

### Hats off to the Advent Chapel team!

At the Diocesan Synod, a team of our newer clergy proposed the idea of reopening the former Diocesan Book Room in the Promenades Cathédrale to create the Advent Chapel to serve as an oasis of calm amid the frantic shopping season. The Diocese of Montreal is very fortunate to have a team of Rev. Maïda Vandendorpe, Rev. Rhonda Waters, Rev. Robert Camara and Nick Pang who worked hard to convert the Book Room into the Advent Chapel. The energy and enthusiasm they put into this project is, I am sure, greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

Thank You for all your time and efforts.

JIM SHEPHERD, VERDUN

### Bishop Barry's Calendar

**FEBRUARY** (subject to change without prior notice)

- 2 Visit to Christ Church Sorel and Cafe
- 5 Weir Deconsecration
- 6-20 Pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine
- 22 Noonday Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral for Ash Wednesday
- 23 Meeting with executives of MDTC
- 26 Annual Vestry Meeting at Trinity Church Cowansville
- 28 Episcopal Council meeting

## Bishop suggests text of message to Ottawa

(Here is a text of the suggested message Bishop Barry proposes individual Anglicans modify in their own way and send to the prime minister, the environment minister and their own MPs. For more information, contact Raymond Noël, Chairman of the Stewardship of the Environment Committee of the Diocese at 514-697-7636 or by email at newcons@sympatico.ca.)

The stand that your government has taken at the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Durban, South Africa indicates that it is being a poor steward of the environment. We recognize that you have the right to act as you did in removing us from the Kyoto Protocol; however, we feel strongly that you have the responsibility to manage our resources wisely to the benefit of all Canadians, present and future.

I strongly support the sentiments expressed in the attached communiqué from the Anglican Diocese of Montreal on this issue. In terms of stewardship of our environment, please begin the New Year with a strong commitment to a transparent policy to reduce significantly and quickly our greenhouse gas emissions.

We are stewards of the resources in our land. We should treat them as a legacy to our children and *not* as though we own them.

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# Canadian to Ethiopia: What does it say about mission?



**TRADITIONALIST ANGLICANS** chat with bishop-to-be Grant LeMarquand at an informal gathering in Pointe Claire. Ken Bresnen, left, is a member of Emmaus Anglican Church in Montreal and Rev. Jess Cantelon, right, leads the Church of St. James, a “church plant” in Lennoxville. Both parishes are affiliated with the Anglican Network in Canada, of which Mr. Cantelon, previously a missionary in Israel, was ordained a priest in Burlington, Ont., a little over a year ago. Peter Aitkens, in the background, also worships at Emmaus.

Harvey Shepherd

The existence of differences of emphasis, at least, with regard to the church’s approach to mission are not far beneath the surface in the appointment of Dr. Grant LeMarquand, formerly a priest of the Diocese of Montreal, as area bishop for the Horn of Africa, based in Ethiopia.

While public comments on appointment across the Anglican spectrum seem to have been uniformly favourable, comments in traditionalist blogs and media were particularly enthusiastic. In Montreal, most or all of a small group who showed up at a meet-and-greet session with Grant and Wendy LeMarquand at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Pointe Claire were from relatively traditionalist parishes, of both the Diocese of Montreal and the traditionalist Anglican Network in Canada.

Professor LeMarquand, who had mission as one of his specialities in the 14-year teaching career he is now leaving at Trinity School for Mission in Pennsylvania, offered some muted criticism of the Anglican Church of Canada’s approach to world mission at the Montreal gathering. He suggested the church may have gone too far in reacting against a style of mission seen as tainted by imperialism and preferring support, largely financial, for efforts by local partners in what were once seen as mission fields.

“Canadian Anglicans have not been very good at sending missionaries and supporting them overseas.”

The Canadian church, he said, took the position that it should be the church itself that sent any missionaries overseas, rather than mission societies such as have played an important part in sending missionaries from Britain and elsewhere. Then the church itself scarcely sent out any.

None of this is to deny that the LeMarquands are going into one of the world’s religio-political hot spots in a spirit of partnership.

Grant and, perhaps even more, Wendy LeMarquand, emphasized that they will.

“Grant has a gift for building up

African leadership,” she said.

She drew on their experience in Kenya in the late 1980s, when her husband taught in a seminary – some of his students have since become bishops – and she was a medical missionary.

“The African people, first and foremost, love relationship,” she said.

“They don’t want us just to send money. The Africans want to know what underlies it, what the relationship is. They say, ‘Please send people.’”

“And we were so enriched by the relationships and the beauty of the people.”

Grant LeMarquand said both he and Bishop Mouner Hanna Anis of the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and The Horn of Africa, who is appointing him as area bishop and to whom he will report, hope that Professor LeMarquand will be “the last white guy” in that post.

However, the bishop-to-be also drew this reporter’s attention to a published comment by Dr. Titus Presler, the American principal of a college in Pakistan, who described Grant LeMarquand as “a mature missiologist with a passion for exploring the interface between God’s mission and scripture studies.”

The appointment “of a Canadian of Caucasian descent” put Dr. Presler in mind of other appointments both of Westerners in “Two-Thirds World” dioceses and the reverse.

“With the end of colonialism in the 1960s it was rightly believed both in the former colonies of Western powers and in the Western churches that church leadership in the Two-Thirds World should be thoroughly indigenized in view of the historic monopoly that Westerners had held on church leadership in those regions. People from elsewhere were welcome to assume leadership positions in the West, but not vice versa given the colonial legacy. The problem with that dispensation becoming a permanent fixture is that it undermines the global nature of the church and the interchange of cul-

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## News in brief

### Synod every other year?

Should the synod of the Diocese of Montreal take place every second year instead of annually? Bishop Barry Clarke launched an open-ended discussion of the subject at the January meeting of the Diocesan Council. He said one or two local groups of clergy have broached the idea as a way to reduce expenses and the demands on delegates. Initial reaction by several members of the Diocesan Council tended to be nervous, with objections that there are legal and financial matters that have to be dealt with annually and less-frequent synods might increase isolation of the diocese from parishes. But some delegates suggested that perhaps every second synod could be trimmed to a day or half-day. Currently, annual synods begin on a Friday afternoon and continue through Saturday afternoon with a “conference synod” every three years featuring a theme speaker or other special attraction. Diocesan delegates were also told about proposals that the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, taking in seven dioceses in Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces, be streamlined by measures including reducing the size of various governing bodies and merging dioceses: forming a single diocese in Quebec instead of the present two (loosely speaking), a single diocese for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island instead of the present two and a single diocese for Newfoundland and Labrador, where there are now three. Here again, discussion seems quite open-ended for the time being. (A provincial synod and a diocesan conference synod are both scheduled for Montreal this fall.)

### Fair trade boutique captures imaginations

A “Fair Trade Boutique” in the octagonal atrium at the entrance to the offices of Christ Church Cathedral and the Diocese of Montreal for three days in Advent was successful beyond expectations.

In a note on behalf of the Social Justice Action Group of the cathedral, which organized the boutique in collaboration with the St. Denis Street store of Dix Mille Villages, Jonathan Bailey writes that the “huge success” of the boutique, with sales of \$8,230, was beyond anything which Joni Ward, store manager, or any of the cathedral group dreamed of. The cathedral will receive 15 per cent of the revenue, over \$1,200, which will be passed on to a charitable project.

“However, the success of this project is not just about the money it raised. The boutique caught the imagination of a very broad range of people and inspired them to volunteer their skills, time and energy in the name of social justice. This project directly involved about 45 members of the cathedral community as sales assistants, merchandisers, advisors, designers, publicists, drivers and furniture removers.”

One popular item was a bottle opener attractively attached to a length of bicycle chain. Mr. Bailey passes along this note from the website of Dix Mille Villages about their origin: “The cost of metals had skyrocketed in recent years, which had had a devastating impact on the local economy and on the lives of metal workers in Moradabad, India. As a result a Christian businessman, Samuel Masih established Noah’s Ark in 1986. He had observed how middlemen demanded fees, leaving the metalworkers with very little pay. Although he knew nothing of the Fair Trade movement, he set out to ensure better wages for the impoverished artisans.

“Noah’s Ark worked hard to train artisans in using alternative metals to produce unique products with modern designs. Most of these artisans are women who benefit from the fact that they can work from home and maintain their responsibilities for children and household.

Noah’s Handicrafts and Welfare Society provides free nutrition, medical services and basic education for artisans and their families.”

Dix Mille Villages, or Ten Thousand Villages, is a non-profit charitable organisation which buys artisanal and food products from groups in more than 35 countries, creating opportunities for these artisans to earn a fair income and provide for the needs of their families and communities. For more information, visit [www.tenthousandvillages.ca](http://www.tenthousandvillages.ca) on the Web.

### Work with Bangladesh midwives gets CIDA support

The Canadian International Development Agency is to contribute \$452,147 to maternal and child health work in Bangladesh by the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund over three years as part of the Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health. “We are very pleased to be able to continue our decades-long relationship with CIDA,” said Zaida Bastos, PWRDF program co-ordinator at CIDA. The Bangladesh program will train 650 midwives who will work with 63,000

mothers and 94,500 children under the age of 5 in 130 villages in Bangladesh. The midwives will provide education as well as pre- and post-natal care to the mothers and children and will also make referrals to health care beyond the village level should it be necessary. “These 130 villages currently do not have health clinics or trained health workers,” she explained. “Trained midwives who can provide education about health issues as well as access to basic health care will help to save the lives of mothers and children in the villages.”

PWRDF will work with a long-term partner in Bangladesh, known as UBINIG from the initials of its Bengali name, to implement this program. UBINIG has worked in sustainable development policy and implementation in Bangladesh since 1984. Their executive director, Farida Akhter, is a former member of the PWRDF board of directors.

### “Have We Been Here Before?”



DIARMAID MacCULLOCH

Diarmaid MacCulloch, British author and scholar, will explore the theme “Have We Been Here Before? Reflections from History to Help Us Today” on Tuesday, February 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Presbyterian College, 3495 University St. The event is sponsored by the McGill University Faculty of Religious Studies and its three affiliated theological colleges.

He is a professor of the history of the church in the theology faculty of Oxford University, a Fellow of the British Academy and co-editor of the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*. He has written extensively on Tudor England and his works include *Thomas Cranmer: a Life*, *Reformation: Europe’s House Divided 1490-1700* (appearing in the United States as *The Reformation: a History*). His latest, *A History of Christianity: the First Three Thousand Years* (in the United States *Christianity: the First Three Thousand Years*), was reviewed by William Converse in the October and November 2010 issues of *The Montreal Anglican*. Professor MacCulloch will be in Montreal to receive the 2010 Cundill Prize from McGill University for this book. Admission is free. For more information visit [http://www.stx.ox.ac.uk/general/fellows/macculloch\\_diarmaid](http://www.stx.ox.ac.uk/general/fellows/macculloch_diarmaid) on the Web.

### Green Church offers travelling trainers

The ecumenical Green Church organization is offering to lead one-day training sessions for groups of church staff (clergy and pastoral assistants), and interested volunteers in their own regions. The sessions can be adapted for Catholics, Anglicans, United Church members, evangelicals and Orthodox in either English or French. Sessions are intended to enable participants to empower their faith community in adopting environmentally aware practices through action and awareness and to share in a Christian spirituality closer to Creation. To inquire about arranging a visit by a Green Church trainer visit <http://egliseverte-greenchurch.ca> on the Web and click on “training.” Sessions also take place from time to time at the Montreal offices of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, of which Green Church is a branch.

### New bishop of Valleyfield moves from the Soo



NOËL SIMARD

Most Rev. Noël Simard, the current president of the Catholic Organization for Life and Family, is the new Roman Catholic bishop of Valleyfield. Pope Benedict appointed him on December 30 to succeed Most Reverend Luc Cyr, appointed Archbishop of Sherbrooke last July 26. Bishop Simard was born in November 1947 in the village of St-Aimé-des-Lacs, in the Charlevoix region. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1972 and to the episcopate in

2008, when he became auxiliary bishop of Sault Ste Marie. Until then, he had been a professor of moral theology and bioethics at Saint Paul University in Ottawa. Earlier, he taught moral theology at Université Laval in Quebec City and the University of Toronto. He is “state chaplain” for Ontario of the Knights of Columbus. The diocese of Valleyfield has 25 parishes with a Catholic population of 199,390.

# Hudson layman provides Bible commentary to thousands around the world

Harvey Shepherd

A soft-spoken Anglican retired engineer now living in Hudson may not be well known to the general public but a retirement project he started more than 15 years ago has made him a world figure in a way, with a following of thousands of people around the world.

And many, many thousands more, in churches of various denominations, benefit from his labours unawares as they listen to their priests or preachers expound the scriptures. Since 1995 – on the Web since 1996 – Chris Haslam has been writing *Comments*, interpretations based on published commentaries about the Bible readings for worship in the upcoming few Sundays. Originally intended for the educated lay person, *Comments* is read by many of these and even more clergy, he said in a recent conversation.

His motto: "Equipping the people of God to proclaim the Good News to the World."

The website itself says, "Reader feedback indicates that *Comments* are used for sermon preparation and group and individual Bible Study. They are distributed in churches and cell groups, shared by clergy study groups and lay preachers, or just read on-line for personal edification."

*Comments* is a ministry of the Diocese of Montreal and is on the diocesan website (including its new version). While most readers just find it on the Web, *Comments* does have subscribers. They are one way in which he gets to know his readers. Subscribers receive a weekly email giving them links to current documents in various word-processor formats and are invited to make a small donation quarterly, semi-annually or annually. (A small per cent do make donations.)

The scripture passages Dr. Haslam discusses are those in the "lectionary" readings prescribed by the Anglican Church of Canada and other churches: generally a passage from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a New Testament reading, often from one of the Epistles, and a reading from one of the four Gospels.

Normally, a priest or lay reader will base his or her homily largely on one or more of the lectionary read-

ings, and many go to *Comments* for inspiration, along with various books and other websites prepared for this purpose.

But the interest in *Comments* is not confined to the Diocese of Montreal, or to Anglicans, or to Canada. A current discussion between him and officials of Presbyterian churches in Taiwan about prospects for a Chinese version of *Comments* is only the latest of many sometimes striking incidents of interest in them around the world.

The Episcopal Church of Brazil has used them for a Portuguese version, and "there is another guy starting to translate it into Korean." Perhaps one day the French translation will be completed. Chris says that he has recently received a request for a Spanish translation.

He recalls that some time ago he heard that a Roman Catholic layman on a remote island in the Philippines was a subscriber. To download his copy, he walked for an hour to a bus. He then took an hour's bus ride before reaching a computer. He took his copy home to share in Bible study in his village. More recently, a physician in Brattleboro, Vermont wrote to say that he would be sharing *Comments* with a fellow physician as they led an Advent Bible study.

Chris recalled that the previous bishop of Montreal, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, once paid him the compliment that "You have more people in your diocese than I have in mine."

Various developments in the world and in Chris Haslam's life combined to produce *Comments* in the mid-1990s. While the use of various assigned scriptural texts in worship goes back to the early Christian church and even to Judaism, the practice in many churches was overhauled and relatively standardized after the Second Vatican Council of Roman Catholic bishops from around the world in 1962-65.



CHRIS HASLAM

The Roman Catholics initiated a system based on a three-year cycle and covering more of the Bible than the one-year cycle it replaced. Many Protestant churches followed suit with new lectionaries, particularly "common lectionaries" published in 1974 and 1983 as a result of international ecumenical efforts and then a "Revised Common Lectionary," released in 1994.

In the mean time, Chris Haslam had been studying theology at Concordia University as he moved into retirement from his career as an engineer. He was looking for some way to put his newfound knowledge to work. In 1995 he was worshipping at St. James the Apostle in downtown Montreal, where Rev. Alan Perry, who had previously worked in computers, was assistant curate. (Last month he became executive archdeacon of the Diocese of Edmonton.)

Inspired by contributions a parishioner was making in the parish bulletin at Holy Trinity Church in Ste. Agathe, Alan Perry, who had a temporary assignment in Ste. Agathe, suggested that Chris do something similar for the St. James bulletin. After some months, Father

Perry became rector of St. Simeon's in Lachute and Chris began emailing his *Comments* to Lachute.

From then until now, he has made a point of keeping his weekly *Comments* to a length that would fit on one letter-size page, so it could fit in a church bulletin. However, from quite early on, he has added another section of *Clippings* – material "that landed on the clipping room floor" as he was paring the *Comments* down to size.

*Clippings* also offers some alternative points of view, for which there is generally no room in the restricted length of the *Comments* proper. The language is as non-technical as possible, and a glossary is provided.

There is some other supplementary material including capsule *Introductions* to the books of the Bible. In some parishes, readers set the scene for a reading using *Introductions*. *Study Notes*, available to subscribers, is used for lectionary-based adult Bible study and sometimes as preparation for hearing the readings during Sunday worship.

In 1996, Father Perry, who was developing an interest in the Internet, helped make *Comments* into a website, and Chris has not looked back since. By the end of 1996 about 900 people a week were visiting the website; by 2002 the weekly figure had risen to 2,000 and it has recently been running around 2,500. He said this figure may be a little on the low side because of the free "counter" he has been using to keep track of them.

An analysis of "hits" and emails received in 2002 suggested that about two-thirds of those who receive *Comments* are clergy and many of the others lay readers and other leaders. Many of these people use *Comments* for preparing sermons; some also use it as an insert in the parish bulletin and for Bible studies. Chris himself led a Bible study at St. John's Lutheran Church in down-

town Montreal for several years.

The leading denomination among readers is probably the United Methodist Church in the United States. Many U.S. Episcopal parishes use a somewhat different lectionary, but queries still come in from Episcopalians and Anglicans in various countries as well as Roman Catholics, Baptists, Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, Pentecostals and others.

While *Comments* is not intended to be especially controversial, Chris says his approach tends to be liberal.

For example, a capsule summary of the Book of Genesis – capsule summaries of the books of the Bible are among the supplementary features of the website – says, in its entirety, that "Genesis is the first book of the Bible. It begins with two versions of the creation story, neither of them intended to be scientific but telling us why we are on earth. In the story of Adam and Eve, it tells us that we are responsible, under God, for the care of all creation. It then continues with the stories of the patriarchs: Abraham (who enters into a covenant – or treaty – with God), Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph."

"There is a need for a liberal Christian view of the Good News on the Web," he said, "and not just leaving it all to the conservatives."

For a number of years he devoted 10-16 hours a week to *Comments*. Now in his sixth time through the cycle, he finds it somewhat easier since he does reuse much of his previous material. Still, he does keep revising, to keep up to date with things like which feast days fall on Sundays and to add fresh material.

Recently, for example, Rev. Eleanor Caruana, the current incumbent at St. James Hudson, where he worships now, has made some suggestions about the Book of Ecclesiastes, a particular interest of hers. Chris also thanks many who have contributed time, thought and effort to this ministry. Jane Aitkens of the Cathedral has been the faithful webmistress for many years. When Chris needs help with the Greek or Hebrew, or doesn't understand a passage, he has several scholars he can call on, some of them clergy in this diocese, and others from as far away as California.

## Restoration on hold for two historic Quebec churches

Two major renovation projects in the Diocese of Quebec are on hold after a shortfall in provincial funding for the restoration of heritage buildings.

The Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Quebec has reduced its funding by \$5.7 million, to \$12.9 million in 2011-2012 from \$18.6 million the previous year.

The diocese asked for more than \$100,000 to restore the interior of All Saints' Chapel, a 19th century chapel adjacent to the bishop's residence in Quebec City. The chapel has not been used for worship in more than 20 years because of a leaky roof. The plan was to include transforming the interior into a multi-purpose meeting area. For now, the \$53,404 grant received will be used to repair the church's roof, brickwork, windows and exterior.

The diocese also had applied for more than \$50,000 in heritage grants to restore the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Diocesan property manager James Sweeny said the diocese will find out in late fall whether these projects will be considered in the next round of funding.

Two other churches in the diocese received funding: St. John the Evangelist in Portneuf received a \$15,726 grant to restore its belfry; and Church of the Epiphany in Way's Mills received \$152,600 to restore its roof, foundation and windows.

(From *The Gazette*, the diocesan newspaper)

## Bishop in Ethiopia... continued from page 3

tural perspectives at every level that is vital to the authenticity of a world church.

"Shifting to a more expansive perspective on church leadership signifies a maturing of the world church from a rigidly post-colonial mentality to a genuinely global discipleship. On this interpretation, the appointment of Grant LeMarquand as a Westerner to the Horn of Africa invites not scepticism but affirmation."

Announcing the appointment in early December, Bishop Anis described Grant LeMarquand as committed to mission, evangelism and ecumenical relations.

"Several African Anglican bishops and archbishops were students under him. He is well known to the Diocese of Egypt as he has, during the last 10 years, visited the Diocese more than five times leading retreats and conferences."

Professor LeMarquand said in

Pointe Claire that Bishop Anis sought to bolster the church in the Horn after he began to receive letters a few years ago from groups of Anglicans who had fled to Ethiopia from Sudan. Until recently the Anglican Church in the Horn had five parishes, largely serving expatriates, but Bishop Anis discovered about 30 more – at last count the total was up to 53 – generally refugees worshipping in the open air or crude shelters.

The bishop-to-be said that among the various tribal groups of the area there is an incredible mix of people, problems and different cultures."

The LeMarquands will begin to learn Amharic, a lingua franca in the area, and he will try to master enough of several other local tongues for simple greetings and then elements of the liturgy.

A large majority of the people where the LeMarquands are working are Christians of various denom-

inations; the Ethiopian Orthodox Church predominates in Ethiopia itself.

The LeMarquands have no intention of targeting active Orthodox, although there are quite a few people whose Orthodoxy is mostly nominal. Rather, they hope to have the kind of generally good relations that Bishop Anis enjoys with the Coptic Orthodox in Egypt. There may be opportunities to encourage Biblical knowledge, of either the Western canon or the different and larger Ethiopian Orthodox one, Grant LeMarquand said.

Perspectives on mission may not be the only issue in the background. Both he and Bishop Anis are known as outspoken advocates of traditional views opposing same-sex marriage in current debates in the Anglican Communion. However, references to that debate have been absent from comments on the appointment.

# Busy winter in Plateau, Beaurepaire, Châteauguay



A PARTICULARLY BUSY Christmas season at the Mile End Mission included three holiday meals. Shortly before Christmas more than 300 people enjoyed a dinner at YMCA du Parc. Among them, in photo, Bishop Barry Clarke enjoys a meal with Mission stalwarts Luboslaw and Nancy. Christmas baskets were prepared by the 2011 confirmation class and sorted by parents from the Parish of St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke. Mission staff filled over 135 boxes, picked up on December 21 or delivered by a team that included Amir Khadir, member of the National Assembly for Mercier, and Rev. Canon Yves Joseph, military chaplain.



MEMBERS OF CHRIST CHURCH Beaurepaire are thankful for the opportunity to serve God through distribution of Christmas baskets of food and gifts to 18 families in need on the West Island. Over \$2,500 was raised to purchasing food, through donations, freewill offerings at the annual Christ Church Wassail, and a share of the proceeds from the Kirkland Concert Band's annual Christmas Concert at Christ Church. Additionally, some baskets were sponsored directly by individuals or groups (including the staff at the Maxi-Colour hairdressing salon where one of our parishioners works)! Over 100 gift items were purchased directly and donated. Over 20 volunteers co-ordinated by parishioner Brenda Nicholson, shopped for, packed and delivered the baskets the week before Christmas.



'EVERYONE'S AUNT' Una Adams' rendition of a carol was a highlight of an Advent Carol service at the St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke Parish in east-central Montreal. Among many accomplishments in her more than 90 years, "Aunt Una" was instrumental in giving a start to the musical career of Trevor Payne, director of the Montreal Jubilation Gospel Choir.



CHRISTMAS EVE service at the Mile End Mission in east-central Montreal included a pageant featuring several staff and other regulars from the mission. It was followed by a supper. There was also, for the first time, a dinner on Christmas Day for people living alone. Twenty-six volunteers peeled, chopped, set tables, poured juice and served flaming steamed pudding with vanilla sauce made with a recipe from the grandmother of the mission director, Rev. Ros Macgregor. Afterwards, nine participants went on to Old Montreal, happened upon Mass at Notre Dame Basilica, and wandered in snow, music and lights and shadows.



ENOUGH FOOD for about 20 Châteauguay families awaits the efforts of a dozen volunteers at St. George's Church who packed it into 40 boxes shortly before Christmas. Teams of drivers then delivered the boxes and toys to grateful recipients. "How such a small act of kindness can leave you feeling so fulfilled!" one driver said. In another seasonal efforts, about 100 Christmas "shoe boxes" of small toiletries and other gift items for children abroad. "What a wonderful response this year we have had from our parish!" said parishioner Debbie Hofer.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH of Trinity United Church, Rosemont, along with parents and grandparents, joined the Anglican Parish of St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke Parish a week before Christmas and put on a pageant – the first at St. CHL in many years. The cast reflected the numerous family links between the two parishes. Sheri Cameron, granddaughter of the late Mavis Chapman of St. CHL, organized it and Mary, Joseph and Jesus were respectively the grandniece of the late Hester Kerr of St. CHL, the grandniece's husband and their son. (The photo shows "Joseph" and "Jesus.") All were moved by it," says Rev. Ros Macgregor of St. CHL. "We look forward to Trinity inviting us to a special service at their church one day soon."



SANTA WELCOMES a sleepy youngster at the big pre-Christmas dinner organized by the Mile End Mission. Santa and Esmeralda Claus distributed gifts to about 70 children.

## BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

10:00 Sunday, February 12



**OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME AWARE ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER.**



Martin Luther King, Jr.

St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda & St. Luke  
6341, deLorimier (bw Bellechasse & Beaubien)

12:00 Caribbean Luncheon  
RSVP (514) 722-3061

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You're my sunshine  
Love me tender  
Fools rush in  
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2. Leur # de téléphone / Their telephone #
3. L'heure pour l'appel / The time to call
4. Votre chanson choisie / Your song selection

# THE STILLNESS WITHIN

A column by Cedric Cobb - where you might find a meditation, a poem, an awareness exercise or an inspiration.



## Dear Valentine, You Are a Precious Child of God

Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge: and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and I have not love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13.2

February is the month for lovers. We send our Valentine's Day cards, and we acknowledge our special connection with that significant other. Inwardly, we are also recognizing that love is a key part of our existence. Every card sent is another opportunity to acknowledge that at the heart of all things there is love.

Several years ago, as I was approaching a particular milestone birthday, I found myself reflecting on my mortality and the meaning of existence: *who was I? What does it all mean?* In the middle of these thoughts, just prior to my birthday, I received a Valentine's Day card from my wife. To paraphrase its content,

the card stated that I was precious, a shining star, and a child of God. That reminder could not have been timelier, and was a reminder of *who I was* and *whose I was*. Put simply, I was a divine child of God, and I was loved.

Discovering our true selves is of extreme importance. Without this realization, we wrestle with deep doubts about our worthiness, and may find ourselves wallowing in confusion and despair. But when we recognize who we are, we express our creative spirit and find ourselves becoming more centered, calm, and joyful.

The fear-based smaller self often forgets that we are divine immortal beings. Thus it offers false counsel based on insecurity and a sense of lack. St. Valentine's Day, however, offers us an opportunity to cherish ourselves and each other as God

does - completely and unconditionally. To do so means that we are able to live in the world as beloved children of the Spirit, made for love.

### Practice

We are children of God, and called to love ourselves as God loves us. One of the ways we can experience more deeply our connection with Divine Love is to spend a few moments in quiet contemplative prayer or meditation. Here is an exercise that can be practiced to more deeply experience our true selves as beloved children of God.

Sit comfortably, relaxed yet erect. Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths.

Now settle into a natural pattern of inhaling and exhaling. Feel or imagine your belly rising on the in-breath, and falling on the out-breath.

Every out-breath is an opportunity to relax and let go, to move into your true self. Each out-breath is an opportunity to let go into a deeper and deeper state of trust in your basic beauty as a child of God.

Now begin to reflect on your connection with the Divine Presence. Imagine the voice of the Spirit whispering to you: "You are my beloved child. In you I am well pleased." Listen to these words with your heart.

When you are ready, repeat the following affirmation silently to yourself: "I am a child of God...a child of the One Light. The wisdom of the Divine is present within me." Now rest in the Love of God for as long as you wish.

Whenever you encounter difficulties in your daily activities, remind yourself of this experience.

Until next time,

Cedric+

## Lent and Ash Wednesday events

### Shrove Tuesday at Christ Church Beaurepaire

Come out and enjoy a traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with sausages and ham February 21 5-7 p.m. at Christ Church, Beaurepaire 455 Church St., Beaconsfield. It's \$6 a person and \$25 a family. Following the pancake supper there will be an "Immolation of Palms" outside in the church parking lot (near the side entrance). For more information call 514-697-2204. Everyone is welcome.

### And in Deux-Montagnes

All Saints Church, Deux Montagnes, plans a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30 p.m. February 21. Tickets will be available at the door at 248 - 18th Avenue in Deux Montagnes.

### And in Rosemere

Pancakes, anyone? Enjoy mouth-watering pancakes and sausages, smothered in butter and maple syrup at the inimitable version of Mardi Gras St. James' Rosemere on Shrove Tuesday, February 21, at 6 p.m. The cost of this fantastic feast is only \$8. Where else can you get good food, good times, good conversation with good people for such a low price? The church is located at 328 Pine St. in Rosemere and is wheelchair-accessible.

### And in Verdun

A Shrove Tuesday Supper will get under way at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, at the Church of the Epiphany, 4322 Wellington St. in Verdun. There will be a freewill offering to support the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

### Ash Wednesday at Christ Church Beaurepaire

On Ash Wednesday, February 22 there will be services of the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Christ Church, Beaurepaire 455 Church Street, Beaconsfield. Both services will include the imposition of ashes. For more information call 514-697-2204. Everyone is welcome.

### Lenten Lunches at Christ Church Beaurepaire

Christ Church Beaurepaire will be hosting Lenten Lunches every Wednesday from February 22 to March 28. Lunch will be served 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a hearty homemade soup, along with bread, cheese, squares and tea or coffee, all for just \$7 a person. The church is at 455 Church St., Beaconsfield. For information please call 514-697-2204. All are welcome.

### Still Presence Spirituality Centre

Monday Meditation Circle

February 6, 13, 20, 27  
7-8:15 p.m.

Christ Church Beaurepaire,  
455 Church, Beaconsfield,  
514-697-2204

**Church of the Epiphany**  
4322 Wellington St., Verdun  
514-769-5373  
www.epiphanyverdun.com  
Sunday, February 5  
Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 11, 6:00 p.m.  
Valentine's Roast Pork Supper  
Tickets \$12.00  
Call Church office to order  
Sunday, February 12  
Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, February 19  
Baptism Sunday  
Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
February 22 Ash Wednesday  
Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 26  
Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, March 4  
Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

## Creation, world views of Bible are themes of Lenten study

As Ash Wednesday on February 22 approaches, Bishop Barry Clarke has reminded parishes of the invitation in his opening address to the diocesan synod last fall that parishes and other groups in the diocese and participate in an international 2012 Lenten Bible study: *And it was good*.

He hopes groups in the partner Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania will also participate.

"This would fulfill one of our joint hopes of doing Bible study together," he said.

An international product of the "Bible and the Life of the Church Project" of the worldwide Anglican Communion, *And it was good* is a five-session course that provides an opportunity for Anglicans around the Communion to explore two themes together during Lent 2012:

- Anglicans' understanding of and responsibility for creation, taking seriously the commitment expressed in the Anglican Fifth Mark of Mission: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth."
- How Anglicans in different parts of the world use and interpret the Bible.

The sessions are designed to help participants discover how aspects of the life, ministry and death of Jesus Christ shed light upon these themes.

Each Session contains:

- Exploration of one or two Bible passages related to aspects of creation.
- Reflection on how understanding can be deepened by the experiences of fellow Anglican Christians throughout the world.

- Reading the Bible with Anglicans around the world while reflecting on what this exploration suggests about the ways other Anglicans read the Bible.

- Questions for discussion linked to both the theme of creation and to Anglicans' use of the Bible.

- Sharing insights with Anglicans in other parts of the world.
- Closing prayer

The material can be used by groups or individuals although it is primarily designed for use by groups.

To look at a sample of the course, order booklets or download the course go to [www.aco.org/ministry/theological/bible/lent.cfm](http://www.aco.org/ministry/theological/bible/lent.cfm) on the Web.

### Calendar of Events - January to June 2012

#### Meditation - French

Monday at 8:00 pm - at Padua Centre

#### Meditation - English

Wednesday at 8:00 pm - at Padua Centre

#### Songs and Prayers of Taizé - Bilingual

Every second and fourth Friday of the month  
at 7:30 pm - at Padua Centre

#### Interactive Conference - French

Facilitator: René Lavolette - January 26th  
Theme: St. Teresa of Avila

Facilitator: Mark Langlois - February 23rd, March 22nd

Theme: To be determined by the group  
from 10 am until noon - at the Catholic Centre

#### Workshop on Mandalas - Bilingual

Every second Sunday of the month  
from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm - at the Catholic Centre



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### "HAVE WE BEEN HERE BEFORE?" REFLECTIONS FROM HISTORY TO HELP US TODAY."



Diarmaid MacCulloch is Professor of the History of the Church, in the Theology Faculty, Oxford University. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, and co-edits the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*. He has written extensively on Tudor England; his biography Thomas Cranmer: a Life (Yale UP, 1996) won the Whitbread Biography, Duff Cooper and James Tait Black Prizes.

More recent publications from Penguin/Allen Lane have included *Reformation: Europe's House Divided 1490-1700* (appearing in the USA as *The Reformation: A History*), and his latest *A History of Christianity: the First Three Thousand Years* (in the USA, *Christianity: the First Three Thousand Years*), which won the 2010 Cundill Prize from McGill University.

Professor MacCulloch was the presenter on BBC4 and BBC2 of "A History of Christianity - the first 3,000 years", which won the Radio Times Listeners' Award in 2010. He received a knighthood in January 2012 for services to scholarship.

Tuesday, February 14th, from 10 am to 12 noon.  
Presbyterian College, 3495 University Street, Montreal, QC H3A 2A8

Join us in a discussion and exploration with Professor MacCulloch as we ask: "Have We Been Here Before? Reflections from History to Help Us Today."

For clergy and lay people. There is no fee for this event.

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## Books

# Blogging bishop says Canada is in deep trouble

A review of *Renewing Hope* by Dennis Paul Drainville, bishop of the Diocese of Quebec, e-published on his online blog.

Reviewed by Afra Saskia Tucker

Bishop Dennis Drainville's e-published book *Renewing Hope*, posted in September, is noticeably original for two reasons: firstly, it is non-commercial and accessible to anyone with an internet connection; secondly, it has been published in its entirety on the bishop's official online blog, alongside other reflections, uploaded in the form of blog posts.

As churches and affiliated organizations attempt to update their image and accessibility through websites and social media, Bishop Drainville has taken an important step in making his views visible in a

way that requires no obligation on the part of the reader other than a willingness to visit his blog and engage in the ongoing discussions.

In his introduction to *Renewing Hope*, the bishop explains his motivations for writing and publishing the online book:

"The illness and death of Jack Layton was the source of my motivation to write this social, political and economic critique. It was seeing Jack, so vulnerable and so brave, and hearing his trembling voice at the news conference on Monday July 25th that galvanized me into action. I started to collect some old notes and I began to prepare an outline of the critique that I had been thinking about for the last thirty years.

"Although many things had changed over those years, in terms of my analysis, the passage of time



DENNIS PAUL DRAINVILLE

had only confirmed my opinion that Canada was in deep trouble. The downward spiral of our national spirit, the degradation of our politi-

cal institutions, the triumphalism and greed of the corporate elite and the social alienation and marginalization of so many members of our society were challenging us to renew our commitment to a better society built upon the principles of equity, compassion, diversity and freedom."

*Renewing Hope* offers reflections on leaders and leadership, citing the challenges that Canada is currently experiencing in the area of leadership, policy, and public debate. Critiquing and examining various parts of the social machinery that currently governs the lives of Canadians, including the political elite, the media, and market forces, as well as the ever-evasive Common Good, the bishop draws on a refreshingly wide range of sources to illustrate his points, from Lao Tzu to Lewis Carroll to Martin Luther King Jr.

A member of the Corporation of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and a recipient of the College's degree of Doctor of Divinity honoris causa, Bishop Drainville has maintained a close relationship with MDTC, sending many students to the College, including Sarah Priebe, a current in-ministry-year student. *Renewing Hope* and Bishop Drainville's blog can be accessed at the following URL: <http://thebishopsviews.wordpress.com>.

(Afra Saskia Tucker is administrator of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and responsible for design, layout and editing of its newsletter, Pro Christo et Ecclesia. This review first appeared in the Christmas issue of that publication.)

## 'The psyche itself is the ultimate sacrament'

A review of *On Behalf of the Mystical Fool: Jung on the Religious Situation* by John P. Dourley. Routledge 2010, 262 pages.

Reviewed by Harvey Shepherd

There are some these days who see religion as irrelevant at best and at worst a breeder of fanaticisms that even threaten the survival of the human race. Others still cherish the hope that religion could be an antidote for fanaticism and a force for human unity that could still enrich human life even as it helps humanity survive.

John P. Dourley stands firmly on both sides of that debate. It's not that he is vacillating but that he thinks religion and humanity are at a crossroads.

In many ways, he sees today's religious and geopolitical outlook as bleak. The "mystical fool" of the title is taken from something Carl Jung, the Swiss pioneer of depth psychology, wrote just before the Second World War. He suggested that someone who had predicted 30 years earlier that the world would have been the way it had turned out would have been mocked as a mystical fool.

"And what similar horrors might the mystical fool see in today's world?" Dourley asks rhetorically. "The three variants of monotheism, each proclaiming an objective God of universal and privileged truth and claim, provoke the same hostility and loss of life among their competing communities that has characterized their interface almost from the outset." This hostility and the pressure of modern secularism leads these religions to "turn to their founding scriptures as literal and historic accounts of their being the chosen" and to "lose the sense of the religiously poetic, the symbolic and the mythic."

For Dourley, all this has much to do with ills ranging from the Holocaust to ethnic cleansing, environmental degradation and the "clash of civilizations" described by Samuel P. Huntington, whose work Dourley draws on extensively but not uncritically.

For Dourley, both the diagnosis of today's religious and geopolitical ills and the remedies he suggests draw heavily on Jung. This is not surprising, since Dourley has been practicing

as a Jungian analyst in Ottawa for many years. (It is also not surprising that his views commend themselves to this reviewer. I have been following his career with admiration for years through his books and lectures, along with a few meetings in person. I reviewed this book for a Montreal Jungian newsletter a year or so ago.)

Dourley's trenchant criticisms of monotheistic religion, including the Roman Catholic Church, may strike the reader as surprising, since he is a Roman Catholic priest.

Dourley makes no bones about the fact that the remedies he and Jung, as he reads Jung, prescribe would be painful for many devout individuals and religious institutions, who will find them iconoclastic and heretical.

"In the face of the undeniable shadow now hanging over contemporary institutionalized religion, West and East, the civilized mind now moves to the search for salvation from religion rather than through it," Dourley writes. "The situation raises the question of whether religion can be saved from the religions through a more immediate experience of the authentic power of religion at the personal level with the social experience such experience may foster..."

"And yet, even in its present condition, religion flourishes. Fundamentalism thrives. Religious institutions continue to split between left and right. In most the right continues to prevail. In the face of a narrow but overwhelmingly conservative majority, liberal institutions and forces withdraw leaving the institutions bastions of a defensive but powerful regression frequently resting on an inherited revelation, the only true one, still to be imposed on others."

He provides this capsule summary of Jung's views on religion:

"Religion, personal and collective, is inevitable. It can, does and has killed fluently. It could be humanity's greatest resource if understood as a latent human potential seeking its total realization and completion in humanity."

For Dourley, the problem is largely fundamentalism, a term he extends to the views of many who reject the label and regard them-



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selves as moderates, as well as to political and ethnic views whose proponents do not seem them as religious at all.

"Externalism, literalism and historicism are forms of the objectification of deity beyond the psyche and so the reduction of divinity to a person, entity or object over against the human."

But "time may be running out on humanity's efforts to survive its religions. They could end the joint human project through conflicts between their particular concretions should they ever move to the use of all available weaponry in the solution of their conflict." Dourley sees the threat of fundamentalism, religious and political, as growing, thanks to its appeal to the "basest of human instincts, the need for instant certitude and the collective assurance of being chosen."

Trying to defend their symbols, as he sees it, religions and especially Western religions, have done the opposite and deprived them of a living meaning through what he describes as literalism, historicism and externalism – pretty much three words for aspects of the same thing.

"With the loss of the symbolic sense the credibility and humanizing power of religion also vanished... Religion in its more modern form severed its adherents from the human depths from which its symbols rose to consciousness, took itself literally and historically and, in so doing, committed spiritual suicide."

The current malaise in Western society, he argues, "rests on two



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strangely related phenomena."

"Official religion stands bereft of access to the powers that created it and whose mediation it was meant to serve. Indeed, its current spiritual bankruptcy is due in no small part to its taking on the Enlightenment on rational grounds and losing battle after battle because it could not distinguish the symbolic nature of its own resources and discourse from philosophical and scientific statement.... On the other hand scientific discourse came increasingly to reject religion on the grounds of its interference with the legitimate working of the autonomous mind, a level of mind which consistently defeated heteronomous or authoritarian religious attacks on it. In a strange sense religion and science, though very different and for different reasons, conspired to defeat authentic religion in our time by jointly denying humanity's natural experience of divinity as the basis of all valid religion, institutional and personal.

In arguing for a return to the depths of the psyche and against any Gods perceived as external to it, Dourley refers not only to Jung but also to Paul Tillich, a Protestant theologian and near contemporary of Jung. Dourley has explored the parallels between Jung and Tillich in previous books.

Dourley also refers to several mystics between the 12th and 17th centuries.

With Jung, Dourley also honours "the priority of the Goddess or Great Mother in deference to the maternal nature of the deepest unconscious."

Dourley argues that to return to

health the great Western religions need to reintegrate traditions they have more or less excluded, like Gnosticism, alchemy and mysticism."

"Recovered heresy would serve as their greatest healing resource."

"If humanity cannot die into that fleeting point of rest in the nothing beyond the inner archetypal wars and their externalizations, then such wars will continue to threaten the species physically..."

In Dourley's view, a return to the human depths help bridge the gulf between institutional spirituality and "single seekers" because it traces both spiritualities "to their common origin in the archetypal unconscious."

"For those for whom the symbolic and ritual sense has died even as they remain in a religious community, the experience of the self incarnating consciousness could restore a living meaning to their accustomed symbols and rituals. For those without any history of membership in a religious community or conscious relation to religion as traditionally understood, Jung's understanding of incarnation could reconnect the individual with their native divinity and greatly enrich their lives even if such wealth were not understood as a religious reality. Should this happen in significant number, the so-called secular world could recover a humanity at once more sensitive to its own creative a life-giving depths and more encompassing in its compassion for the totality of humanity. Religion and secularity would no longer be opposites. Rather a religious secularity would result expressive of the basis of the religious in the profoundly human and so imbued with wider sympathy for all."

In Dourley's view, "Jung's sacramentalism, deeper than that offered by the traditional West, rests on the proclivity of the unconscious to generate archetypal and so numinous experience in the creation of the divinities and their communities or, indeed, in all that is held sacred.

"The psyche itself is the ultimate sacrament since it carries in itself the potential and necessity for the experience of the Gods and so of the human as holy."



# Diocesan Clippings (and Snapshots)



## New minister for Hawkesbury, Grenville

Rev. Dr. Dana Fisher, a priest of the Diocese of Ottawa who recently served in parish ministry in downtown Ottawa and also has a background in academic life and spiritual direction, has been appointed interim priest for a cluster of parishes in Hawkesbury, Grenville, Calumet and Montebello that straddles the Ottawa River and the boundaries between Quebec and Ontario and the Montreal and Ottawa Dioceses. Bishop Barry Clarke said the appointment is for six months with possibilities of renewal. She succeeds Rev. Kay Richardson, who retired recently.

## St. Stephen's Lachine loses a neighbour

Members of historic St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Lachine learned "with profound dismay and sadness" of the closing in December of nearby Saint Andrew's United Church. "Saint Andrew's was actually founded before Saint Stephen's, although our building was erected one year before Saint Andrew's, in 1831," the St. Stephen's parish newsletter says. "We have been neighbours for almost two centuries and over that time have had many shared worship services, as well as numerous social encounters." The West Island edition of *The Gazette* quoted the minister, Rev. Jeff Barlow, as saying the congregation voted to disband in view of with mounting costs and needs for maintenance and dwindling attendance. The last regular service was December 18. Founded in 1818 as St. Andrew's Scotch Presbyterian Church, the congregation became part of the new United Church of Canada at the formation of that denomination by merger in 1925.

## Archdeacon?

The executive archdeacon of the Diocese of Montreal, Ven. Janet Griffith, is acting archdeacon for the Archdeaconry of St. Andrews, covering the Laurentians and other areas of the diocese north of Montreal Island. The previous archdeacon, Ven. Edward Simonton, is on an exchange visit to ancient Orthodox churches in India, to be followed by a move to Lennoxville in the Diocese of Quebec.

## Bishop administers Trinity Nelsonville

Bishop Barry Clarke is administering Trinity Church Nelsonville in Cowanville "for an indefinite period of time" while discussions with the parish about its future continue. A diocesan official said this is not a return to trusteeship such as existed in late 2009 and early 2010. Rev. John Serjeantson of Bolton East has recently been leading services there. Rev. Allan Gault continues to lead worship in the churches of the Parish of Brome under licence from the bishop.

## A priest and a grandfather

Rev. Canon Ralph Leavitt reports in the parish bulletin of St. George's Place du Canada on a blessing in Advent that made him reflect on what a blessing it is to be a priest and a grandfather.

"I was at the altar rail distributing communion and blessing small children. I must say that as a Priest, this is a very precious aspect of my ministry. You might wonder what goes through my mind as I do this. Pretty well all of the time I am moved by the faithfulness of the congregation, I thank God for each and every person, and I thank God for our community of faith. It is such a blessing to receive communion. And when I bless little children, I always want to squat down to their eye level, look at them and bless them. I give thanks for their parents' faith, and for the gift they are to this world. And it is amazing to watch the children grow.

"So here I was distributing communion and blessing, when, before I knew it, there was my youngest grandson, Shaun Elliot, waiting for his blessing. Suddenly I was overcome with emotion as I thought to myself how precious it is

## Memories



AMONG MEMENTOS turned up by Pamela Turpin of Montreal in some recent housecleaning was this snapshot of her late husband, Rev. Canon Reginald Turpin, going over some stamps with Sister Mary Margaret of the Sisters of St. Margaret, who worked for some years at St. Margaret's Home in Montreal. Mrs. Turpin thinks it may date from the 1980s. Canon Turpin, who served several parishes in the Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal and was particularly active in trying to keep the church in touch with Quebec's "Quiet Revolution," died in September 2009, Sister Mary Margaret (who among other things ran a stamp club for youngsters) died last September in New York State.

to receive a blessing from God. And this was perhaps the first time I was passing God's blessing on to him. After what felt like a long pause I said: 'May the light of Christ shine in you brightly and may God bless you this day and always.' The first part was my prayer for him, and the second God's blessing on him."

## Cabaret at St. George's

Plans are under way for a fundraiser cabaret at St. George's Place du Canada on Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors and \$35 for a family of four. The cabaret will feature homegrown musical talents including Jon Davis, Amanda Montaque, Tracy Davidson and Celine Giangi. For information or to volunteer send an email to Jonathan Davis at: jdavisconcert@gmail.com or Juliet Oppong at: beautygirl\_12@hotmail.com.

## A thank-you in Châteauguay

A team at St. George's Châteauguay including Debbie Stevens-Boyer, Susan Sutton and others said thank you to their fellow parishioners for their hard work over the years by hosting an appreciation dinner November 19. Parishioners dined on spring salad, Hungarian paprika chicken, crusty bread and apple dapple cake. An offering of \$540 Tynedale-St. George's Community Centre. "It was truly an evening of fellowship, laughter and good food," a parishioner reports.

## Busy Advent, Yule, at St. George's, Châteauguay

Sunday evening services of compline were a feature of Advent at St. George's Church in Châteauguay and a number of parishioners found it a relaxing way to start a week. Other Advent and Christmas highlights at St. George's included the annual festival of music. The efforts of the choir, accompanied by Caroline Derome on the flute, were complemented by local talent. Organist Hal Springer on the piano, deputy rector's warden Alan Campbell on the recorder – and Rev. Geoffrey Chapman on the French horn – played a piece composed by Alan Campbell and achieved

a sound that was reportedly amazing. "The Sistas" – Cheryl Maude and Susan Sutton – were accompanied by Garth Priest on guitar.

## La Nativité seeks an organ

Rev. Jean-Claudel Wagnac of La Paroisse de la Nativité in Montreal North says the church organ has not functioned and he is looking for a new one. He writes: "Je profite de cette saison des fêtes où nos eucharisties mettent l'accent sur le partage pour vous soumettre un problème auquel nous faisons face à la Nativité. Depuis un certain temps, notre orgue ne fonctionne plus. Or, nous n'avons pas les moyens de nous en procurer un neuf. Je me fais le porte-parole de la Paroisse pour vous demander de nous aider à en trouver un soit comme un don, soit à un prix réduit."

## Living the Questions



*Living the Questions* is a small group study exploring beyond the traditions and rote theologies in which so many people and local churches seem to have gotten stuck. *Living the Questions* will help both seekers and long-term church members discover the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world. *Living the Questions* is being offered in three seven-session segments on Thursday afternoons, 1:30-3 pm at Christ Church, Beaufort, The format of each session includes a video, guided discussion, spiritual exercises and Bible study. All study materials and refreshments will be provided. The next seven-session segment will begin on Thursday February 23, and will run through Thursday April 5th. The cost for each seven-session segment is \$25. Please call the office at 514-697-2204 to pre-register. For further information about *Living the Questions* ask for Archdeacon Michael. All are welcome. Sessions will be held at Christ Church, 455 Church St., Beaufort.

## Oasis in Rosemere

St. James Drop-In Centre in Rosemere is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's an informal gathering place open to everyone in the community – a time to chat, to read, to reflect over a cup of coffee and an oasis from the rat race. The church sanctuary is open for quiet reflection. A selection of free reading materials is available. Winston and Becky Fraser are there to greet you with a smile and a friendly word. St. James Anglican Church is located at 328 Pine St. in Rosemere and is wheelchair-accessible. Call 450-621-6466 for information. The website is under construction but information is available on the Facebook page.

## Paws & Pray at Beaufort



The next Paws & Pray services at Christ Church Beaufort will take place on Sunday February 5 and March 4, at 1 p.m. Paws & Pray features a service of the Holy Eucharist where canine companions and their guardians are always welcome. Services take place at 455 Church Street, Beaufort. For more information call 514-697-2204.

## St. Paddy's at St. Paul's

The men of St. Paul's Anglican Church Lachine will once more be dishing up their ever-popular Irish stew at a St. Patrick's Day Supper, on Friday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. Admission of \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 – with a family rate of \$28 – also covers dessert, tea and coffee, door prizes, entertainment and a half-and-half draw. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reserve early and avoid disappointment by calling 514-634-1965 or stop by at the church. 377 – 44th Avenue, Lachine

## Canada briefs

### First Inuit woman ordained

On Nov. 13, 2011, the Rev. Sarah Baikie became the first woman of Inuit descent to be ordained in the Anglican diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

The bishop of the diocese, Cyrus Pitman, ordained Baikie in the presence of her family and community in her home church of St. Timothy's in Rigolet, Labrador. Baikie's five grandchildren, dressed in traditional aboriginal attire, drummed the procession into the church. The Lord's Prayer was recited in her local dialect of Inuktitut. *Anglican Life*

### Joint national worship conference in Winnipeg

Anglican and Lutheran churches in Canada are holding a joint national worship conference June 29 to July 2 in Winnipeg. Speakers include Craig Van Gelder, who writes on the missional church and on congregational leadership, and Douglas Cowling, director of music at St.

Philip's Church, Etobicoke.

Entitled "Beyond the Fortress," the conference will take place at the University of Manitoba.

*Rupert's Land News*

### Five women priests ordained in Ottawa

The bishop of the diocese of Ottawa, John Chapman, ordained five women as priests on Nov. 30, the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada. The women had earlier been ordained as deacons at a ceremony held in May at Christ Church Cathedral, which Bishop Chapman had also presided. The new priests are Kerri Lynn Brennan, Diane Catherine Jaggassar, Carolyn Louise Sharp, Monique Ann Stone and Linda Ann Wheeler. "In women priests we see a true sacrament of the priestly vocation," said the Rev. Canon David Clunie, who delivered the sermon. "They have brought a wholeness to our church that is pleasing in God's sight." *Topic*

## The Rev. Jesse Jackson

will speak

Wednesday,  
February 15  
7 p.m.

at Centennial Theatre,  
Bishop's University,  
Lennoxville

for details:

<http://www.ubishops.ca/donald/2011-2012.html>

## The Eucharist as Social Justice

Saturday, March 24th  
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MDTC, 3475 University,  
Montreal

Sister Margaret Scott (srmargaret-aci.com) of Philadelphia will be speaking to the Lay Readers and all other interested persons.

Registration is \$10. Please bring a bag lunch.

Contact Tim Smart to register: [tsmart@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:tsmart@montreal.anglican.ca)  
For details about Sister Margaret: [srmargaret-aci.com](mailto:srmargaret-aci.com)