



'A partnership with God'



"A PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD in caring for God's creation and God's people." Those were among the terms Bishop Barry Clarke used to describe the work of the Rev. Glynis Williams, who has left her job as executive director of Action Réfugiés Montréal to take a post in Toronto with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Presenting a bouquet to her at a farewell dinner August 29, the bishop praised her commitment to social justice at a time when government policies toward refugees "continue to diminish the value of each and every human being." Ms. Williams' interim successor at Action Réfugiés Montréal is Rob Shropshire, a veteran activist for social justice who recently had a similar interim post with the Canadian Council for Refugees. For another picture, see Page 5.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Bishop warns against rash language

Harvey Shepherd

Bishop Barry Clarke has called on Anglicans in the Montreal Diocese to avoid intemperate language and fear-mongering in response to the September 4 election of a Parti Québécois minority government of Quebec.

"We definitely don't engage in some of the rhetoric and some of the language that some people have indulged in," he said in an extemporaneous addition to his bishop's report at a regular meeting of the Diocesan Council September 11.

Extreme "language and fear" could jeopardize the rights and dignities that Anglicans want, he said.

He added that "we do not tolerate violence in any form" – apparently a reference to the fatal shooting of a stage technician during a speech by premier-elect Pauline Marois at an election night rally. An English-speaking Quebecer has been arrested.

He said the Anglican and Biblical tradition of praying for those in

authority should continue under Ms. Marois as it did under the previous Liberal premier, Jean Charest.

"We prayed for Jean Charest and now we pray for Pauline Marois."

He and the dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal, Very Rev. Paul Kennington, with the tacit endorsement of the Diocesan Council, also took steps to reiterate a particular stand that emerged as a demand of the premier-elect in the days following the election: opposition to the federal government's plans to destroy Quebec data in the long-gun registry that Ottawa is trying to abolish.

Apparently reflecting a discussion earlier September 11 at a regular closed meeting of the Episcopal Council of the diocese, made up of top clergy, Dean Kennington noted that the annual diocesan synod last year had already adopted a motion calling for data in the long-gun registry to be preserved. This was also the position of the previous Liberal government of Quebec.

Development corporation mooted

In other business, the Diocesan Council was told that the Diocesan Synod this month will be asked to authorize creation of a development corporation to work with parishes interested in developing revenue-producing projects on portions of their property. A condominium development on the site of what is now a church hall would be one example.

Proceeds of such projects would be split three ways, with 50 per cent going to the parish, 25 per cent to the diocese to finance grants and loans to parishes and community ministries for ministry or building projects and the other 25 per cent retained by the development corporation for seed money and consultants' costs for future projects.

"If we do this right, I think this can open up so much for us," Executive Archdeacon Janet Griffith said.

Mission to seafarers moves into the electronic age

Harvey Shepherd

While piracy, shipwreck and privation continue to be the lot of many of the world's seafarers, that is less true of those whose ships dock at Montreal than it was a century and a half ago – to some extent, a few decades ago.

There are still takers among the merchant seafarers from the Philippines, India, China and over 20 other countries for the warm clothing, food, jigsaw puzzles, books and magazines available there.

However, David Rozeboom, a chaplain working out of Mariners' House in the Port of Montreal, said recently that he gets a lot fewer tales of hardship than requests for advice on where to get a good deal on a computer or cell phone.

He tries to answer such questions, but sometimes adds, with a hint of exasperation, "I'm not here for that, I'm here for you."

As the Mariners' House prepares to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of its predecessor, the Montreal Sailors' Institute, in 1862, the Montreal waterfront of today is a far cry from what it was then. Merchant seafarers spend less time in port than they used to and – while a long way from getting rich on their wages – are less likely to be stranded, confined to their ships or unpaid, although these things occasionally happen.

Still, Mr. Rozeboom is convinced that the centre and its chaplains still provide a useful service for sailors and, no less than a century and a half ago, the chaplains "are convinced that the message of salvation through Jesus is something that will bring fulfilment and satisfaction and joy to those who believe it."

There are big differences between the late 1800s and today. In 1893, when the Catholic Sailors Club, another precursor of the Mariners' House, was founded in a long, low



CURRENCIES OF MANY HOMELANDS – presumably of small monetary value – have been posted on a wall of the Mariners' House of Montreal by grateful sailors.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

garret, "the location had some competition," a leaflet marking the anniversary says. "Under the club, on the ground floor, 'French Marie' had a saloon, while, nearby, 'French Annie' entertained her clientèle."

Today, vans driven by staff – or volunteers like, Linford Augustus of St. Simon and St. Bartholomew Parish in Laval – bring seafarers to the club. It has a chapel and offers Bibles and religious books but you can also have a beer, play pool or table football or borrow books, magazines or movies, among other attractions.

But one of the big attractions is something else. Chaplain Michelle

DePooter recalls one recent evening when she walked into the club and was struck by the quiet. Then she realized there were about 30 seafarers sitting at computers, the centre's or their own laptops with Wifi links, calling home – some of them with visual "Skype" hookups.

Helping seafarers keep in touch their families is a preoccupation of the centre today as it was in the late 1800s, but the modalities have changed.

According to an 1871-72 annual report of the Montreal Sailors' Institute, "The Superintendent posted 3,351 letters for various parts, an evidence of the extent to which the

writing tables are used, and of the quantity of your letter paper and envelopes (gratuitously supplied) which is consumed."

Even 15 years ago, Mariners' House found it necessary to charge over \$3 a minute for long-distance calls to China and \$2.65 to the Philippines. It now has phone cards offering a small fraction of such prices – and set up its internet corner in 2001.

In the first six months of this year, Mariners' House provided 382 hours of internet time, not including Wifi, and helped seafarers place 1,708 long-distance calls, direct-dial and with phone cards.

(These numbers like others are

down from the previous year, apparently because the port was going through a slack period. The club had 3,955 visits in the first half of 2012, down from 4,213 a year earlier.)

Mr. Rozeboom said the electronic revolution does have some important advantages for his ministry as a chaplain. In the past, port chaplains spent most of their time with people they would never see again, but today he has been able to keep up some longer-term contacts and ministry through Facebook "friendships" and other links.

(Other changes help too. For example container ships and their crews these days often make fairly frequent return visits.)

The Mariners' House today is a co-operative venture, supported by government agencies, and marine companies and labour unions.

It is also a base for the Montreal activities of three chaplaincies.

Currently the most active is the Ministry to Seafarers of the Christian Reformed Church, which has historic roots in Holland and much of its Canadian strength in Southern Ontario. The efforts of Ms. DePooter and Mr. Rozeboom are currently being reinforced by Pastor Jason Zuidma because Ms. DePooter had a first child not long ago and is expecting another.

The Rev. Alfred Chinniah represents the Anglican Diocese of Montreal and an international Anglican ministry called the Missions to Seafarers. The Rev. Andrew Thuraisingham (often abbreviated to Thavam) represents the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal and the Apostleship of the Sea, an international Catholic ministry.

The main event marking the anniversary will be a \$500-a-couple black-tie ball Friday, Nov. 2. For information call Carolyn Osborne at 514-849-3234 or manager@mariners-house.ca by email.

On Saturday, September 8th, 2012, over 100 people gathered at St. Barnabas, Pierrefonds for a "Stewardship Café". This event was organized by the Diocesan Stewardship Council along with the Congregational Development Officer, Janet Marshall.

Following morning prayers, I had the opportunity to share the following introductory comments. I asked people to consider how they were doing spiritually. How is your spiritual health? Who is God for you? When, in the recent past, Did you sense God caring for you?

God's providential care is fundamental to the nature of God defined in creation and redemption. These spiritual questions are stewardship questions as well.

I believe God has called us together today to nurture a culture of stewardship in your parish and our Diocese. We often move to Stewardship conversations about money. Over the years we have learned that healthy stewardship is the wise use of our time, talent and money as we partner with God in establishing God's reign in the world.

"The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances God has continued to them". (Ask, Thank, Tell – Charles R. Lane)

In Eucharist Prayer 4 in The Book of Alternative Services, I find these words inspiring and hopeful;

"From the primal elements
You brought forth the human race,
You blessed us with ministry, reason and skill;
You made us stewards of creation.
Glory to you forever and ever!" (page 201)

Our ministry of stewardship is a fundamental to our life in following Jesus as his disciples and engaging in the Mission of God.

In a document written by the Resources for Mission – Department of General Synod – "Stewardship is a core Christian practice rooted in scripture. The Bible offers a commentary on human stewardship that begins with God's purpose in setting our first



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ancestor in the garden "to till and keep it", and ends in the new creation, in a recurring pattern of crisis and resolution. That pattern of human crisis and divine resolution flows through the Bible – in the creation, in the covenant with Abraham, in the law, the prophets and the writings of the Hebrew scripture, in the life of Jesus, and in the continuing life of his disciples after the resurrection. Stewardship is a response to the mission of God. When we invite persons into discipleship and baptize, we also invite them into the practices of faithful stewardship. Those practices are properly framed in terms of whether or not they contribute to what God desires in and for the life of the world.

The Marks of Mission are integral to our Ministry of Stewardship and our partnership with God in God's Mission –

- To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform the unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

God calls us into God's future where God promises to meet us. We move into God's future in hope, empowered by the Holy Spirit and to be liberated to use our creative imagination for the Mission of God.

Yes we need monies to support the ministry and mission of God to which we are being called to engage in with faith and we need to prayerfully nurture a culture of Stewardship ministry within the life of our church.

"The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances God has entrusted to us.

Faithfully yours,

+ Barry

Stewardship at the grass roots



MORE THAN 100 members of parishes across the Montreal Diocese gathered at St. Barnabas Church in Pierrefonds September 8 for a day of sharing, learning and skill-building at a "stewardship gifts and resources café," largely in informal small and medium-sized discussion groups. The approach was wide-ranging and touched on issues of funds and the wise use of resources, but went well beyond that. The new youth ministry consultant at the diocese, Mark Dunwoody (gesturing in photo), was among discussion leaders. See Bishop Barry's message on this page.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

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These are important matters we should all plan ahead for ... but regularly put off to another day. All are welcome to any one of these events to learn why further delay is only building stress for your family and friends in the future.

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(Further opportunities are being planned for November – Dates TBA)

All events are 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Refreshments provided

For information contact:

Mark Weatherley at 514-710-8066

Bishop Barry's Calendar

OCT (subject to change without prior notice)

- 4 7 pm Celebration of New Ministry for The Ven. Michael Robson at Christ Church, Parish of Rawdon
- 7 11am: St. Francis Mission's 150 anniversary in Odanak
- 13 Presiding at wedding at Grace Church, Sutton.
- 14 4 pm at St. Andrew and St. Mark, Dorval ordination of Geoffrey Monjesa of the Diocese of Masasi.
- 16 Board of Governors meeting at Montreal Diocesan Theological College
- 18-20 Montreal Conference Synod
- 22-26 House of Bishops conference in Niagara Falls
- 28 7:30 pm celebration of new ministry for Revd Bill Gray at St. Georges Place du Canada

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Annual synod may become biennial

Harvey Shepherd

The synod of the Diocese of Montreal, the decision-making body of lay delegates and clergy from across the diocese, will normally meet every two years rather than annually if delegates to this year's synod, Thursday-Saturday Oct. 18-20, approve constitutional changes on their agenda.

The Diocesan Council, a body of about 25 delegates that meets a little less than monthly, would take over the responsibility for approving the annual budget of the diocese, whether or not there is a synod that year.

The proposed changes to the synod constitution would allow for

the bishop to call a conference, open to all Anglicans, in the off-years between synods. This would replace the recent practice of organizing a "conference synod" every three years, with educational programming supplementing the synod business and all Anglicans invited to attend the educational sessions.

(This year's synod, for example, is a conference synod, at which Bishop Patrick Mwachiko of the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania, Bishop Barbara Andrews, who oversees the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (or APCI) in British Columbia and Rev. Paul Gehrs, assistant for justice and leadership to the national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in Canada, will share thoughts and experience on carrying out God's mission. Both the Masasi diocese and APCI have partnership agreements with the Diocese of Montreal.)

Other changes would give the deaneries – regional groups of parishes in the diocese – the task of electing 10 youth delegates, aged 16-21, to the diocesan synod, in place of the defunct diocesan Youth Synod. Procedures for choosing youth delegates to the Diocesan Council and the "provincial" synod of Eastern

Canada diocese would be tweaked accordingly.

The diocesan chancellor (currently lawyer David Eramian), who advises the synod on legal and constitutional matters, would become a voting rather than non-voting member of the Diocesan Council.

The 2013 budget being submitted to this year's synod – perhaps the last to go to a synod for approval – is largely a stand-pat one, calling for an operating loss of \$263,251 on revenue of \$1.97 million, both figures up slightly from 2012. The 2013

budget also provides for an estimated \$500,000 special income from the sale of church buildings and properties, leaving an estimated net income of \$226,741 for the year.

Among the few noteworthy changes are an allocation of \$95,652 for youth ministry, not quite double the 2012 figure of \$50,000, and an increase to \$12,000 from \$2,000 for the ecumenical McGill University chaplaincy. The allocation for administrative salaries and benefits drops to \$239,902 from \$297,861, presumably reflecting staff cutbacks.

Call goes out to Quebec Lodge alumni



NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET – The Quebec Lodge Foundation has until the end of the year to raise \$1.5 million so it can move ahead with plans to revive the summer camp in the Eastern Townships. Landscape and architectural plans are already being finalized. Checking out the plans on the site are (from left to right) architect Johanne Beland, Quebec Lodge director-designate Brian Wharry, campaign co-chair Steve Stafford, landscape architect Oscar Hacche, and Quebec Lodge Foundation board member David Oliver.

(Photo: John Moses)

Three months remain to raise \$1.5 million

The group hoping to resurrect Quebec Lodge is trying to reconnect with as many former campers, counsellors, directors, and parents as possible before a deadline to raise \$1.5 million expires at the end of the year.

"Camp alumni are the best resource for reaching children who might want to attend the camp," says Ruth Sheeran, president of the Quebec Lodge Foundation. "We want to keep in touch and let people know what is happening. Some people are not aware of our project."

That project is an ambitious plan to re-open the summer camp starting in 2013, and to be fully operational by the summer of 2015. The new facility would accommodate up to 90 campers in collections of round, semi-permanent tents called "yurts."

"Our goal," says Ms. Sheeran, "is to create an ecologically friendly facility on the shores of Lake Massawippi where people of all ages and backgrounds will engage in life-transforming activities while building awareness of the enduring value of the natural world and the importance of its preservation."

Opened in 1943, the original Quebec Lodge was owned and operated by the Diocese of Quebec. It ceased operations in 2005 because of financial difficulties. In 2010, the diocese sold a portion of the campsite to a developer for \$3.2 million.

The diocese has agreed to retain

ownership of the remaining part of the property, which includes 185 feet of shoreline, until the end of 2012. If by then the Quebec Lodge Foundation is able to raise \$1.5 million to demonstrate a new camp's long-term viability, the diocese will donate the property to the group. If not, the diocese is free to explore other options for the property.

Ms. Sheeran declined to say how much the Quebec Lodge Foundation has raised thus far. However, she did say the group has enlisted the help of a professional fundraising firm, BNP Strategies, and that donations have been solicited from foundations, corporations, banks, and individuals.

She admits that's part of the reason for the foundation's desire to get in touch with as many Quebec Lodge alumni as possible. "When we launch the public campaign we will be asking for donations."

That phase of the fund-raising campaign will be launched in the autumn. In the meantime Ms. Sheeran says the new camp's business plan is complete, a layout for the site has been created by a landscape designer, and architectural plans are being finalized.

Quebec Lodge alumni are encouraged to contact the foundation at quebeclogdefoundation@gmail.com visit www.quebeclodge.org, or find them on Facebook.

'Diaconal' church to be theme of gathering

Deacons in the Diocese of Montreal – especially but not exclusively "vocational" ones who are working in the community and not preparing for the priesthood – are organizing a "visioning" conference Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 24, on "becoming a diaconal church." The keynote speaker will be Right Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada and a half-dozen deacons and priests from Montreal and elsewhere will lead workshops. "While I hope all our deacons will be present, as well as our deacon-enquirers and hopefuls, the conference is really pitched at everyone else – clergy, office holders, leaders, decision-makers and the laity in general," says Rev. Deacon Peter Huish of the Deacons' Community of the diocese. "The theme 'becoming a diaconal church' is pitched at everyone who may have a role in shaping our church into the future. The deacons are already persuaded that the church needs to become more 'diaconal' if it is to have a meaningful future, faithful to the Gospel of Jesus." The event is being promoted in surrounding dioceses, including Vermont. See the announcement on Page 2.

Clergy pre-retirement workshop

The diocese plans a clergy pre-retirement workshop will be held on November 7 at Fulford Hall to discuss topics including the maintenance of priestly vocation after retirement, pension planning and wills.

Focus on Alzheimer's

Two Montreal specialists on Alzheimer's disease will speak and answer questions at a conference Friday, Nov. 23, organized by the Council on Aging of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. Teresa Anuza has a master's degree in cognitive psychology and is the co-ordinator of educational services for the Alzheimer's Society of Montreal and Dr. Serge Gauthier is a professor at McGill University and director of its research unit into Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The event will take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Fulford Hall, Cathedral Place, at 1444 Union Ave. A \$10 donation is suggested to cover the cost of lunch. For information and to register, get in touch with Carol Hutton at 450-653-8768 or candghutton@hotmail.com.

Vocations gathering slated for spring

Up to 25 people thinking about entering the priesthood or becoming vocational deacons – or seen by associates as having that potential – are being invited to a gathering in the Montreal area slated for next March 8 and 9. A small task force struck by Bishop Barry Clarke and led by Executive Archdeacon Janet Griffith hopes parish priests and others will urge those they "would like to encourage to discern their gifts" to participate in a time of prayer, discussion and information. Both those for whom the priesthood or diaconate would be a first career and those considering a switch are welcome. Discussion will be based in part on the book *A Sacred Voice is Calling: Personal Vocation and Social Conscience* (Orbis Books, 2006) by John Neafsey, a clinical psychologist

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and senior lecturer in theology at Loyola University, Chicago. The \$80 cost for accommodation and food will be covered for those from the diocese. Speakers will include a parish priest, a vocational deacon (that is, one ordained to ministry in the world and not planning to enter the priesthood), and a recently ordained priest. Along with Archdeacon Griffith, the task force includes Rev. Canon John Simons, principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and three other leading clergy of the diocese: Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt, Rev. Canon Michael Robson and Archdeacon Linda Borden Taylor.

Missions open a major success

Thanks in part to fine weather and the support of some generous sponsors, including Oxford Properties, which operates the office tower where the Montreal diocesan offices are situated, and the investment firm Letko Brosseau, the Third Annual Mission Works Golf Tournament July 9 at the Whitlock Golf & Country Club in Hudson netted over \$9,000 to the missions supported by the diocese.

Zerf presents opera for Hallowe'en

Zerf Productions, celebrating 25 years of serving the community in Montreal, is presenting *The Medium*, by Gian-Carlo Menotti, Saturday, October 27 at Loyola Chapel, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W., at 7:30 pm. Wilhelmina Fredericks of Zerf describes this one-hour operatic ghost story in English as a perfect way to celebrate Hallowe'en. She says composer and librettist Gian-Carlo Menotti plumbs the darkest depths of the mind and spirit. The opera tells the story of Madame Flora, a medium who begins a downward spiral into madness after feeling a ghostly hand at one of her phoney seances. The production is directed by Brian Brice, accompanied by Laurie Altman and features performers Eleanore Altman, Johanne Patry, Jonathan Bosco, Colleen Bartley, and Paul Lafontaine. Admission is by freewill offering for a water well project for orphans in Africa and a non-perishable donation for the N.D.G. Food Depot. For information call 514-486-0924.

'Thrilled to be here'



WITH MORE THAN 20 YEARS' experience in accounting, the last eight or so in a company dealing in medical and surgical supplies, Jennifer James-Phillips is particularly happy to be applying that knowhow in a non-profit enterprise – to wit, the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. "I'm thrilled to be here, you have no idea," said Ms. James-Phillips, who as assistant controller in the synod office since mid-August has been working with Stephen Tam, manager of financial services, across the range of financial matters, including receivables, payables and so on and payroll matters. Raised on the West Island, she lives there now with her husband, Doug Phillips and their son, Shawn, who is almost 20 – not to mention three cats and a dog. As well as being an animal lover, she likes to fish and camp with her husband and she makes jewellery. She thinks of herself as more spiritual than religious but recently discovered that she was baptized in the Anglican Church.

Obituaries

Constance (Connie) Roberta Elizabeth Paige Olson

Roslyn Macgregor

Connie was born in Sherbrooke on September 18, 1948, the oldest of six children, in a family that that stuck together through tragedies. Perhaps her sense of responsibility to others grew out of her early family experiences – and perhaps her worrying nature as well.

Connie and Leonard married young, raised five children in Montreal, and were married for 46 years. Life wasn't easy financially from childhood on, helping Connie to understand the needs and desires of people who live in poverty and/or on the margins of society. Connie took that knowledge and decided to help others.

Connie effectively began the mission as a young woman in the 1980s with two friends, Andrée Lenard and Hannah Barr-Elliott. They served soup at the Church of the Ascension, and soon also had a small food bank for those in need. When the Church of the Ascension was sold to the City of Montreal in 1991 (it is now a library), it was Connie who discovered the spot on Bernard Street to begin a storefront church. She, Hannah, Andrée, and Rev. John Beach officially began Mile End Community Mission.

We have grown from a budget in 1995 of about \$50,000 to a budget of over \$250,000. We have grown from a food bank for about 20 people to

80 to 110 individuals and families at our Friday Food Bank. Connie has been the Food Bank Director all these years. She sorted clothing every Sunday afternoon with a faithful group of volunteers, and knew what our people would wear. She knew the people. She brought it to my attention when someone was missing for a few weeks, was ill, or in trouble. She knew many people's stories.

Connie was the heart, soul and backbone of Mile End Mission. We are reeling in shock. She always bounced back from her physical ailments and returned to us. Leonard used to sometimes ask, when she wasn't well, "Why are you going to the Mission?" Her reply: "People will be waiting outside in the cold." Connie was known to come home from hospital directly to the Mission. The Mission was her second family – and her goal was that everyone who comes feel welcomed and part of a family. Connie had a sense – a wisdom – that one might call street-wise. She encouraged everyone to participate and to believe, to become and love the person he or she is.

This is not to say Connie was perfect. When people grow up with chaos, they are apt to create chaos when things get quiet. This is true at the Mission, and Connie played her part. She wasted no time when I arrived, often, in pushing my but-

tons with the latest escapades or perceived crises. She, and we learned together over the years that we do not have to create crises to survive. In fact, enough crises present themselves without looking for them.

In some ways, we could say, "Connie WAS the Mission." We went to her for advice, included her in decision-making, asked her to create the list of people who especially needed to receive a stocking at Christmas.

'Connie loved us all'



Connie Paige Olson, a founder of the Mile End Mission, died suddenly at home on August 6. She was the wife of Leonard for 46 years and the mother of five, grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of 11. Close to 220 attended the funeral August 23. Rev. Roslyn Macgregor, executive director of the mission and close associate of Mrs. Olson for much of the time since the mission was founded in 1991, wrote the accompanying appreciation for the woman she calls its "heart and backbone." She also expresses thanks for the many cards, calls and other messages of condolence that have come to the mission.

She organized the Christmas baskets from start to finish, and on and on – all this with health that was gradually deteriorating.

Connie loved us all, and treated everyone with respect and dignity. She knew from her own experience how important this is to people who often feel invisible in society. Her family is very involved in the mission as well, carrying her ministry on from generation to generation. The Mission was her family as well.

Connie loved the story of the mustard seed. She, with a few other dreamers who acted on their dreams, planted a tiny seed long ago at the Church of the Ascension, and it has grown into a large tree that welcomes many birds into its branches – a tree of nourishment, rest and refreshment.

Last, but not least, Connie LOVED and was committed to her family. She worried, accompanied, supported, encouraged as each new grandchild came along, she loved the babies, and held each of them. Family gatherings and parties were often held at the Mission.

Thank you, Connie. We will always love you, and we know you will always love us. You changed our lives. We can't believe yet that you are gone. However, we are carrying on your dream and ministry together as you would wish us to.

Paws & Pray at Christ Church, Beaurepaire

The next Paws & Pray services at Christ Church Beaurepaire will take place on

**Sunday October 14
Sunday November 4 and
Sunday December 2**

All services are 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 Christ Church Beaurepaire, 455 Church Street, Beaconsfield.

For information call 514-697-2204

Funding for church music education

The Diocese of Montreal has funds to be distributed annually for further education and development of church music skills.

Monies may be applied towards individual instruction or conferences dealing with matters pertaining to church music.

Applications for financial assistance from candidates of any age should be addressed to Patrick Wedd or Stephen Tam at the Diocesan Offices, 1444 Union Avenue, Montreal, H3A 2B8 by September 30th, 2012.

Gladys Spurrll one of the first women priests in Manitoba

At the age of about 60, Gladys Spurrll, a single mother of six children, was one of the first women ordained as an Anglican priest in Manitoba and took on the challenge of a six-point rural parish in Manitoba's Pembina Valley.

This year she presided at the Eucharist a couple of times for fellow residents of the Fulford Residence, where she spent her last days. The Rev. Gladys Mary Spurrll (née Peart), who died August 27, would have been 92 in October.

According to an obituary prepared by family members for newspapers in Montreal and Winnipeg, Gladys Spurrll was born in the small town of Spennymoor, in the North of England in October, 1920. In her early career, she worked as a school-teacher in London, where she met and married Geoffrey Blackman Spurrll.

In 1956, now with two children, they left England for Canada where they settled in Winnipeg. The next 24 years were largely dedicated to raising their growing family. After the marriage dissolved, she entered the seminary and in 1981 was ordained priest, becoming one of the first ordained women in the province of Manitoba.

"Having only recently purchased her first car," the family reports, "she found herself in the harsh rural climate of the Pembina Valley, traveling constantly between the towns that made up her six point parish."

After some years in what the family describes as a busy retirement, she moved to Montreal to be near her family. She was predeceased by a son, David, and is survived by children Gwendoline, Barbara, Robert, Vanessa, and Rosemary as well as 10 grandchildren.

The family says, "Gladys was a woman with an irrepressible spirit. She had a voracious love of literature, sometimes astonishing people with her recollection of verse. She will be remembered for her appreciation of a proper cup of tea, her beautiful blue eyes and her impish grin."

Donations may be made to the "Theological Education for Students" fund in the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Holly Bockus served parish, wider community

Fellow parishioners of St. James Anglican Church in Bedford are mourning the the passing of Holly Louise Bockus on July 18 after a long and difficult battle with cancer. Holly was the youngest daughter of Earl and Freda Bockus of Bedford. The funeral was August 25 at St. James.

Holly received the Bishop's Award for 2011 in recognition of her years of faithful service as president of the altar guild, long-time choir member, reader and chalice administrator and active member of St. James Anglican Church Women. Holly and her mother, the late Freda Bockus, were instrumental in the establishment of St. James Lent lunches in support of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

In her professional life, Holly taught at Dawson College in the recreation leadership training program. As well, Holly was involved in the wider community as a Red Cross first aid instructor, a camp science and nature animator and a counselor-in-training workshop pro-

Mary Muriel Abley was a devoted Anglican from her childhood and young adult life in England and in a succession of Anglican parishes in Sault Ste. Marie, Lethbridge and Saskatoon and finally Montreal, where she arrived in 1985, a little under 70 years old.

She was particularly attached to the Anglo-Catholic tradition and the spirituality of the Guild of the Good Shepherd in England and the Sisters of St. John the Divine, and

also supported several social justice organizations.

"Life for her would have been unimaginable without the Anglican Church," her son, Mark Abley, said not long after she died peacefully in her bed at the Fulford Residence August 28 – the day after her fellow resident, the Rev. Gladys Mary Spurrll.

She was born in 1916 in Wales, where her father was a warden of the village church in Norton, Wales, and her son thinks her attachment to the Anglo-Catholic tradition dates from her college years. She survived the blitz of Coventry in World War Two and married Harry Abley, an organist, in 1945.

She was a teacher in several places in England before they immigrated to Canada in 1958. She was a member of the congregation (and usually the altar guild) at St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste Marie; St. Mary's Church in Lethbridge; and St. John's Cathedral in Saskatoon before she and her husband moved to Montreal in 1985. He was organist-choir-master at the Church of the Advent in Westmount until his death in 1994.

She then remained active in the Church of the Advent – as a lay reader, an altar guild member, a volunteer at the church's refugee centre, etc. – until it closed about 10 years, later. Then she joined St. George's Church Place du Canada, where a funeral service took place Friday, Aug. 31.

"She loved God, her family and friends, gardens, books and cats," Mark Abley recalled. She is survived by him, her daughter-in-law Ann Beer and her granddaughters Kate and Megan, as well as her honorary grandson Julian Krajewski.



HOLLY BOCKUS (Photo: Kathy Caldwell)

grammer and instructor. She also had involvement with Bird Protection Quebec.

Dawson College has established a scholarship for Holly's department, the recreation leadership training program. Donations can be made to Administration Officer, Awards and Foundation Office, Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke Street West, Room 2E.15-2, Montreal H3Z 1A4. Please make donations payable to Dawson College and in the memo line indicate the Holly Bockus Fund.

'She made it happen'



"BEFORE, I DIDN'T HAVE A LIFE, but she made it happen." Marguerite Nyandwi, a member of the board of directors of Action Réfugiés Montréal, paid tribute in those terms to the Rev. Glynis Williams, who has left her job as executive director of Action Réfugiés Montréal. She was speaking at a farewell dinner August 29. A refugee from Burundi, Ms. Nyandwi was in a refugee camp in Kenya for six years until Action Réfugiés Montréal helped her to come to Canada under a sponsored-refugee program; she recently completed her training as a nurse. After 23 years at Action Réfugiés Montréal and a predecessor agency, Ms. Williams has moved to take a post in Toronto with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She said unfounded accusations about immigrants and refugees can destroy human beings and communities. "Increasingly Canada is tolerating hatred that would have been unheard-of in the past."

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Colloque des Églises vertes

Un événement écologique et œcuménique sur le thème Habiter la Terre aura lieu le 16 octobre de 8h00 à 16h00 à Drummondville à l'Église Saint-Nicéphore, 4676, boul. Traversy, St-Nicéphore. Parrainé par le service Églises vertes du Centre canadien d'œcuménisme, l'événement de cette année se déroulera en français. Le but du colloque: dans un contexte œcuménique, sensibiliser toute personne afin de réduire son empreinte écologique et de cultiver une éco-spiritualité. On veut identifier les obstacles qui paralysent les changements, rappeler les choix qu'on a à faire pour demeurer dans l'espoir et donner des outils pour transformer ses comportements. Les conférenciers seront Soeur Esther Champagne du Regroupement pour la responsabilité sociale des entreprises et Steven Guilbeault, environnementaliste québécois, auteur et conférencier renommé. Il y aura aussi un panel, des ateliers, des occasions de dialogue œcuménique et une cérémonie de clôture. Frais d'inscription 35\$. Pour questions et commentaires: colloque@eglise-verte.ca ou 819-293-6871 poste 401.

Dorval ordination to strengthen link to Africa

Staff

The links between the Diocese of Montreal and its partner Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania are expected to get a just a little stronger on Sunday, October 14, when the bishop of Montreal, Right Rev. Barry Clarke, ordains Geoffrey Monjesa of the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania as a deacon.

Mr. Monjesa will continue to serve his African diocese as development officer, a post he has held for some years.

His bishop, Right Rev. Patrick Mwachiko, will preach at the ordination service, which will take place at 4 p.m. at the Church of St. Andrew



GEOFFREY MONJESA in Montreal in 2010

and St. Mark in Dorval. Bishop Clarke said the Dorval parish was

chosen for the service partly because of personal connections there with some parishioners who actively support the partnership link between the two dioceses.

Mr. Monjesa will also accompany Bishop Mwachiko at the Montreal diocesan synod October 18-20 at the Church of St. James the Apostle in downtown Montreal, where the bishop will be one of the featured speakers.

The two men also attended the Montreal diocesan synod in 2010.

At the worship service at the synod itself, Bishop Clarke plans to install two newly created archdeacons in his own diocese.

World briefs

PWRDF helps after storm in Haiti

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund committed \$25,000 to the relief efforts in Haiti after tropical storm Isaac crossed the country on August 24. The storm's heavy rains caused severe flooding, and damaged crops, houses, schools, and other buildings. By a few days after the storm 19 people had been reported dead and six more were missing. New outbreaks of cholera were also reported since the storm. Then relief was contributed through the ACT Alliance, an international consortium of about 130 churches and other organizations. The PWRDF was working with the Lutheran World Federation and other ACT Alliance members to provide hygiene kits, cholera medicine and prevention, and livelihood support for those who their crops, livestock, and homes.

PWRDF helps homeless in Syria

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is responding to the humanitarian disaster in which thousands of Syrians have fled from their homes, attempting to escape the violence resulting from the conflict in their country. The PWRDF is responding to this man-made

disaster through International Orthodox Christian Charities and their local partners as part of the ACT Alliance.

The PWRDF is providing \$30,000 to help at least 7,000 families. The project will provide:

- About 5,200 culturally appropriate food packages, 7,000 hygiene kits (with such items as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath sponges, hairbrushes and toilet paper), 2,000 infant kits, 1,600 bedding sets, 900 clothing vouchers, and 700 household kits (with items like a small stove and kitchenware).
- Workshops for 160 health workers; psychosocial counselling sessions; and training on family nutrition and infant feeding for 60 mothers
- Support for 450 students to continue education.
- Rental subsidies to 250 families and cash for work initiatives to restore 10 public buildings

To donate to this relief effort make cheques payable to "PWRDF, mark them for "Syria relief" and send them to: The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, The Anglican Church of Canada, 80 Hayden St., Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2.

For more information, visit pwrdf.org/2012/pwrdf-provides-aid-to-syrians-fleeing-uprising/ on the Web.

What is the Diocese of Rupert's Land doing in court?

Right Rev. Don Phillips
Bishop of Rupert's Land

The Diocese of Rupert's Land, at the request of, and in co-operation with Hospitality House in Winnipeg, which has an excellent and longstanding ministry with refugees to Canada, has taken our federal government to court. The story on this action appeared in the Saturday June 23 edition of the *Winnipeg Free Press* in which Tom Denton, Executive Director of Hospitality House, gave an excellent explanation of the circumstances. In a nutshell, the fed-

eral government has approved the applications of these refugees to come to Canada, and has made commitments to them and to the Diocese as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder to provide certain things to these new Canadians. One of these is the provision of health care benefits under the Interim Federal Health Plan (IFH) for one year. Suddenly, the federal government has unilaterally decided to cancel that provision. The impact of that decision is huge! Our Diocese alone has welcomed 450 refugees to Cana-

da under this agreement in only the past 18 months, and has close to 5,000 already sponsored and awaiting processing overseas.

On one level, there is a purely objective, ethical reason for the action we have taken. The federal government entered into (legal) agreements with these persons and with the Diocese and is now defaulting on those agreements. So even if one didn't necessarily agree with the terms of the IFH, on a matter of principle, the government should be held accountable to its commitments just as each of us is held accountable to pay income tax. On a deeper moral level, there is something about this that is more troubling. The persons who arrive as refugees in this country arrive in a much more disadvantaged state than most Canadians. They have few possessions or financial resources; frequently they do not understand our languages (English or French) of trade and commerce; and often they lack the cultural awareness to know how to immediately succeed in a new life in this country. In addition, because many of them have spent considerable time in refugee camps immediately before arriving, they have not had access to even basic health care to keep themselves healthy. So they arrive here considerably more deprived than most citizens of Canada.

This is all sensible and important. But why is our Church taking the Government to court – especially in light of the dim view that passages of the New Testament take toward legal action? St. Paul speaks negatively about lawsuits among believers in 1 Corinthians 6 and makes the bold



BISHOP DON PHILLIPS

statement in verse 7: "In fact, to have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you." And Jesus says, in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, "Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison."

First of all, legal action is the only path remaining after many different organizations have lobbied the government about this decision and had no impact. Secondly, refugees do not have the rights of Canadian citizens when they arrive. They are vulnerable and cannot effectively mount a case for their defence. And finally, throughout the whole of the Bible (Hebrew and Christian Scriptures) God is clearly, preferentially, on the side of the poor. In the strong exhortation in Isaiah 58, God speaks through the prophet saying, "Is not this the fast (acceptable worship) that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the

yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, ... Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, ... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am." There is no doubt in the Scriptures about the call to stand with the poor.

The day after the legal case was filed and a press release issued, a reporter from the *Winnipeg Free Press* contacted me and asked, "Would you please comment on the decision to take the federal government to court over its cuts to the Interim Federal Health Plan? Churches don't often take governments to court. Why in this case?" In my response I wrote, "With the current proposed action of the federal government concerning the Interim Federal Health Plan, the recipients of this plan have no one else to advocate for the provisions to which they are entitled through these agreements. We too, would be defaulting on our commitment to these refugees and new Canadians if we did not take action to ensure that they receive everything that was promised to them under the Sponsorship Agreements ... So regrettably, but necessarily, we have taken this action."

My hope and prayer is not "to win a case in court." It is to see that these new Canadians receive everything that we promised to them – in order to give them the best chance of making new and productive lives for themselves in our communities.

Anglicans in Winnipeg join protest against health care changes

Protests against federal cuts in health care for refugees have prompted protests from, among others, groups working with refugees in Montreal and nationally and leaders of the Anglican Church of Canada.

"Clearly, it would cut down on the number of refugees that we are able to accept because church groups these days just don't have the resources to pay [for medical care]," Bishop Don Phillips of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, told a reporter for *The Anglican Journal*. This diocese, in and around Winnipeg, has been a leading sponsor of refugees.

Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Adele Finney, executive director of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, sent a letter to Citizenship and Immigration Canada Minister Jason Kenney at the end of May expressing "deep concern" about the cuts to the Interim Federal Health program.

The Anglican Church of Canada was among the first to sign the Private Sponsorship Program when it was established in 1978, they noted. Through the agreements, held by 15 of 30 Anglican dioceses, Canadian Anglicans have given their "time, energy and significant financial resources" in welcoming refugees to Canada."

The accompanying article by Bishop Phillips appeared as his message in the September issue of the *Rupert's Land News*.

A summer of ministry for youth

Robert Camara

(Rev. Robert Camara is curate at the Church of St. James the Apostle and was chaperon of the trip by Youth Ambassadors to the British Columbia Interior and Saskatoon. For a list of the ambassadors, see the accompanying article by Penny Noël.)

After a year of workshops and preparation, our diocesan Youth Ambassadors travelled to British Columbia August 10-15 to visit our partners in the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (APCI). Our seven youth ambassadors were treated to a visit to the Sorrento Centre to get a taste for some of the ministry done there with children, youth and families. The youth ambassadors were also able to get their hands dirty and work in the field, learning about sustainable farming and our farming practices in Canada.

We worshiped with the local Anglican-United church that Sunday, experienced local culture by going to the rodeo and enjoyed the hospitality of some of the Cathedral parishioners who prepared delicious meals for us. The ambassadors also spent some time learning about the history of British Columbia and the Kamloops area with the late 19th Century gold rush that developed the West and brought many looking for opportunity. Part of that time was also spent with the aboriginal communities in Merritt and Lytton. The ambassadors were able to roll

up their sleeves and work with one of the parish communities in Merritt when they helped demolish, rebuild and finish the stairs and wheelchair ramp to the parish hall. It was a wonderful site to see our ambassadors working together as a team on a project that would benefit the local community in Merritt.

The visit to APCI also included some sightseeing of the beautiful creation of the West, the Rockies, the Fraser Canyon, and the Thompson River. It also included a lot of time as a team to pray, talk, share and play. It was an opportunity for the ambassadors to grow – both spiritually and emotionally.

On Tuesday, August 16, the second part of our trip commenced with a bus ride across British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. We were joined by youth from the Victoria, Vancouver and Kamloops areas and began a two-day journey to Saskatoon to attend the Canadian Lutheran-Anglican Youth Gathering (CLAY – a four day bi-annual youth conference for 14-19 year olds). The trip across three provinces was a wonderful opportunity for our youth ambassadors to see the vastness and beauty of creation that exists in our country. It was also a wonderful opportunity for them to make new friends from the B.C. area – nothing like two days on a bus and a night sleeping on the floor of a church basement to help people come together and build friendships as they share their own stories and

experiences as Anglicans!

While at CLAY our Youth Ambassadors attended workshops on global issues, questions youth struggle with as young Christians, faith-sharing experiences, the stewardship of technology and vocations. The daily main gatherings had a series of guest speakers who spoke of the Word going viral and bringing our faith into action. There were opportunities to worship together as a group of 900 young people (plus chaperons and organizers) during midnight Eucharist, midnight worship and praise, evening prayer in the park and in large-group assembly (multiple times a day). But it wasn't all work – there was definitely time to play. There were opportunities to explore Saskatoon, dance, play sports, play games and to celebrate together as a community!

CLAY was a wonderful opportunity for the youth ambassadors to witness and share their faith with hundreds of other Anglican and Lutheran youth from across the country – to build friendships and strengthen their own faith. The ambassadors were able to build community, spend time with their bishop, experience new opportunities, be challenged, and mature in their faith. The next CLAY gathering is scheduled to be held in Kamloops, in 2014. Our Youth Ambassadors will now allow their experience to go viral and share with the parishes of the diocese their own reflections on APCI and CLAY.



LENDING A HAND, Youth Ambassadors help to repair steps and a ramp at the Anglican church on a First Nations reserve at Merritt, near Kamloops.



HOVERING OVER HELL'S GATE, three Montreal Ambassadors pose on a footbridge over the Fraser Canyon.

Youth Ambassadors: a dream in progress

Penny Noël

(Penny Noël is a member of the Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval, diocesan chairman of Partners in Mission and proxy grandmother to the Youth Ambassadors.)

When I first visited our partner Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania in 2008, an idea formed in my mind. That idea was that our young people in the Diocese of Montreal must have an opportunity to fully experience other parts of our world. not just via television or books and magazines, but by being there.

My dream began to come to fruition when I became chairman of the Partners In Mission Committee, and Sue Winn became vice-chair. We both had the same vision, and we set out to form the Youth Ambassador Group. In the Spring of 2011, we sent out requests for enrolment to all parishes in the diocese, and we formed a group from five of them.

We formed a committee that consisted of Partners in Mission members (Penny Noël, Sue Winn, and the Rev. Robert Camara), PWRDF members (Angela Andrews and Karen Near), parent liaison (Liz Carter) and a youth animator (Kisha Joseph). During the fall and winter of 2011/2012 we ran monthly workshops, and the young people learned what was important about being an ambassador. While learning, they also made a major contribution to St. Michael's Mission by providing 50 large bags of food for seniors who can't make their pension cheques last through a month. and come to St. Michael's for support.

Their workshops continued until we came to the decision that we would take this wonderful group of young people out to British Columbia to visit our partner diocese, the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior. Visiting a Canadian partner seemed like a good preparation for going farther afield. This also involved getting parishes involved in fundraising – even parishes that didn't have a Youth Ambassador to support. Note: All parishes who supported this project will be getting a first-hand report from the participants.

Not everyone who was initially involved was able to participate but this program grew, as you will see at the end, and I have to say that every-

one participating in the visit to APCI rose to every occasion. There were multiple times when people had to go outside their comfort zone, but no one faltered, and everyone rose above and beyond and were true Youth Ambassadors of the Diocese of Montreal!

The program grew to sending our group (along with others from Victoria, Vancouver and Kamloops, B.C.) to the CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth) Conference in Saskatoon, where our Bishop Barry was a leader and Mark Dunwoody, our Youth Co-ordinator was a pastoral counselor.

I want to acknowledge all of these great young people for their superb representation of our diocese. Jacynthe and Klaire Chénard from All Saint's, Deux Montagnes, Danielle Callender and Malcolm Weekes from St. Lawrence LaSalle, Antoinette Lynch-Joseph from St. Paul's Lachine, and Andrea and Will Carter from St. George's Ste-Anne-Bellevue. I also want to thank Rev. Robert Camara and Kisha Joseph for their commitment to the initial project and their follow-through at CLAY. I had the easy part at APCI; they really did perform above and beyond the call of duty at CLAY!

My dream goes on: We will take a group soon to visit our Partner Diocese of Masasi!



AT A EUCHARIST at the Sorrento Centre in the Kootenays Diocese, participants in a family camp that was just winding up were joined by Youth Ambassadors from Montreal.



MONTREAL YOUTH AMBASSADORS pose in front of the altar at a church in Lytton. A residential school for First Nations children at Lytton was the one of the schools involved in the residential crisis that rocked native communities and the Anglican Church and led to the winding-up of the Diocese of Cariboo on the territory occupied by what are now called the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior.

Hope Bear for Baptism

You or your parish may buy a Hope Bear for Baptism with a donation of \$20. That money is donated to the Kids Helping Kids Trust Fund, and a child in need right here in Canada benefits.



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UPCOMING EVENTS at the

Church of the Epiphany

4322 Wellington Street, Verdun
www.epiphanyverdun.com – 514-769-5373

Sunday, October 14

Apple-picking trip. Bus leaves following the service at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 20, 6 p.m.

Roast pork dinner. Tickets \$12 in advance
Contact Gail Reason through the parish office

Youth Notes

by Mark Dunwoody

(Mark Dunwoody is Youth Ministry Consultant for the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.)

1. As I write these notes it is not yet the end of August. I am in the midst of catching up with clergy, parents and youth workers as we all work together in putting exciting plans in place for the fall and beyond.

My mind is full of the great experience that CLAY 2012 turned out to be, alongside a swelling pride in how our Youth Ambassadors had done so well in representing our diocese. They always had a smile on their face and a huge vote of thanks has to go to Kisha and Robert as their chaperons. For me CLAY 2012 was my first experience of a "North American" youth gathering and to be honest I was a bit apprehensive at having to attend a conference where, for the first time in 20 years, I would not know a single person. However all my fears were put to rest by the generous hospitality shown to me by the folk of Saskatoon.

Our own Bishop Barry has done us proud with a fantastic skit with Bishop Susan of the Lutheran church (see photo).

Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the conference for me was listening to Bishop Mark McDonald. Many of you most likely already know and have heard Bishop Mark speak, however this was my first time, and it was mind-blowing!

He spoke about the importance of us all recognizing that his forefathers realized that we all have our own stories and that by weaving all these stories together we will create a

rich tapestry of a culture that will embrace, value and celebrate difference of all peoples, young and old. Bishop Mark also told us that "It is time for us to understand and appreciate the wonder of Canada – people from all over the world coming together, welcomed by the First Nations people to create an amazing country where all are welcome!"

This is a message that is very prevalent in my mind and will keep me focused on creating a dynamic in this diocese that has space for everyone's stories to be heard and valued (from within and outside the church). Hopefully a consequence of this approach will be have a rich and inclusive ministry to all those we seek to serve

2. A key part of the Youth Ministry strategy is to utilise social media as a way of connecting folk. We now have a Facebook page, (MtL YouTh) Twitter (@mtlyouth) and a page on our diocesan website: montreal.anglican.ca/en/Grow/Youth.

We encourage everyone to keep up-to date with all the happenings! -Mark



IN A LIGHTER MOMENT at CLAY 2012 – Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering – in Saskatoon in August, Bishop Barry Clarke of Montreal exchanges repartee with the Rev. Susan C. Johnson, national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, in a skit.

(Photo: Mark Dunwoody)

Les carnets jeunesse

de Mark Dunwoody

(Mark Dunwoody est consultant au ministère de la jeunesse au Diocèse anglican de Montréal.)

1. Je rédige ces notes alors que le mois d'août n'est même pas terminé. Je suis en relation avec le clergé, les parents et les délégués à la jeunesse et nous concevons des programmes attrayants pour l'automne et le reste de l'année. Je pense encore à cette expérience formidable que CLAY 2012 était et combien nous sommes tous fiers de nos ambassadeurs des jeunes qui représentaient notre diocèse. Ils étaient toujours souriants et nous remercions particulièrement Kisha et Robert qui les chaperonnaient. Pour ma part, ça faisait bien vingt ans que je n'étais pas allé à un congrès sans connaître personne et jamais encore en Amérique du nord. Je dois avouer que ça me rendait anxieux. Mais l'hospitalité et la générosité des Saskatchewaniens ont vite dissipé mes craintes.

Notre Évêque Barry et l'Évêque luthérienne Susan nous ont divertis avec un sketch cocasse (voir la photo

ci-jointe).

Un des moments forts de la conférence était nul doute d'écouter l'Évêque Mark McDonald que vous connaissez et avez sûrement entendu, mais c'était la première fois pour moi et je l'ai trouvé prodigieux!

Il a dit qu'il fallait que nous convenions tous que ses ancêtres se sont rendu compte de ce que chacun a son propre vécu et qu'en tissant ces histoires ensemble, nous pourrions créer une fresque fastueuse représentant les différences de tous, jeunes et vieux, en les incluant, les valorisant et les célébrant.

L'Évêque Mark dit aussi: « C'est maintenant qu'il faut comprendre et apprécier la merveille du Canada et de son peuple venu de tous les coins du monde, accueilli d'abord par les Premières nations, et bâtissant un pays spectaculaire où tous sont bienvenus! »

Ce message reste dans mon cœur et soutiendra mon intérêt à créer une dynamique dans ce diocèse de façon à ce que chaque « vécu » y trouve sa place et y soit valorisé, tant dans nos murs que dehors. J'espère que cette démarche aboutira à une pastorale abondante et tolérante pour ceux que nous voulons servir.

2. La clé de la stratégie dans la pastorale des jeunes est l'emploi des médias sociaux pour communiquer. Nous avons créé une page sur Facebook (MtL YouTh), un compte sur Twitter (@mtlyouth), et une section sur notre site web (www.montreal.anglican.ca/en/Grow/Youth).

Vous êtes tous invités à vous tenir au courant de ce qui se passe.

- Mark

St. Bruno parishioner heads for West Africa

Natalie Richards

My name is Natalie Richards. I am a 20-year-old missionary who grew up going to Trinity Anglican Church in Saint-Bruno. I have spent the last three months at the University of the Nations in Kona, Hawaii, training a team of young people in discipleship and media advocacy, readying them for a three-month mission trip to the West African nations of Ghana and Togo.

My journey as a young missionary began one year ago when I moved to Australia to be trained in Mercy Ministries with Youth With A Mission. After ten weeks of intensive training, I went with a team to Cambodia for two months. There, I witnessed the daily struggle of extreme poverty, the ugliness of child sex trafficking, the destitution of broken families. In a slum outside the city of Phnom Penh, I met a 10-year-old boy named Som. He and I spent every day together for two weeks. He'd take me by the hand and show me around the dirty streets of his makeshift neighborhood. Even though we didn't speak the same language, he became like a little brother to me. Som's mum works 16-hour days in the nearby factory, earning less than two dollars a day. He has eight younger siblings, whom he takes care of as his dad drinks the days away. On our last day with that particular ministry, I watched my little brother run after our dusty old van as we drove away. He was crying because he knew I wasn't coming back. With tears on my face and my heart in pieces, I made a promise: I'm going to make the rest of my life about doing everything I can to change the circumstances that people, especially children, are up against in developing nations.

Som, and all the other beautiful people I met, are the reason why three months ago, I chose to become part of Voice for the Voiceless. We use media to expose justice issues around the world. My journey has now taken me to the beautiful continent of Africa. I am leading a team of five media-savvy individuals into Ghana and Togo where we'll spend a total of three months. Our vision is to produce short documentaries on HIV/AIDS and on the issue of unclean water, as well as helping practically with health education seminars and the building of rainwater tanks that provide 150 people with clean water every day. We will also spend a month in the northern region of Ghana living and helping at an orphanage that serves about 35 children and is run by one man. Our goal is to set up a website with individual biographies of each child, to facilitate the adoption process as there is currently no system in place.

As a volunteer, I am expected to fund my travel costs as well as pay my living expenses. This provides the opportunity for others to partner with me in my ministry. Currently, I have a financial need of \$1,500 to cover my living expenses in West Africa. If you feel that God places it on your heart to give, you can do so by following the link on my blog: www.natalie-richards.blogspot.com. All donations are tax-deductible in Canada. You'll also find my periodic updates as well as links to my team's projects in West Africa.

A Holocaust hero



STANDING BEFORE a bust of Raoul Wallenberg, who saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis near the end of World War II, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison urges Canadians to remember the Swedish diplomat and promote tolerance and inclusion in their own country. Archbishop Hutchison, as bishop of Montreal between 1990 and 2004, was instrumental in having a site behind Christ Church Cathedral dedicated as Raoul Wallenberg Square. The archbishop, primate of Canada between 2004 and 2007 spoke at a ceremony May 23 marking the 100th anniversary of Raoul Wallenberg's birth. Other speakers included member of Parliament and civil rights activist Irwin Cotler, leaders of the movement to remember Raoul Wallenberg, and Agnes Lörinczi Kent, a Montrealer and one of those saved by the efforts of the diplomat. The bust is by sculptor Paul Lancz, a survivor of the Holocaust in Hungary.

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Spotlight on mission

Why has an anglophone from Montreal been a volunteer in Sorel for three years?

Holly Ratcliffe and Shirley Skeans Newell
(Rev. Holly Ratcliffe, pastor of Christ Church Sorel, a French-language parish active in the community, interviews Shirley Skeans Newell, previously of Montreal, who has been working in the parish for three years.)

Holly: Shirley, you came out to Sorel over three years ago now, in May 2009. What brought you to Sorel?

Shirley: I had some nudges. I thought maybe this woman I'd been reading about in *The Montreal Anglican* needed some help. I didn't know her. I just liked what she was doing. You know, I often get asked that question. And I tell them.

Holly: Who asks you that question?

Shirley: Recently my granddaughter asked me. People in Sorel ask me, with the kind of attitude of "what brings you to this God forsaken place"! Friends from Saint Matthew's (my old parish in Montreal) ask me, as do friends from the past when I lived in Massachusetts.

Holly: When you say you had some nudges what do you mean?

Shirley: From the Holy Spirit – that's important to say. I don't always follow them. I'm just as resistant as the rest of humankind. But they kept coming. These nudges were persistent.

Holly: What were the nudges saying to you?

Shirley: Not that I felt I had that much to offer, but as a former volunteer in mission in China, I remember they emphasized not only the teaching of English as a second language (ESL), but also the importance of presence.

Holly: So you came to Sorel to support by your presence.

Shirley: Yes, as a kind of "keeper of the Springs." I'm an avid reader of Catherine Marshall. Her husband Peter Marshall was chaplain to the U.S. Senate in the 1940s. One of his sermons was called the "keeper of

the Springs," and it was about the importance of the little things that people do that keep the community of believers going, like, the fresh flowers, the coffee hour. The people who do these little, but important things are the "keepers of the Springs."

Holly: But you were doing that in Montreal. Why come to Sorel?

Shirley: I had been in Ontario writing a project on my family history. My apartment in Montreal had been sold and I had stored all my furniture. I didn't have a place to live, and wasn't looking for a place in Montreal. I remember saying when I was at Concordia University learning to teach ESL that I wanted to teach English in the boonies of Quebec, but they discouraged me. That was in 2000.

I was in China as a volunteer in Mission for the Episcopal Church teaching ESL for four years. I was a volunteer in mission for the Anglican Church of Canada in Sri Lanka teaching ESL for the year 2006. I did some teaching in Montreal, but it's very competitive there. Also, you can't take a job from a francophone teacher, so that's why they discouraged me from going to teach in the boonies.

Holly: But in fact you have been teaching ESL in Sorel.

Shirley: And I've been surprised at the response. I don't believe I have taken a job from anyone. All my students want is an outlet to practise their English conversation.

Holly: I'd like to ask about the evolution of your speaking French.

Shirley: When I first came to Sorel, I went to Trois Pistoles for a one week long intensive immersion course. I was put in Level 3 (of 5), and we spoke nothing but French.

Holly: Did the Diocese support you financially in this?

Shirley: No, I paid for it myself. Later the Diocese helped me financially with the programme "French for ministry" which was offered by the United Theological College.

That has been a wonderful bridge-building thing, making those connections with the United Church. You came to talk to our class, then later on a class (again offered through le Séminaire uni) of francophone lay ministers from across Quebec came out to Sorel! And then the issue of *Aujourd'hui Credo* (a publication of l'Église unie du Canada) on Anglicans and francophones came out, which is a great publication.

Holly: Then in 2010-11 you found another immersion course right in Sorel: the Francisation programme. For a full year, four days a week you attended. Nobody pushed you, you just went and signed up on your own!

Shirley: Yes, I have a photo of our class. Very multicultural! That was an excellent experience, and being subsidized by the government, it cost nothing, of course.

Holly: As I see it, your signing up for the Francisation course was a major step in your integration in Sorel. It is a programme for immigrants. And how old were you in 2010?

Shirley: I was 82. It's funny how you're received by people in these institutions who have no English at all: warily. Perhaps they're ashamed at not knowing any English, or perhaps they have the "foreign devil" attitude. (I would always want to say "it seems to me." I'm not trying to say that this is universal.)

I feel there is a great parallel between living in Sorel and living in China. The distinct society is here. Living in China is a different country. I don't support separatism, but it is a distinct society here.

People here are warm and welcoming, just as the Chinese are, even though my French is very limited, just as my Mandarin was very limited. I've never had anyone be nasty toward me.

Holly: What would you say has been enriching for you thus far in your time in Sorel?



SHIRLEY SKEANS NEWELL poses with fellow students in her 2010-11 francisation class at the Centre de formation professionnel de Sorel-Tracy.

Shirley: Part of it has been thinking over the mistakes I've made in parish life in the past and trying not to make them again. I came from a very conservative and critical family, and times have changed so much. I'm thinking, how can I make a contribution here? Every minister needs people supporting them. I've been in 12 parishes in my lifetime, and I haven't always been supportive. Coming to identify with the intense job of being a minister has been important for me here.

I've been growing up. A great deal of my growing up has been through going to Alanon meetings for a long time. I go to Alanon in Sorel, in French, even though I often don't understand the speakers because they talk very fast and speak with a local accent. Of course many parts of the program are familiar.

Holly: That's another sign of your willingness to immerse your whole life in this new setting, that you would go to meetings in the larger community in French, and for your own wellbeing.

Your Christian witness of loving presence has made a real mark on people here in Sorel, whether or not you think you can speak French very well.

Shirley: Funny you should say that. Yvon (a participant at the Café Christ Church) and I agreed that we could make ourselves understood by body English or body French. You

know, Yvon had always seemed distant to me. Recently he asked me how many eyes I had. I said two. He said can you close them? I did, and he kissed me on each cheek. I think he was responding to my sympathy on learning that he has heart problems.

Holly: At the same time your stepping out of the comfort zone of your own culture in faith is also a challenge to Anglicans in the Diocese!

Shirley: I agreed to this interview because it might help others in the Diocese.

Holly: One last thing. You are passing on your spirit of adventure to your children. You have told me before of your son Michael, who left a career in computers in his fifties to go back to school to become a teacher, and who has accepted his first teaching job on a First Nations reserve on James Bay.

Shirley: Yes! I believe he is a kind of missionary. I want to go up and visit him to support him.

Holly: I'm getting the picture. You have a kind of missionary's spirit yourself, and you seek to support others whom you feel share the same spirit?

Shirley: Perhaps so.

Holly: Well, Shirley, we are blessed by your witness, your generosity of spirit and your humility, both here in Sorel and in the Diocese of Montreal.

Back to first principles at St. John the Baptist: Is Alpha the answer?

Brent Cowan

(Brent Cowan is rector's warden at the Church of St John the Baptist in Pointe-Claire.)

We at the Church of St John the Baptist, Pointe-Claire, are certainly not immune to the controversies that have swirled through the global Anglican Communion, down through the Diocese of Montreal and even within the confines of our own parish. Blessing of same-sex unions, shared episcopal ministry, Book of Alternative Services versus Book of Common Prayer and, over in the Church of England, the ordination of women bishops are all bringing to the fore differences in our understandings of scripture, tradition, and doctrine. These controversies certainly do not help fill the pews – quite the opposite. And as our own numbers dwindle and our own financial capacity to carry on erodes we are trying to come up with ideas to reverse these incapacitating trends. The fact that a Korean church is now starting up in our own community with a rapidly expanding congregation (the irony is not lost on us that they are using

our own church premises as their West Island launch pad) and the United Church a couple of blocks down the way, to quote one member of their congregation, "...is bursting at the seams," both intimidates and inspires. If they can do it, so can we. But we do have the additional challenge of working through the turbulence associated with the general state of the global Anglican Communion.

Through all the noise these controversies create, however, there is one notion that steadies. "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:37-40)."

"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" Presumably Jesus referred to future law and prophets as much as he did to those that preceded His time on Earth. To me, a lay person with an inquiring mind, it would seem these two commandments are the stated

first principles of all the denominations of the Christian faith. And as I understand Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus did not deny the truthfulness of past teachings. Rather, through His ministry and the example of His life, death, and resurrection, He both explained and demonstrated how the two commandments neatly encapsulated them. From this I further reason that all the precepts of the Christian faith of the 21st Century should be demonstrably traceable to these two first principles enunciated back in the first century, before there was a church. For example, the connection to the Ten Commandments is clear. If you truly love your neighbour you are not going to steal from him, or jealously covet his possessions, or sleep with his wife, or lie about him to get him trouble for your gain or to avoid trouble for yourself. If you truly love God with all your heart, mind, and soul, you're not about to seek a replacement or a substitute.

So the guiding first principles to apply to organized Christian religion would seem to be love God and love thy neighbour. Of course the problem of how to apply these sim-

ple spiritual concepts to the messy, complex, and often seemingly contradictory demands of the material world is rarely that simple to address. And once addressed, how to explain current practices and interpretations in terms of these first principles without falsifying the past is another great and imposing test. These, along with our dwindling congregations are the challenges that now face the Anglican Diocese of Montreal and, more locally, the Church of St John the Baptist, Pointe-Claire.

As I thought about this and as I also sought to figure out ways and means to increase our congregation I spoke with other parishioners to plumb for ideas. One such parishioner brought up the Alpha Course. We had run the Alpha Course for several years, several years ago but I guess as we downsized it was one of the programs we sacrificed. This parishioner thought that it might be a good activity to re-introduce to attract new people into the congregation and to offer a forum re-stimulate those already here. I thought about it and decided to champion the idea and bring it to life. I had fol-

lowed the Alpha Course well over a decade ago. I had enjoyed the group discussions and the fellowship that went hand in hand with them and I had learned from them. I realized that the organizational effort required to promote, start-up, and run the Alpha Course could also serve to help focus the energies of the parish so that all our efforts could combine more effectively towards our goal to revitalize our church. I also realized that the discussion groups that are at the core of the Alpha approach might help us apply the first principles of Christianity to everyday life. Who knows, maybe out there we might find some new unifying ideas. So I brought my Alpha plan before corporation and council and we are moving ahead with it. Our introductory Alpha dinner was a Sunday Brunch on September 30 immediately following our Back to Church Sunday service. Our sessions will be at our church, 233 Ste-Claire on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9 pm beginning October 10 and wrapping up before Christmas. Anyone wishing more information, e-mail me, Brent

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THE STILLNESS WITHIN

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



Don't postpone living – or gratitude

The Gift

"I thank You God... for most this amazing day..." e. e. cummings

There are times when we think that we will not be truly happy until we have finally arrived at our destination. It is very easy to think that we will become successful and fulfilled, *after* we learn more, or find that right person, or get into the right situation. But putting off living until we reach some future mark simply keeps us from appreciating our present experience. It keeps us from being grateful in the moment.

Brother David Steindl-Rast, on his excellent website www.gratefulness.org, says this about gratefulness:

"Day and night gifts keep pelting down on us. If we were aware of this, gratefulness would overwhelm us. But instead, we go through life in a daze. It takes a power failure to make us aware of what a gift electricity is.

It takes a sprained ankle, to make us appreciate walking as a gift. It takes a sleepless night, to appreciate sleep. How much we are missing in life by noticing gifts only when we are suddenly deprived of them!"

Of course, some might say it is easier to notice overlooked gifts that we may take for granted, but what about the heavier issues? how is it possible to be grateful when one feels wounded or betrayed by life? Where is the gift in that? In this respect, it is helpful to listen to the words of Rainer Maria Rilke. He says:

"From what experience have you suffered most?"

Then he goes on to express the insight that even an irritating and bitter experience can be transformative, can allow us to reclaim a part of our self that we had forgotten. He states that if we allow it, a "bitter experience" can release in us courage, compassion, and a deeper

awareness of what really matters.

During this month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, I invite you to take Rilke's words to heart. Therefore, let us not only give thanks for the obvious gifts this season. Let us also look more deeply at our struggles and heartaches, and see what lies hidden within each of them. Let us allow these experiences to infuse our hearts with new understanding – and new possibilities for giving thanks. As an example of what I mean, we seniors can practice giving thanks for the wisdom we have gained over the years, and for the faith that has been at the heart of our lives. By doing so, we may find ourselves gradually letting go of the fear of aging, and learning to take part in our present life more fully.

In the same way, parents can practice giving thanks for the gift of children in their lives. By doing so, they may find themselves letting go of extraneous busy-ness, and appreci-

ating and relishing each moment with their children. And, all of us can look with more appreciation at the person who sits across from us at the breakfast table. Even in the midst of an illness we may have, we have opportunities for gratitude. We can give thanks for the kindness and care of our family, friends, and the medical staff. We may also be grateful for what we are learning through this experience. By doing so, we may find ourselves learning to become less a victim of our illness, and more a participant in our healing.

I pray this Thanksgiving that the Source of All Life brings each one of us to that place where we come to realize that all is gift. The Divine has given to each of us the most precious of gifts. It is within us, at the very center of who we are, and it has been present with us from the beginning. This gift is the gift of unconditional Love.

Practice: Developing Gratitude

(Adapted from "Inner Simplicity: 100 Ways to Regain Peace & Nourish Your Soul" by Elaine St. James)

If gratitude does not come naturally to you, you can work at it.

Post reminders around your home and your car and your office until feeling grateful become a habit. You can replace your worry habit with it.

Get in the habit of taking a few minutes at the end of each day to make a list of all the things that happened that day for which you can be grateful. Even with challenges in your life, what have you learned for which you can be grateful?

As you continue in this practice, you will find there is a self-expansion aspect of gratitude. Very possibly it is a little known law of nature: the more gratitude you have, the more you have to be grateful for.

With gratefulness,

Cedric+

Spiritual notebook

Youngest bishop to speak at men's conference

Bishop Fraser Lawton of the Diocese of Athabasca, the youngest Canadian Anglican bishop, will be the speaker at the annual FLAME retreat Friday-Sunday Oct. 27-29 at the Manoir d'Youville in Châteauguay. It will be the 23rd Montreal-area FLAME conference – nominally Anglican-based but open to all men seeking fellowship with other Christians. FLAME (an acronym for Fellowship and Learning for Anglican Men's Enrichment) says Bishop Fraser "will share his experience of God the Holy Spirit working in his and his family's life and will teach from that experience to strengthen, encourage and heal us as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ." The bishop is based in Peace River; his diocese covers the northern third of Alberta. He was born in Saskatoon 44 years ago and grew up in an active Anglican home. His parents encountered the "renewal movement" in the 1970s and his own experience of the Holy Spirit began as a child. In 1996 he became rector of St. Thomas Parish, a new Anglican church in the oil-boom city Fort McMurray. He describes his worship style as contemporary/charismatic: for him, ministry is always an adventure! He was consecrated as bishop in January 2010. His priorities are healing ministry, encouragement in the parishes and working with youth. He is married to Veronica, and they have four children, ranging from 13 to 21 years of age. For more information get in touch with Roger Spack at 514-684-4356 or André Hammond at 514-694-9567 or andrehammond@videotron.ca or visit the website at www.flameconference.ca. Hurry. The official registration deadline was September 30.



FRASER LAWTON

DivorceCare on West Island

DivorceCare, a special seminar and support group for people who are separated and divorced, has resumed at St. George's Church, 23 Perrault St. in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. It's described as "a place where people will understand what you are feeling." Meetings are held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and began September 18. Registration is strongly recommended but late registrations are welcome. For information or to register call 514-457-6934 or visit www.stgeorgesanglicanchurch.org/.

Paws & Pray at Christ Church, Beaurepaire

The next Paws & Pray services at Christ Church Beaurepaire will be Sundays, October 14, November 4 and Sunday December 2. All services are 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 Christ Church Beaurepaire. For information call 514-697-2204.

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Books

No sex with chickens, bishop says

A review of Bishop Anthony Fisher: *Catholic Bioethics for a New Millennium*, (Cambridge University Press, 2012) 333 pages

Reviewed by Colin McGregor

On the death of Pope John Paul II, The Economist totaled up the number of African lives lost to AIDS thanks to the Catholic Church's opposition to condoms. The magazine promptly declared the late Pope, in terms of strict actuarial statistics, a greater genocidist than Hitler. One may wonder how a religious institution representing over a billion souls can see evil in the common condom. A book that is making waves in the arcane but terribly important world of bioethics explains that such doctrines don't necessarily come from a mean-spirited place. It is *Catholic Bioethics for a New Millennium* by Bishop Anthony Fisher.

A Dominican friar and the Bishop of Parramatta, Australia, Bishop Fisher holds a doctorate in moral philosophy from Oxford University. Fisher's views are not marginal by any means, even in his home nation, known more for surfing than for moral philosophy. He is a leading light in his nation's largest faith group, comprising 5.44 million declared adherents, according to the 2011 census (Aussie Anglicans come third, after those professing "no religion"). His bishopric, Parramatta, encompasses what can be loosely described as "working class Sydney," meaning the driveways have one boat parked in them instead of three.

With this sort of pedigree, one might expect a turgid book packed with Latin phrases and hundred-word sentences meant to be decoded rather than read.

In fact, this is actually a good read. The vocabulary is digestible. The book explains rather than lectures – when you are part of the world's largest Church, you don't have to shout.

He examines all sides of every argument, including those marshaled against his Church. Opinions are given not simply on the basis of scripture, or papal encyclicals, but out of the author's practical experience in hospital and hospice settings. This is no Ivory Tower academic. The Bishop even has a dry sense of humour one does not normally associate with today's Catholic Church. A hilarious passage examining the morality of sex with poultry may disqualify Anthony Fisher from ever attaining the Throne of Saint Peter. For the record, the bishop comes out firmly against sex with chickens.

The general point made in *Catholic Bioethics for a New Millennium* is this: in a modern consumerist society, nobody knows where moral boundaries are any more. Technology makes many medical procedures possible that were unthinkable in the past. Consumerism breeds mix-and-match theologies. Nor is simply following one's conscience enough: the Nazis followed theirs. A line has to be drawn somewhere. And here, the Bishop explains, is where my

Church draws its line. And here is why.

To Bishop Anthony Fisher, John Paul II and his successor Benedict XVI are champions of "the unborn, the family, the sick and the suffering." The Bishop is an unadulterated fan of J-P II's long series of lectures collected together under the title *Theology of the Body*, as well as his 11th encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*, 1995). The Bishop calls himself "graced" to be part of the generation that "received" these staunch attacks against abortion, non-marital sex, mercy killings, birth control, in-vitro fertilization, genetic engineering, and capital punishment.

Anthony Fisher believes in absolutes that spring from the nature of the individual, and from Jesus' words and deeds. The beginning and the end of life are dealt with in great detail, with staggering scholarship. Human actions are complex, he writes: diminished responsibility for bad deeds is a part of his compassionate view. But in the bishop's world, men are men and women are women for a reason, and cannot be reassigned on a whim. Nevertheless, there is astoundingly little finger-wagging here. "Catholic pastors have no monopoly on moral truth and wisdom," he writes. "The Church... proposes rather than imposes her ideas; people are free to accept or reject them." Though a bishop, he will not even move diagonally.

(Colin McGregor is an inmate at the Cowansville Institution)

MacLennan to be remembered in writers' chapel

Hugh MacLennan, who has been described as the first major English-speaking writer to attempt a portrayal of Canada's national character, will be honoured by the unveiling of a plaque in the downtown Church of St. James the Apostle on Friday, Oct. 26. Michael Gnarowski, scholar, poet, editor and critic and one of the group organizing the event, writes:

"A little more than four years ago a small group of interested individuals banded together to commemorate the Canadian writer John Glassco by means of a plaque in St. James, which had been the Glassco family church and the one in which he had been baptized, married and buried. We were prompted by the fact that Glassco, having had his ashes placed in a small river behind his house, had left no visible memorial of himself. We approached the Rev. Linda Borden-Taylor with this idea and received her encouragement. The result was the placing of a plaque in the chapel adjoining the Church.

"After the event, with which we were greatly satisfied, it occurred to us that, perhaps, the chapel could become a writers' chapel with other plaques commemorating other Canadian writers. The poet and anthologist Arthur Smith and the poet and constitutional lawyer and activist Frank Scott had plaques installed following Glassco. On October the 26th we plan to honour Hugh MacLennan in a similar fashion, which is to say an unveiling of the



HUGH MacLENNAN

plaque, a lament played by a piper, some short speeches remembering MacLennan and a welcome to anyone present to say a few words if they so desire. There will be a modest wine and cheese to follow. I should add that all this is done with donations from our small founding group and whatever the public chooses to contribute to our cause. Our event will begin at 6 p.m. and should not last much more than an hour or so."

Defending Dostoevsky from political correctness

A review of René Girard: *Resurrection from the Underground: Feodor Dostoevsky*, edited and translated by James G. Williams (Michigan State University Press, 2012) 168 pages.

Reviewed by William Converse

René Girard is a French historian, literary critic and philosopher of the social sciences; he belongs to the tradition of anthropological philosophy. Girard owes a debt to Charles Darwin whose work he began reading as an adolescent. Darwin served as his model for research and supplied the scientific problematic of his mimetic theory, a theory of evolution applied to the origins of culture.

Resurrection from the Underground: Feodor Dostoevsky was first published in French in 1963; it was translated into English by James Williams in 1996. After being out of print, this landmark study has been reissued in Michigan State University's *Studies in Violence, Mimesis, and Culture* Series, with a new foreword by the translator, plus a *Biographical Prologue and Chronology of Feodor Dostoevsky*, and a *Postface* by the author.

Williams considers *Resurrection from the Underground: Feodor Dostoevsky* to be "the most brilliant short book or long essay that Girard has written." For Girard the works of Dostoevsky demonstrate the various ramifications of mimetic desire: "Moreover, the great writer's novels reflect a spiritual journey that Girard discerns as following a classical pattern in a modern mode, which results finally in a 'resurrection' from



FEODOR DOSTOEVSKY

the underground of alienation, resentment, and idolatry. These literary and religious elements become even more powerful in Dostoevsky's critique of the social order that he observes in Russia and in Western Europe."

For Girard, it is *Notes from Underground* (1864) that provides the key to the great novels for which Dostoevsky is justly renowned: *Crime and Punishment* (1866), *The Idiot* (1869), *Demons* (1872), and *The Brothers Karamazov* (1880). Williams writes:

"What Girard does, in effect, is to review Dostoevsky's own journey from the underground. This 'underground' is associated with Dostoevsky's obsessive character in *Notes from Underground*. It is existence, typically modern, which is riddled with resentment of models who are

at the same time rivals and obstacles to the individual. Underground people are imitators who try to hide their imitation from others, and even from themselves. Those at the extreme of underground existence, leading an 'addicted' life, are attached to those who spurn them and spurn those who are attracted to them."

René Girard was born in Avignon in 1923 and studied medieval history at the *École nationale des Chartes* in Paris. In 1947 he took up a fellowship at Indiana University. He has spent most of his academic career in the United States and now resides in Stanford, California. In 2005 he was elected to the *Académie française*. His research and writing are interdisciplinary: anthropology, religion, psychology and sociology. He is best known for his ideas about mimetic desire, mimetic rivalry, the scapegoat mechanism as the origin of sacrifice and the foundation of human culture, language and religion. In his first book, translated into English as *Deceit, Desire and the Novel: Self and Other in Literary Structure* (1963/66), he analyzed in terms of mimetic desire the great novels by Cervantes, Stendhal, Flaubert, Proust and Dostoevsky.

According to Girard, our objects of desire are copied from the objects of desire of models or mediators. When we desire the same object as others the result is frequently rivalry and competition. This gives rise to envy and jealousy that may lead to violence. The development of culture, language and religion are mechanisms for resolving such conflicts.



RENÉ GIRARD

Between 1950 and 1970, Girard developed his mimetic theory in three phases: the identification and analysis of mimetic desire in literary texts; the result of mimesis as violence and the sacred in archaic religion and culture; and the discovery of the key to knowledge in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

Since Girard claims to find these ideas in the Bible, his work is of interest to theologians as well as philosophers. It has also attracted the interest of a number of researchers into human imitation and the mechanism of desire; it has influenced empirical researchers in cognitive science, neuroscience, psychology and physics, giving rise to an extensive secondary literature.

For Girard absolute knowledge is not possible because language is relative; we cannot stand outside of his-

tory. We cannot isolate an essential Christianity apart from historical Christianity which, from a historical standpoint, tends to disappoint. Williams concludes his Foreword: "René Girard since 1996":

"Yes, [Girard] is an avowed Roman Catholic Christian who believes that the greatness of Western democracies and cultural institutions is due largely to their Christian heritage, and that even secularism and atheism play off our Christian heritage. But he does not pin his hopes on a religious institution, even though he appreciates many aspects of the witness of Christianity in our troubled times. From the standpoint of its own gospel message, Christianity has failed. Biblical revelation has failed. But it has predicted its own failure in the *Apocalypse of John*. What saves us is the imitation of Christ, who pulls us beyond history itself to the triumph of Christ in 'a beyond of which we can describe neither the time nor place.'"

Girard emphasizes the apocalyptic message of Christianity which he combines with a mystical bent toward withdrawal from the world of mimesis, retribution and violence. In his more recent work he responds to those who attack or scapegoat Christianity for our present social evils. His Christian vision and his affirmation of the truth of the Bible defy the anti-Christian tendencies stemming from the 19th century, especially Marx, Nietzsche and Freud. He rejects several currents of mainstream French intellectual life, including Claude Lévi-Strauss,

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Jacques Derrida, multiculturalism and "political correctness." Williams states: "A thinker more alienated from current intellectual fashions, yet more positive and optimistic concerning human possibilities under God, could scarcely be imagined."

Fyodor Mikhail Dostoevsky (1821-1881) is acknowledged as the pre-eminent writer of psychological fiction, something even Frederick Nietzsche had to admit after he happened upon a copy of Notes from the Underground in a bookstore, "he is the only psychologist from whom I have something to learn."

Dostoevsky's impoverished childhood as the son of a doctor at the Moscow Mariinsky Hospital for the Poor, the early death of his mother, his unhappy years as a student at the Academy of Military Engineering in St. Petersburg, the murder of his father by his own serfs, left their mark on him and exacerbated his epilepsy and compulsive gambling.

Yet it was his suffering as a political prisoner, his exile to Siberia after a mock execution in St. Petersburg, that profoundly altered his outlook. He attributed this transformation to reading the Gospels in prison.

From being a member of the radical Petrashevsky Circle in St. Petersburg that espoused the then fashionable materialism and nihilism of the influential literary critic, Vissarion Belinsky, he now aligned himself

with the political conservatives, the Czarist regime and the Russian Orthodox Church.

Dostoevsky's writings exhibit a number of decidedly unpleasant characteristics: he was chauvinistic, anti-bourgeois, anti-Catholic (the Jesuits especially), anti-Semitic, paranoid and xenophobic. Yet he strove for social justice and an end to undeserved suffering, particularly of children. At the same time he advocated equal civil rights for Jews living in the Russian Empire, including their admission to the universities and the professions.

Dostoevsky was a relentless critic of the utilitarianism of Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill. The Crystal Palace, the glass-enclosed, cast-iron structure erected in London's Hyde Park for the Great Exposition in 1851, was his metaphor for everything that was wrong with Western Europe in the 19th century. He believed that utopian socialism and nihilism would lead Russia to catastrophe and result in the death of millions. Here he was remarkably prescient. However, Girard maintains that Dostoevsky was more a prophet in the biblical sense because he denounced idolatry:

"Dostoevsky undermines our contemporary illusions not only by satirizing them mercilessly but more simply by showing that many supposedly brilliant innovations of ours, stupendously original cre-

ations, are really warmed over nineteenth-century ideas, just a little more shrill and impudent with each passing decade."

Girard is not blind to Dostoevsky's faults and shortcomings. In his Postface, "Mimetic Desire in the Underground," he states:

"The flaws of Dostoevsky are real, to be sure, but they should not be turned into a test of political correctness. Such tests are terroristic devices really, the true purpose of which is to shunt aside a work most rewardingly alien to the conformity of our intellectual milieu. We need Dostoevsky badly and we must resist all attempts at censoring him. He is a dead white male, all right, but his work is more alive than the cultural morticians who would like to bury him."

I recommend René Girard's Resurrection from the Underground: Feodor Dostoevsky, along with Dostoevsky's Notes from Underground, preferably in the translation by Richard Pevar and Larissa Volokhonsky (Vintage Classics).

Like Mikhail Bakhtin's Problems of Dostoevsky's Poetics and Rowan Williams's Dostoevsky: Language, Faith and Fiction, this is a work to which readers of Dostoevsky can turn for fresh insights. Virginia Woolf once said of Dostoevsky, "Out of Shakespeare there is no more exciting reading."

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St. Paul's Church, Greenfield Park

32 Empire St. (RTL Bus #1, #6 or #15
to Churchill at Empire, #4 or #54 to
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(Afternoon tea in the church hall)
Sat., Oct. 13, from 2:30 p.m. For info:
info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca
or 450-473-9541

Grace Church, Parish of Arundel and Weir

7 Church Road, Arundel

ANNUAL CASSEROLE SUPPER

Sat., Oct. 13, from 5:30-7 p.m.

St. Stephen's Anglican Church Chambly

Randell Hall, 2000 rue de Bourgogne

ACW BOOK SALE

Sat., October 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

For information, 450-658-5882 or
Dorothy at 514-748-7748 ext: 1198

Church of the Resurrection Valois

99 Mount Pleasant Ave., Pointe Claire
(Bus #204, #203 or #202)

GARAGE SALE (RENT A TABLE)

Sat., October 20, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

To rent a table, call Gladys Randle, 514
697 1229

St. Simon's and St. Bartholomew's Church Laval

3544 de Souvenir Road,

FALL BAZAAR

Sat., Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bake table, books, nearly new items.
Excellent lunch with zucchini loaf and
apple pie. Info: 450-681-9696.

Is Alpha the answer...

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Cowan, at cwbcowan@aol.com.

I wonder where the Diocese might now be if, rather than investing in the Boken study to recommend which churches to close, we had instead invested in promoting Christian dialogue and the Christian faith through, say, a diocesan-wide Alpha Invitation campaign promoting de-centralized but co-ordinated Alpha courses throughout the diocese? And mightn't we use those Alpha discussion groups to ourselves seek ways to address current

All Saints Deux

Montagnes Church
Church hall, 248-18th Ave.

NINTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Fri., Nov 2, 6-9 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 3,
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Crafts, bake table, lunch, raffle.
For information: info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca or 450-473-9541

St. Paul's Church, Greenfield Park

32 Empire St. (RTL Bus #1, #6 or #15
to Churchill at Empire, #4 or #54 to
Taschereau and Churchill)

PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE AND LUNCHEON

Sat., Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Bake table, chocolates, cupcake
corner, frozen food, country corner,
"heavenly angels," crafts, raffles, door
prizes, gift shop and more. Luncheon
from 11:30, \$8 adult, \$3 child. Contact
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4322 Wellington St. (a block west of
de l'Église Métro, Wellington St. exit,
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Fri., Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat.,
Nov. 3, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Information 514-769-5373

St. James, Rosemere

328 Pine St.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat., Nov. 10, 10 a.m.

Information: 450-621-6466

St. Philip's, Montreal West

7505 Sherbrooke St. W. (corner
Connaught Ave. Bus #51 (Snowdon),
#105 (Vendome), #162 (Villa-Maria) or
#123 to Elmhurst bus terminal at
Montreal West train station)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND LUNCH

Sat. Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Home baking, books, knitted items,
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St. Matthias', Westmount

12 Church Hill (Autobus 24, 104 or
138 to Sherbrooke & Metcalfe,
Westmount)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat., Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Books, & lots of Christmas Treats

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(Bus #405 or #211 to Beaconsfield at
St. Louis)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WASSAIL

Friday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.

A fun event to start the holiday season
for the whole family: carol singing
followed by holiday refreshments in
the parish hall. Bring your friends.
For info: 514-697-2204.

threatening controversies by attempting to link solutions to the first principles of Christianity; those two Great Commandments?

✂ Diocesan Clippings (and Snapshots) 📷

Church hall gets a facelift

Worshippers at St. Joseph of Nazareth Church in Brossard have been noticing a big change in the church hall, thanks to a painting be two Wednesdays in August. The facelift was just in time for an open house September 16, with a continental breakfast preceding the 10 a.m. worship. The focus was on the "C" section of Brossard (where street names start with that letter), where flyers were distributed September 8 and 9, flyers will be distributed, although flyers were also distributed on streets closer to the church, particularly apartments and condos near Champlain Mall. In other news, a group at the church have been preparing and distributing "Prayer Pets" – stuffed animals that given to people going through an illness or some other difficult time. Each pet has a message to remind these folks that God loves them and that that they are being held up in prayer.

New ministry in Arundel

On Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Parish of Arundel and Weir in the Laurentians, Bishop Barry Clarke presided at the celebration of new ministry for the Rev. Canon David Sinclair, the new parish priest. The bishop also dedicated stained glass, following a theft last year.

Community rallies to help Sorel church

Christ Church Sorel, with an active French-language ministry in the community, is benefitting from a fund-raising campaign with a difference. The church furnace broke down last spring and the efforts to raise funds to replace it are being led not by the parish but by local community leaders, co-ordinated by la Maison de la musique de Sorel-Tracy. A benefit concert September 21 featured over 30 local artists.

Rosemere events

St. James Anglican Church in Rosemere will mark the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at with its third annual blessing of pets at the service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, a few days after the feast day. All leashed pets are welcome. A special service for Remembrance Day is planned at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 11. A pub quiz will start at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. The church

Going out in style



THREE MONTHS BEFORE ITS FINAL SERVICE, St. Paul's Church in Lachine had a clear-out sale on August 25. Lots of tasty fudge was sold, along with jewellery, bicycles and many other treasures contributed by parishioners. The fudge recipes were from the publication *My Favorite Bedtime Stories (Fudge Recipes for the Rest of Us)* by Men's Club president David Black. In photo from left are parishioners Bert Larocque and Penny and Robert Whitehouse. The church vestry has voted to close the parish and Bishop Barry Clarke has announced that a final celebration of Eucharist will be held at St. Paul's in the afternoon of Sunday, November 25, (the Feast of the Reign of Christ), with a reception following. The future use of the building had not been determined by late August. The bishop urged everyone to keep the people of St. Paul's in their prayers during the transition.

is at 328 Pine St. For information call 450-621-6466 or visit the St. James Facebook Page.

A joyful summer noise



IT WAS A BUSY SUMMER for the choir of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Waterloo, in the Eastern Townships about 60 kilometres east of Montreal. The choir presented two concerts this past summer, one at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Iron Hill and one at St. James Church Anglican Church Foster. In the photo are organist Catherine Lawrence and choir members Shirley Chapman, Mary Irwin, Jacqueline Lawrence, Jocelyne Lawrence, Ed Lowry, David Willey and David Ross.

Farewell to Muriel and Bob



MURIEL BROPHY AND ROBERT OWENS were honoured by St. James Anglican Church in Rosemere at a goodbye luncheon at a local restaurant, Madisons, on June 19. After many years at St. James, Muriel and Bob have moved to Montreal.

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BEFORE YOU FORGET: A conference on Alzheimer's Disease

Friday, NOVEMBER 23, 2012
10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Featuring:

10:30 a.m.—noon

Teresa ANUZA, M. A. Cognitive Psychology,
Coordinator, Educational Services
Alzheimer's Society of Montreal (ASM)

Topic: **Talking about Alzheimer's Disease: what it is and what you can do**
(presentation & discussion)

1:30—3:00 p.m.

Dr. Serge GAUTHIER, McGill Professor
Director, Alzheimer Disease & Related Disorders Research Unit
McGill Center for Studies in Aging (CSA)

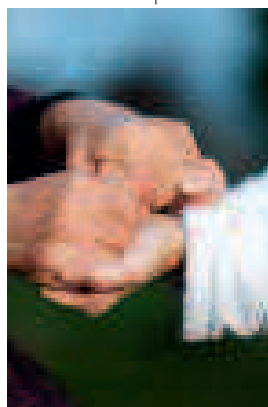
Topic: **Update on the Prevention and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease**
(presentation; Q & A—question & answer session)

FULFORD Hall, Cathedral Place
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LUNCH included

Registration & coffee available: **10:00 a.m.**
Suggested donation to defray the costs of lunch: \$10

For information & early registration:
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Jeu. 25 octobre 2012 à 18h / Thursday, October 25th 2012 at 6pm

Porte parole / Keynote speaker
Roslyn Macgregor

Auberge Saint-Gabriel
426, rue Saint-Gabriel
Vieux-Montréal

Au début des années 1970, Roslyn Macgregor a passé deux ans tout aussi stimulants qu'éprouvants au Couvent Sainte-Marguerite, en Haïti. En 1983, elle est rentrée à Montréal où elle a fait des études en éducation, études de l'enfant et théologie. Ordonnée prêtre en 1992, Ros est devenue directrice de la Mission Communautaire Mile-End le 1er mai 1995, et prêtre dans la Paroisse Saint-Cuthbert, Sainte-Hilda et Saint-Luke. Pendant 17 ans, Ros a défié les structures de la société et s'est battue pour aider ceux et celles qui dépendent de la Mission. Elle a relevé de nombreux défis, apprenant des leçons magnifiques et parfois difficiles, bien au-delà de ce qui peut être enseigné au séminaire.

In the early 1970's, Roslyn Macgregor spent two challenging and life changing years in Haiti as a sister of St. Margaret. In 1983, she returned to Montreal and furthered her knowledge in child studies, education and theology, and was ordained an Anglican priest in 1992. May 1st, 1995 Ros was appointed Director of Mile End Community Mission and Priest at St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke Anglican Church. She challenged the structures in society and fought fiercely for funding and recognition of the needs of those who depend so much on the Mission. For seventeen years, Ros has met the challenges of real people in real life situations and learned wonderful, and sometimes hard lessons far beyond what can be taught in seminary.



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