



Different shades of green



LEADING PARTICIPANTS AND SPONSORS at a "Green Faith" dinner sponsored by the Intercultural Dialogue Institute gather for a group picture. From left in the front row are Rev. John Walsh, Roman Catholic priest and broadcaster, Professor Arvind Sharma of McGill University, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Dowd of Montreal, Rev. Arlen John Bonnar of St. James United Church, Rev. Phyllis Smyth of the Montreal Presbytery of the United Church, Rev. Neil Whitehouse, interfaith chaplain at McGill and Professor Eric Caplan, chair of Jewish studies at McGill. In the rear row, along with a couple of unidentified men in conversation, are Fehmi Kala, executive director of the Intercultural Dialogue Institute, Rev. Ellie Hummel of the Concordia University Multi-Faith Chaplaincy, Archdeacon Michael Pitts of the Anglican dioceses of Montreal and Quebec, CBC broadcaster Loreen Pindera and Dr. Satoshi Ikeda, who occupies the research chair in the political sociology of global futures at Concordia.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Harvey Shepherd

Leading members of four of the world's faiths shared concern for protection of the environment but from quite different perspectives at an interfaith gathering in Montreal March 6.

"Green Faith: The Environment and the Contribution of Religions" was addressed by a Muslim, a Roman Catholic, a Hindu and a Jew at the Second Annual Interfaith Dinner organized by the Intercultural Dialogue Institute of Montreal, a group that seeks to promote cross-cultural awareness, peace, diversity and a better society. The institute has strong support from the Turkish community and is inspired by the vision and experience of intellectual



MEHMET KADRI KARABELA cited scholars including Ludwig Wittgenstein and Francis Fukuyama in a brief talk on Muslim approaches to the environment.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

and spiritual leaders, especially Fethullah Gulen. Ven. Michael Pitts, archdeacon of the Quebec North Shore and former dean of Christ Church Cathedral, is a member of an interfaith advisory board.

Mehmet Kadri Karabela, assistant professor at Queen's University and formerly of the McGill University Institute of Islamic studies, a specialist in Islamic intellectual history, said it is a hallmark of Islam to focus on the relation between the world and God. Most Muslim theologians seek to find evidence of God in the world or, in the parlance of the Sufi tradition, seek to go from the signs to the Signifier.

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Dowd of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal said the recently retired Pope Benedict XVI showed deep concern for the environment in his papacy. The bishop said the Biblical injunction by God for humans to have dominion over nature has given Christianity "a bad press" among some environmentalists, but the word dominion comes from the word domus, or home.

"Creation is our home, not that of just human beings but of God himself"

Professor Arvind Sharma, who teaches comparative religion at McGill, called for a balance in discourse about human rights between Western thought, which tends to begin with the individual, and Eastern thought, which begins with the cosmos and draws implications for society, the community and the individual. Thus it places more emphasis on duty.

"Fulfilling my rights becomes a duty of the other person."

Professor Eric Caplan, chair of Jewish studies at McGill, said some Jewish thought is moving away from

the strict distinction between God and creation that characterizes classical Judaism. To a degree, "God becomes world."

He said some Jews also suggest new meanings for old customs. "Eco-kashrut" would supplement traditional dietary laws with concern for fairness and the environment in food production and the tradition of long-burning lamps at Hanukkah could inform a concern to use energy resources carefully.

Will women celebrate at altar under historic red roof?

Harvey Shepherd

The Anglo-Catholic parish of St. John the Evangelist may have taken a step toward allowing a woman priest – her identity as yet unknown – to celebrate the mass at its altar for the first time in its history of over 150 years.

The vestry, or annual membership meeting, of the downtown parish, founded in 1861, approved a resolution February 17 that would "support" the rector, Rev. Keith Schmidt, if he should choose to invite a woman to celebrate at the church. The vote followed lengthy discussion in the parish and a survey.

In an exchange of emails, Father Schmidt went little beyond confirming the wording of the resolution.

Another priest who presumably has been following developments at the parish with interest also declined to comment. Rev. Dr. Ellen Aitken, dean of the faculty of religious studies at McGill University, was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts in 1986,

Paul Jennings leaves Diocesan College

Rev. Canon Paul Jennings has resigned as director of pastoral studies at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College to move to Nova Scotia, where his wife, a United Church minister, will serve a church of that denomination.

Rev. Canon John Simons, principal of the college – and its only other full-time academic staff – said in an email to college supporters that the college was sad to learn of the resignation, effective at the end of May. Canon Jennings' spouse, the Rev. Elisabeth Bachem has accepted a call as Minister of Annapolis Royal United Church in Nova Scotia.

"Congratulations to Elisabeth!" the principal wrote. "This will be an exciting new venture for Paul and Elisabeth. Paul has served the college with great distinction since 2001 and has supervised 29 students in the graduating year. We are confident his skills as a theologian and educator will find new ways of expression. Pray for him and Elisabeth, and for the college in this time of transition."

Bishop Barry Clarke also requested prayers for the couple and for the college, noting that in advising the bishop of his resignation "Paul humbly states that the reason for his resignation is, 'we have reached a point in our family where it is time for Elisabeth's ministry to take priority.'"

Canon Jennings said in a telephone conversation that he was still coming to grip himself with the changes involved, including moving out of their rural home at Vankleek Hill, Ont. (Among other things, it has on occasion served as a sort of unofficial retreat centre for college students.)



REV. CANON PAUL JENNINGS preaches at the induction of a recent student, Rev. Robert Camara, as the new priest at St. George's Church in Châteauguay last November.

He said he hopes to resume long-delayed work on a Ph.D. thesis on the German Lutheran theologian Eberhard Jüngel.

The theological college carries on its work in close co-operation with its Presbyterian and United Church counterparts, partners in the Montreal School of Theology at McGill University. Canon Jennings was especially responsible for helping graduating students in their transition to the ministry.

Along with Canons Simons and Jennings, the academic staff at the college includes Rev. Canon Tim Smart as part-time director of lay education.

and came to McGill from the Harvard Divinity School in 2004.

She was highly regarded in the parish, which she reportedly attended up until quite recently, participating in both its adult education program and its liturgy. She often wore vestments and played a supporting part in the mass but did not actually celebrate the mass at that church, although she has celebrated elsewhere, notably in the chapel of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

The February 17 resolution says: "Be it Resolved: That Vestry supports the Rector, at his discretion, in inviting anyone with permission to officiate by the Lord Bishop of Montreal to celebrate at the Church of St. John the Evangelist."

The downtown church has been seeking to capitalize on the location of its building, with its distinctive red roof, now on the edge of the Quartier des Spectacles entertainment district.

The parish says on its website that

"Since its inception in 1861, St. John's has been faithful to the mission set out by our founder, Father Edmund Wood: to uphold the fullness of Catholic faith and worship within the Anglican Communion. We believe in the centrality of Catholic worship and are committed to serving God in 'the beauty of holiness' through the perfection of ritual, word, and music. 'Openness to all' is a fundamental characteristic of the parish. Such openness brings together people from a broad spectrum of origins, opinions, and life experiences, making the congregation diverse, interesting, and stimulating."

"St. John's" is characterized by a strong sense of Catholic tradition: an orthodox and faithful theological and doctrinal outlook, a caring and compassionate attitude on moral and social issues, a full liturgical calendar, a liturgy faithful to the Western Rite, a rich and varied musical offering, and a diverse devotional life."

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead." (Philippians 3:10)

There are three movements in the Christian life that are pivotal to my faith. These three movements can be expressed symbolically by the Crèche, the Cross and the Empty Tomb.

The Crèche speaks to me about birth. God gives life and breathes His divine love into me. I am given life out of a deep love the divine Lover has for life and for all of creation. I am born into a world of possibilities, adventures and dreams. I am also born into a world filled with sin, evil and darkness. In baptism I am sanctified in the Trinity of love: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I am given light so that I may shine as a follower of Jesus who is the light of the world. A reflection, a beacon, to illuminate the darkness, empowered by the Holy Spirit as a disciple of Jesus, to be a compassionate and caring person.

The Crèche (birth) as a Christian draws me to the Cross. This powerful symbol reminds me that life is not about self-will, instant gratification or hedonistic pleasures, but about experiencing the joys of life through pain, suffering, disappointment and ultimately death. There is nothing attractive about the Way of the Cross, but it is the way of life for the disciple of Jesus.



Bishop's Message

A strange paradox exists in the Way of the Cross! The Cross challenges me to engage fully into life. In this engagement, despite anguish and fear, I discover the care God has for me through His compassion, mercy, forgiveness and steadfast love for all. As a disciple of Jesus, this too gives life for me and is reflected towards those whom I encounter.

The Cross leads me to the Empty Tomb, where death is not the final answer. The power of God transcends all that I know about my humanity into resurrection, new life, new hope, and new possibilities. The resurrection of Jesus, is God's "yes" to life. Life has value, it has meaning, it has purpose. Alleluia!

The journey of the Crèche, the Cross and the Empty Tomb, convince me: *"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead."* (Philippians 3:10)

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ Barry

Bishop Barry on 'Sabbath leave'

Bishop Barry Clarke has announced that he will be on "Sabbath leave" until June 30. In his absence, Ven. Janet Griffith, executive arch-

deacon, will be administrator of the diocese and Most Rev. Bruce Stavert, retired archbishop of the Diocese of Quebec and honorary assistant at

the Parish of St. Matthias' in Westmount, has agreed to fulfill most liturgical responsibilities in the bishop's absence. This is the bishop's first Sabbath or sabbatical leave since he was consecrated in 2004.

Bishop Dennis Drainville of the Quebec Diocese is currently in the midst of a three-month sabbatical leave to focus on "personal growth and professional development," from mid January to the end of April.

Here is the text of Bishop Barry's pastoral letter of March 8:

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ, Greetings. I pray you are finding this Lent a time of personal refreshment and renewal in your own spiritual life and that of your community.

I have returned from a week of a directed spiritual retreat. During that time of retreat, I recognized that I need to take a Sabbath leave.

As of today, March 8th till June 30th, I will be on Sabbath leave to continue my spiritual journey.

I have appointed the Venerable Janet Griffith, Executive Archdeacon and Vicar General to be my commissary and administrator of the diocese during my absence.

The Most Reverend Bruce Stavert has agreed to fulfill most liturgical responsibilities in my absence.

I am grateful to all of you for your support, care and prayers.

Please be assured of my prayers and support to you and your communities.

Yours in Christ, +Barry

Letter to the editor

'What fun you can have'

I have had fun experiences golfing for many years. I am not a great golfer but still like to go out and hit the ball around. That is why the Mission Works Golf Tournament works for me. I can support the church's mission and have fun.

Last year, my wife and I made it an event, staying overnight at a B&B. The course was challenging but not impossible. You set the rules; if you want to pick up after a bad hole, go ahead. It was fun to share the day with another couple, sharing conversation and mutual support; cheering good shots and commiserating over misses.

The after-golf time was equally enjoyable, a great meal. The silent auction proved to be fun too. A

young man at our table let it be known that his friend wanted one item after receiving a text message. I have a daughter who also likes 'the Tragically Hip' so I advanced the bid a few times. The young man at my table didn't know that I was his competition and he kept talking about his bidding strategy openly. He won and we had a laugh when I revealed all. And surprise, surprise, a woman walked up to me at dinner and asked if I remembered her, my date at the high school prom! I hadn't seen her in forty years.

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REV. PAUL TIDMAN

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Spiritual Web enthusiast is new Cathedral administrator

Christ Church Cathedral was looking for someone with skills in administration and communications and appears to have found that – and more.

Aurora Di Giulio, who was hired as Cathedral communicator and communications manager in February, has credentials on both sides from her previous career, most recently as communications manager and webmaster at St. George’s School in Westmount.

But a keen interest in interpersonal relations is evidenced by primarily self-starting career as an organizer of “meetups” of groups of people with common interests – like photography, an enthusiasm of her own.

On top of that, her four personal blogs and three websites testify not only to skills in graphics, Web

design and suchlike but, in much of their content, to a deep interest in spirituality.

A native Montrealer she is nevertheless close to the culture of Italy, where she has many close relatives.

She was keen to work in a non-profit organization and is enthralled by the beauty of the Cathedral.

In important ways she is the successor to Eve Brebner, who retired as Cathedral secretary after 16 years, but Aurora’s arrival and Eve’s departure were part of a major overhaul of administrative roles at the Cathedral, where Very Rev. Paul Kennington arrived from England and became dean in late 2010.

Eve had been working less than full-time for about six years and the abolition of the secretary’s post, unfortunately, also affected Ann

Stephen, who had been working on Eve’s days off.

Two other key Cathedral staff of long standing retired in recent months. Verna Peris retired at the end of July from her position as coordinator of ministries, in which task she had been responsible not only for co-ordinating readers and others for services but also for planning various special events.

Barbara Hall retired at the end of November after 30 years as Cathedral bookkeeper.

Roz Kasner was hired on a freelance basis to fill in as needed until a permanent successor was hired but Dean Kennington said the temporary arrangement turned out to be so congenial on both sides it is expected to continue indefinitely.



RETIRING AS SECRETARY, Eve Brebner, seated, shows some of the ropes to the new Cathedral administrator, Aurora Di Giulio.

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Is Ottawa moving toward faith-based aid?

Harvey Shepherd

Research by a Montreal-based think tank suggests that the federal Conservative government, while in general tightening the screws on its support for non-governmental foreign-aid organizations, has been getting more generous with agencies with religious and even proselytizing aims, its scientific director says.

"There is an increase in support for highly religious groups, mostly based in western and central provinces," François Audet, scientific director of the Canadian Research Institute on International Crisis and Aid, said in a telephone interview.

He said the study to be published this spring in the Canadian Journal of Development Studies will indicate that between 2005 and 2010 funds from the government's Canadian International Development Agency to secular non-governmental organizations grew by only 5 per cent, to \$237 million from \$226 million. In the same period, CIDA grants to religious groups rose by 72 per cent to \$129 million from \$90 million.

The research was based on declarations of income filed with the government by 198 NGOs. The researchers did not attempt to verify what the NGOs were actually doing with the money; the classification between religious and secular organizations was based on self-description in such sources as their web-



FRANÇOIS AUDET

sites.

While the filings and the identities of the agencies were public, the organizations will not be identified in the study, which will focus on trends, said Professor Audet, who teaches management science at the Université du Québec à Montréal.

An article in mid-January in *La Presse*, based, largely on statements by Professor Audet, mentioned CAUSE Canada (Christian Aid for Under-Assisted Societies Everywhere) of Canmore, Alta., as one faith-based agency which has had a substantial increase. It quoted Beverly Carrick, executive director of

CAUSE Canada, as saying the organization is motivated by faith but does not proselytize.

Professor Audet said there needs to be public debate about a shift away from supporting NGOs with what he sees as a more "needs-based" approach and toward agencies that may have links to communities favoured by Conservative members of Parliament and espouse ideology closer to the government.

This reporter asked him to comment on the cases of the Canadian Roman Catholic development agency Development and Peace and the inter-church agency KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, both of which have had CIDA funding slashed in recent years.

"Maybe they weren't seen as religious enough," he said.

He said both agencies have been involved in hotly debated issues and KAIROS, with its concern for Palestinians, ran afoul of the Conservative government's unwavering support for Israel.

He said the shift in aid priorities by the government may reflect some of the same attitudes that underlie efforts to encourage NGOs to cooperate in projects with Canadian based companies active internationally in such industries as mining. The new Office for Religious Liberty may also reflect some of the same approach, he said.

PWRDF-CIDA accord said to be working well

Co-operation between the federal government's Canadian International Development Agency for and the development arm of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, is continuing to pay off for the PWRDF and those who benefit from its CIDA-supported programs in five countries.

But this has nothing to do with proselytizing, says Adele Finney, the executive director of the PWRDF.

Jill Martin, financial director of the PWRDF, said for the two decades she has been with the fund its joint endeavours have been "a glorious history – and there's a lot to be proud of in what we are doing today." She said in the last few years efforts by the PWRDF to come up with more focused, strategic projects that CIDA is looking for is resulting in projects that are larger, get done faster and are more effective.

The two agencies signed three five-year agreements about a year ago under a new process of public tendering put in place by CIDA. Under them, CIDA is covering three-quarters of the \$12-million cost of projects in maternal and child health, preventive health measures and food security in Bangladesh, Burundi, Tanzania, Mozambique and South Africa. These agreements

have about four more years to run.

This means that grants from CIDA amount to about 35 per cent of over-all budgeted revenue for PWRDF (which does not include any funds raised for disaster relief), expected to total around \$6 million in the fiscal year just ended. Under the old, more scattered approach to CIDA funding this share would run around 20 per cent. CIDA supported projects account for about 42 per cent of PWRDF expenditure, including funding that comes from PWRDF donors.

Ms. Finney, said in a telephone interview that the joint projects are innovative, effective and based on social needs.

"Good work is being done."

Some of the partner agencies through which the PWRDF works in the five countries are faith-based and others are secular, but there is no discrimination among beneficiaries on the basis of religion, sex or gender. There is no proselytizing and CIDA would not fund projects where there was any.

Evidently there are groups other than the PWRDF affiliated with the Anglican Church of Canada and seeking specifically to help fellow-Anglicans in other countries, but they would not seek CIDA funding for these efforts.

PWRDF partner accompanies people with AIDS

Simon Chambers

Learning that you have HIV can be a demoralizing, almost crippling discovery. Not only are you suffering from the symptoms that led you to visit the health clinic in the first place, you also now face the stigma

that so many people living with HIV face. Admitting to your friends, family, employer, or community that you are HIV-positive can lead to unemployment, being ostracized, and more. On top of that, the anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) that can

save your life will actually make you feel worse for the first few weeks as your body gets used to the powerful medicine you are now taking.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund works with EHALE, the Association of Community Health, in northern Mozambique to support people living with HIV and AIDS as part of its health care program in the country. This program is also funded by the Canadian International Development Agency. EHALE trains and equips *activistas* – community health workers – who provide basic medical help and also advice and accompaniment to people in their villages who are living with HIV.

Bonifacio Joaquim is one such *activista*. He currently works with three patients in the community of Mepeira. Alzeira Luis is one of his patients. She was diagnosed as being HIV positive just five days before a PWRDF visit in last November. Her CD4 count (a measurement of the severity of the disease) was below 130 – dangerously low.

Mr. Joaquim visited her twice a

day to help her take her doses of ARVs, and to talk to her about how she can live with her disease. He is an expert on that topic, as he is HIV-positive himself. The ARVs give Luis stomach aches, but she persisted in taking them with food twice a day. While she remained bedridden dur-

ing PWRDF's visit, she will be back on her feet in two to three weeks and able to continue her life, knowing she has support from a knowledgeable role-model in Joaquim.

(Simon Chambers is communications co-ordinator of the PWRDF.)



ALZEIRA LUIS, diagnosed as HIV-positive, had just begun her anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment when a PWRDF representative came by and was expected to recover and be up and about again in a few weeks. A community health worker from EHALE, the Association of Community Health, in northern Mozambique, a partner agency of the PWRDF, visited her twice a day to help her to stay on her regimen of ARVs.

(Photo: Simon Chambers/PWRDF)



SAMANTHA PEYI, a woman living with AIDS in Hamburg, South Africa, learned organic farming techniques which allow her to grow food for herself and her family. She happily teaches others in her village the skills she has learned from the Keiskamma Trust, a partner agency of the PWRDF.

(Photo: Simon Chambers/PWRDF)

Canadian Council for Refugees decries drop in refugees

The Canadian Council for Refugees has expressed deep disappointment at the dramatic decrease in the number of refugees resettled to Canada in 2012. Contrary to recent government promises to resettle more refugees, it is the second lowest number resettled in over 30 years.

"We very much regret that the minister has not been able to keep his promise to increase the numbers, and that in fact last year fewer people were able to find safety in Canada in this way," Loly Rico, president, said in a statement March 7. "Canadians are proud to protect refugees through resettlement to Canada – but unfortunately the government has been closing the door on

refugees."

In December 2011, at a meeting in Geneva commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Refugee Convention, Jason Kenney, minister of citizenship and immigration, announced: "We pledge to increase the number of refugees we resettle by 20 per cent."

In fact, 26 per cent fewer refugees were resettled in 2012 than in 2011, or than were planned for 2012.

"Resettled" refugees, who are generally helped to come to Canada from refugee camps or cities in third countries, come in two streams: government-assisted refugees and privately sponsored refugees. Arrivals in both categories decreased dramatically in 2012. Only 5,412 govern-

ment-assisted refugees were resettled – the lowest number since at least the 1970s, and over 2,000 short of the target for 2012 of 7,500.

At 4,212, arrivals of privately sponsored refugees were well below the target for 2012 of 5,500. Private sponsors had been promised this target in return for the imposition of limits on the numbers of new applications they could submit.

Rose Dekker, of World Renew, a group recognized under a sponsorship agreement, expressed deep disappointment with the low number of arrivals of privately sponsored refugees. "Through our sponsorships refugees are received and settled in Canada at no cost to the government. All private sponsors were

drastically limited in the number of new refugee applications we were allowed to submit in 2012, but the government promised that would result in processing many more refugees for arrival in Canada. Instead of 5,500 privately sponsored refugees, as was promised, only 4,212 privately sponsored refugees arrived in 2012, fewer even than in 2011. Sponsorship agreement holders abided by the new regulations. The government did not keep its promise to us."

One of the challenges in 2012 was that Canada had planned to resettle a significant proportion of refugees through the Damascus office, which was forced to close in January 2012 because of the conflict in Syria. The

council said this highlights the problems with concentrating the resettlement program too much in one region and urged the government to take a more global approach and resettle refugees in need from anywhere in the world.

However, this problem could only account for part of the shortfall, and the government had most of the year to shift its focus elsewhere. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees has identified many refugees around the world in need of resettlement, many of them on an urgent basis.

The Anglican Diocese of Montreal supports the Council indirectly as a sponsor of Action Réfugiés Montréal.

Youth Ambassadors share their adventures

Kisha Joseph

(Kisha Joseph is youth director at St. George's Ste. Anne de Bellevue and co-ordinator of the Youth Ambassadors program.)

It has been eight months since the Youth Ambassadors have returned from their trip to Kamloops and Saskatchewan, even though it feels like yesterday. That is mostly due to the fact that the experience still resonates in their lives. The changes made in those 10 days have forever impacted who they are. And the joy they felt while travelling in their cohesive group and meeting other Christian youth still brings a smile to their faces.

I hope that many of you had the opportunity to see the Youth Ambassadors at Synod in October 2012, where they shared their experiences and most memorable moments from their trip. Following Synod, they each made more personal presentations about their trip at their home churches; All Saints (Deux-Montagnes), St. Lawrence (LaSalle), St. George's (St-Anne-de-Bellevue), and St. Andrew and St. Mark (Dorval). The Ambassadors will also be visiting four of the key

churches that made their trip possible. Words cannot express how grateful we are to these churches for supporting this program and the youth. The first presentation was at St. James the Apostle (Montreal) on March 10th. So if you were unable to see any of these presentations, here are more opportunities:

- April 14th at Church of the Ascension (West Brome)
- April 21st at St. Stephen's (Lachine)
- April 28th at St. Matthias (Westmount).

The Youth Ambassadors Program has been a wonderful opportunity for a diverse group of youth to grow in their faith and serve others on behalf of the Diocese. But it's not over. The vision is for this program to be a consequence of our youth's faith. We want to continue to create and provide ministry opportunities for youth who have demonstrated leadership qualities in their parish. These ministry opportunities will include supporting Diocesan events, visiting organizations that service the disadvantaged, and continuing national and international partnerships. However, the future of this program continues to depend on the support we get from parishes.

Parishes can be involved by (1) nominating and sponsoring other youth aged 14-21 to be Youth Ambassadors or (2) providing prayers, publicity and financial support to the program.

For more information about the Youth Ambassadors Program, please contact Mark Dunwoody 514-238-6477 or mdunwoody@montreal.anglican.ca or Kisha Joseph 514-886-2849 or sgac.youth@gmail.com.

A few words from Youth Ambassadors:

"I originally joined the Youth Ambassador Program because it was suggested to me by a member of my church and it seemed to be a great opportunity. Once in the YAP, I met many new and interesting people. When we went out west for 10 days, we built friendships within the group, and we also made friends with the people we met there. I had the opportunity to talk to people I didn't know and be a little more outgoing than I usually am. I also had the opportunity to help out in B.C. by contributing to the building of a new set of stairs leading into the parish hall of a church in Merritt. I continue to be a Youth Ambassador so that I can continue to help others and also so that I

can continue my own personal growth." – Andrea Carter, age 18

"The Youth Ambassador Program will basically change your life! You get to talk to other people who you might not know. You get to share your God story and impact other people's life by His power. People all around the world have their own story that they will share with you. You also get to practice your teamwork skills and leadership. When I went to Saskatchewan with YAP last summer, we

built stairs and a ramp at a church. Helping other people is the best feeling you can ever have! If you are a shy person, YAP will help you reach out to others and cooperate with other people. For example, I used to be shy, if I had a problem, I would try to fix it by myself. But now I will ask for help because I know that is the right thing to do! That's how I know that the Youth Ambassador Program will change your life the way it changed mine!" – Klaire Chenard, age 16



KISHA JOSEPH at 2012 diocesan synod.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Youth notes

Grants offered for youth projects

The Diocese of Montreal is offering a limited number of grants of up to \$500 to parishes for projects in youth ministry. In a notice to parishes, Mark Dunwoody, youth consultant on the diocesan staff, said the grants reflect a renewed priority on youth ministry and a vision that every parish will eventually be proactive in its ministry to young people.

"It is truly very special when a parish creates a safe space for young people to grow as individuals, there

is a supportive and affirming environment where youth workers can reflect on their practice, parents are empowered to navigate through the many issues affecting their children and clergy are given the support, encouragement and resources they need to provide a relevant ministry to young people."

Funded by money from the Bishop's Action Appeal and donations from some individuals, the grants are intended to help with a wide

range of projects: training and networking opportunities for youth workers, the purchase of supplies or equipment, "impactful" events for young people and "creative new initiatives we haven't thought of yet, but you or someone in your parish may have!" he said in a note to parishes.

Grants are intended for projects or activities that nurture faith in young people aged 12-25, especially in the secondary school age range, that enable young people to participate worship and explore the worship life of the church and that encourage engagement with youth issues.

Priority will be given to projects that are expected to create a lasting impact and which have a good chance of providing tangible and ongoing benefits.

Application forms are available on the diocesan website or from the synod office. Applications are due April 30, decisions will be made by May 31 and parishes should receive funds by June 15.

Thirty-Hour Famine in Deux Montagnes

The Two Mountains Community Youth Group, based at All Saints Church Deux Montagnes, will once again be supporting the global 30-Hour Famine, sponsored by World Vision, on Friday and Saturday May 3 and 4. The teens join with hundreds of thousands of youth around the world in learning about the deep needs in the Third World, raising money through sponsorships, and giving up food for 30 straight hours. The youth will also be holding a car wash on Saturday the 4th. May 4 (Saturday). To become a sponsor or find out more, call 450-473-9541.

The Community Youth Group meets at All Saints Church every Friday 7:30-9:30 p.m., except for every third Friday, which is SPAM (Sports night at Mountainview School). The group is for all high-school-aged teens.

Fun and games but not just that

There are serious purposes behind a "confirmation morning" that Bishop Barry Clarke and diocesan youth consultant Mark Dunwoody are planning for Saturday, September 14. But the morning is also intended to be a lot of fun.

Inviting clergy to encourage parish young people to attend the event, Bishop Clarke said the event, an innovation this year, is intended not only to recognize the importance of confirmation in the life of the diocese and parishes but also to build community among younger Anglicans and help include them in

the life of the diocese.

He said the morning, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. will be a chance for young people to come together from around the Diocese to meet one another and the diocesan youth ministry consultant, Mark Dunwoody.

This event was previously proposed for the spring but was postponed to encourage full attendance. Now parishes are now requested to register with the bishop's secretary, Mary Abate, by August 31 at bishops.office@montreal.anglican.ca. Any questions can be directed to the consultant at mark.dunwoody@yahoo.ie

A baby shower for Kate

Parishioners at St. Paul's Church in the South Shore borough of Greenfield Park are among those looking forward to July or thereabouts, when Kate Middleton and her husband, Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, are expecting their first baby. In fact, the parish, where a tea or some such event in honour of the Royals is something of an annual tradition, is planning an "English tea" with the theme "A shower for Kate" on Saturday, April 13.

Well-wishers are invited to enjoy some "English flair" with games, music, prizes, favours and raffles.

Of course, they are also invited to

bring baby gifts if they like. The gifts will not physically accompany the good wishes to England, but will be donated to L'Envol, a South Shore organization that promotes the social and professional integration of young mothers aged 14-25 and seeks to enhance their parenting skills and affirm their personal autonomy.

"It will be fun," says Gloria Kidd of the parish Anglican Church Women.

The tea is between 2 and 4 p.m., admission is \$10 and the church is at 321 Empire St. For information call 450-678-2460.

Catholic agency has concerns

Development and Peace, the Roman Catholic counterpart of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, has gone public with concerns about what it considers Canada's new orientations in its international assistance policy.

In a statement at the start of March, Ryan Worms, deputy director in-Canada programs for Development and Peace, said local groups from across the country have been organizing meetings with the members of Parliament to highlight the necessity of restoring the needs of the world's poorest and most disadvantaged peoples to the heart of

Canadian international assistance policies.

Last December, following on a resolution passed by the Development and Peace national council, Patrick Kennedy, national council president, and Michael Casey, executive director, wrote Julian Fantino, minister of international co-operation, expressing concerns about to the government of Canada's stated policy of using development assistance to promote Canada's commercial interests abroad and to support corporate partnerships in the resource extraction sector.

On the air with the pastor



ON A VISIT to St. Paul's Church in Knowlton, Mark Dunwoody, right, discussed youth ministry in an interview with Rev. Tim Wiebe on his "Ask the Pastor" show on Radio Communautaire Missisquoi (CID1 FM 99.1). The show provides an opportunity for people – especially people outside the church, the pastor hopes – to ask questions and listen to music with a variety of themes, musical and religious. "The music I play is not typical 'Christian' music, mostly because I don't like a lot of Christian music. I find that the quality of music gets ignored in favour of the words," important as the words are. "We read through the high and low passages of the Bible, with some cool electronic music in the background... This is all in an effort to introduce people, who might not otherwise venture into a church, to another side of the church than what they usually see on TV or in the movies." Ask the Pastor is on Thursdays at 7 and Sundays at 3 p.m. You can reach Tim with questions or comments at twiebe5457@sympatico.ca, or at St. Paul's Church 450-242-2885.

Three lessons from a month in Guyana

Penny Rankin

(Penny Rankin attends St. Matthias' Church in Westmount.)

In January I had the opportunity to travel to Guyana – the third-smallest and sole English-speaking nation in South America. With over 240 miles of muddied coastline, and with its swamps, rivers, rain forests, flat-topped mountains and expansive savannah this poor country remains eerily remote and removed from the world.

Guyana is sometimes confused with Ghana, in Africa, and there are many Guyanese of African slave descent. But the East Indian and Chinese community is at least as large. They are descendants of indentured labourers “imported” to work in the cane fields when slavery was abolished in the 1830s. Several different Amerindian communities, Portuguese and remnants of the British and Dutch “plantocracies” make up the rest of the population whose diversity extends to a rich mosaic of practicing Christians, Hindus and Muslims.

I was invited to accompany a friend heading off to work under the auspices of CESO (Canadian Executives Services Overseas) and I was determined to explore, learn and contribute as best I could. I would be based in Georgetown, but would also travel upriver to two Amerindian communities.

As our flight from New York approached Cheddi Jagan International Airport we flew over a thick rainforest that showed no trace of the Jonestown cult massacre of 1978, which is the first thing some people associate with Guyana. Eventually there were small communities, one single road, fields of sugar and rice and finally Georgetown, the capital.

The capital, situated on the Demerara River estuary, is home to one-third of the population of 742,000, the vast majority of whom live along the coastal mangrove swamp and plain. Over 1,500 rivers both majestic and small pour their silt-laden waters into the Atlantic.

Built on swampland three feet below the level of the sea, which is held back by a sea wall, central Georgetown is a mishmash of refurbished or derelict wooden building (with a few newer commercial structures). Their intricate fretwork of the older buildings, their shingled sides, hurricane shutters and fading paint, as well as the network of canals and tree-lined avenues speak to the grandeur that was.

The city, originally called Stabroek by the Dutch, was famous for its slave market and cane-based economy, which flourished on the misery of the slaves through the Dutch and early British colonial periods, when the city was renamed Georgetown. Since then it has deteriorated in the face of harsh economic times marked by violent social upheaval. In over 400 years of colonial rule this land shifted between various interlopers nine times before independence came in 1966.

The noise and bustle of this once elegant city is dominated by St George's Cathedral, completed in 1892 as the fourth on the site since 1811. Today's Cathedral, with Gothic arches, clustered columns and flying buttresses, is an impressive building – and never more so than when packed with worshippers.

The approachable and generous Right Rev. Cornell Jerome Moss is the seventh bishop of the Anglican

Diocese of Guyana (which extends into Suriname and French Guiana). He and Archdeacon Oscar Bazil told me of some of the challenges facing the church, which is the oldest Christian denomination in Guyana.

Cross-generation membership, youth ministry and church attendance remain strong in Guyana and may be strengthened by the return of church schools under a government directive that allows for independent schools. There is a pressing need for more clergy. A British-based Guyanese Diaspora Association has for over 40 years helped support the training of clergy, with most candidates studying in Barbados. Diaconal ministry is active, but as in Canada is seen as a stepping-stone towards ordination. We agreed this undervalues its important role in church life in the community. Women are not yet ordained in Guyana but the bishop believes (and prays) that this will soon change!

He also has concerns about reaching the faithful in the large Amerindian communities. Many of the Amerindian clergy are isolated.

The diocese faces major challenges in trying to maintain and restore church properties. It is currently working to restore the magnificent and unique structure that is St George's – at 143 feet high said to be the world's tallest wooden place of worship.

As in many Third World countries, faith and the church are engrained and engaged in the lives of the people. “God Willing” is heard regularly and meaningfully.

One of a number of church-related organizations responding to a myriad of social issues is the Mothers' Union, an Anglican-based movement established in Britain in the late 1800s and active in about 83 countries. Its activities include, among others, parenting programs, HIV and AIDS support, day care centers, child development projects and helping combat violence against women.

Lesson One: Step up

I had learned about the Mothers' Union while preparing for my month in Guyana and was so impressed I joined! In Guyana I attended a regional annual general meeting. There, I had the good fortune to meet Rev. Father Abel Musonda Ng'andwe of Zambia, a dynamic speaker currently based in the small community of Port Mourant.

He was particularly intent on guiding his audience towards reflecting on their gifts as given by the Holy Spirit in order to serve in areas they might never otherwise consider. He said too many people hold back from community because of their pasts.

“God isn't interested in your past,” he said. “Do not let your past impact your future.”

Then he told a story:

There was a farmer who owned a donkey. One day the donkey fell into a deep abandoned well and began to bray pitifully. The farmer eventually found the animal. But there seemed little chance of a rescue, and the donkey was old. The farmer decided to simply fill up the well and bury the donkey. So he began shovelling dirt into the well! But the donkey continued to moan and bray, even when neighbours came by and also shovelled earth down onto the donkey, all through the night.

Suddenly there was silence. The farmer peered into the well and he

was amazed by what he saw: As each new shovelful landed on him the donkey would shake it off and “step up.” Gradually the well was filling up and the donkey, was rising up out of the darkness. By morning he was able to scramble out and trot away!

So Lesson One from my visit was: “Step up.” Life will throw things at you but troubles are stepping stones, so step up and help out.

Lesson Two: Speak Out

A second intriguing lesson centered on transparency. Whether it was among Amerindian groups I visited up dark jungle rivers by small boat or in meetings in Georgetown, I was struck by the honest discourse that prevailed. I heard praise-but I also heard people clearly called to account, without sugar-coating. Difficulties were aired, then life seemed to move on. These communities do not need self-help books about setting egos to one side. People seem to have a concrete, integrated understanding of how to be a member of a group.

Lesson Three: Protect your heart

Choice is central to the third lesson. I was reminded of it by a Canadian Pentecostal missionary working in Guyana. She is Judy Blockeel of Street Challenge Ministries. For over 25 years Judy and Steve, their friends and family, have supported, encouraged and empowered community efforts to lift body and soul into a better life. Interested in hearing and seeing more of their work, we spent one Saturday morning helping distribute food to a network of families headed by single mothers.

Initially I was shocked to learn some of the policies they have adopted:

Each mother is required to present documented proof of weekly attendance at church if they are to receive their monthly allotment of rice, oil and other necessities. Steve insisted that this policy opens up what is often was the only avenue of consistent support available to these women.

Exclusion should a woman not remain single. On reflection it was clear this was not a moral indictment. It was about respect. Each woman would be careful in her choices – and in some instances would be wise in establishing a new healthy relationship.

A third guideline was that any “new” infant that would increase the family share must be the child of the mother-member and not some friend's child. Cheating always has consequences.

These generous Pentecostals, who have built a church, set up a foster parent program, built a training centre (open to people of all faiths) and taken many other initiatives, were tough when it came to what I had seen as the easy part: giving, serving, being Christ like.

Judy sat opposite me and said a few simple words: “You have to **protect your heart**. Wisdom is often learnt the hard heartbroken way.”

It all circles back, God willing, to our gifts: discovering them (stepping up), celebrating them (transparency) and choosing to sow good seeds (protecting our hearts and lives respectful of the gifts and opportunities God gives us).

Take care, and blessings to you this Eastertide.



ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Georgetown

(Photos: Penny Rankin)



THE DIVERSE CULTURAL REALITY of Guyana is reflected by this statue of Jesus in a Georgetown church.



SPECTACULAR. PRISTINE KAITEUR FALLS drops 218 metres along one of Guyana's more than 1,500 rivers.



A MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE in Georgetown.

Spiritual notebook

Story of Petra Schools coming to St. George's

Rev. Chris Hingley of Petra Schools in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, will visit St. George's Place du Canada in downtown Montreal once again this spring. All are welcome to hear him talk about his interesting work. On Saturday morning, April 27, he will speaking and show a DVD after the 9 a.m. Parish Breakfast. He will also preach at both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, April 28. The parish reports that Chris is an excellent speaker and the message he brings is one of hope for the children of Petra Schools, even amidst the turmoil of their country. Contributions to their Foundation will be accepted.

Tenderness, fierceness and mischief

Separate sessions for clergy and lay people in an approach called "Appreciative Inquiry," which seeks to view the Church and its leaders as "a mystery to be embraced rather than a problem to be solved," are being organized by the Diocese of Montreal in May. Rev. Rob Voyle, an Episcopal priest originally from New Zealand and now based in Hillsboro, Oregon, with a background in psychology and executive coaching will lead them. The clergy retreat will be Thursday and Friday May 9-10 at the Manoir d'Youville in Châteauguay. A one-day seminar for lay people will be Saturday May 11 between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in Fulford Hall in downtown Montreal.

Bishop Barry Clarke is urging all clergy to attend the retreat, which can be used to fulfil continuing-education requirements. The 12 hours of sessions at the retreat are intended to help participants learn appreciative ways of creating change and trans-

formation and learn to be "an appreciative presence in the world" by "using the three faces of compassion: tenderness, fierceness, and mischievousness." Registration is \$350 for the clergy event, \$50 for lay people. For details and brochures, get in touch with the synod office; for more information on Appreciative Inquiry visit www.clergyleadership.com.

Holocaust commemoration moves to new time

The annual Holocaust commemoration organized by Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montreal will take place Sunday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4355 rue de l'Orphelinat. This is right across the Décarie Autoroute from the Villa Maria Métro. A light reception will follow the service. The service has taken place for over 30 years but attendance has often been difficult for many Christians since it previously took place during regular Sunday worship at a church. The service "takes place in churches to help underline the fact that it was a human tragedy that transcends any faith boundaries," says Rev. Stephen Petrie, ecumenical officer of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

"The speaker this year is Helene Kravitz. She grew up in Belgium and one day when just 9 years old she was stopped by neighbours on her way home from school. She was told not to go home as her parents had been taken. She became one of the hidden children of the war and was raised in a convent. Attending this service a few years ago was the first time she had stepped into a church since then as it was just too painful for her. We are honoured to have her as the speaker this year."

Johnson to address pastoral visitors

Archdeacon Michael Johnson Minister of Christ Church Beaurepaire will be the speaker at this year's Montreal Diocesan Lay Pastoral Visitors Silent Retreat, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15. The retreat will be at the Ermitage Sainte Croix, 21269 Gouin Blvd. W. in Pierrefonds. The fee of \$30, not refundable, is due by May 1 and includes a hot meal. To register call Bev Jarvis at 514-626-7689.

A Lenten call for basic change

In a Lenten edition of a regular email newsletter to his parishioners at St. Mary's Church in Kirkland, Rev. Lorne Tardy reflects on "how the rate of societal change has outpaced our rate of learning."

He suggests that, "Whether consciously or subliminally, we feel this. We have made incredible strides in technology, but along with the advances we see tech used for dark purposes as well – and we struggle to find solutions. We have the ability to produce more than enough food for all, and yet starvation and malnutrition are growing problems, even in Canada. We have 'weird winters' and unheard-of storms and know that the price of industrialization is climate change. We have developed almost preternaturally precise and deadly weapons, yet seem impotent to stop aggression and terror. We look for new ways to solve these present crises, find none, and resort to dysfunctional structures and strategies that were outdated decades ago. We have conferences, forums and town halls and invite the gurus of the latest and best to point us to 'true north' and find ourselves edging on hopelessness when our invented compasses fail us. We may then finally acknowledge we are lost, and no matter our sincerity or the number of meetings called or mystery-meat sandwiches eaten in meeting rooms across the nation, we know deep inside that no strategy, technological improvement or focus group will give answer to the present crisis. Blackberry is nicknamed Crackberry, Facebook creates cyber-bullying, homemade IED bombs kill more people than all the

sophisticated weaponry on offer today – and don't forget to buy your assault rifle before they're pulled off the shelves!

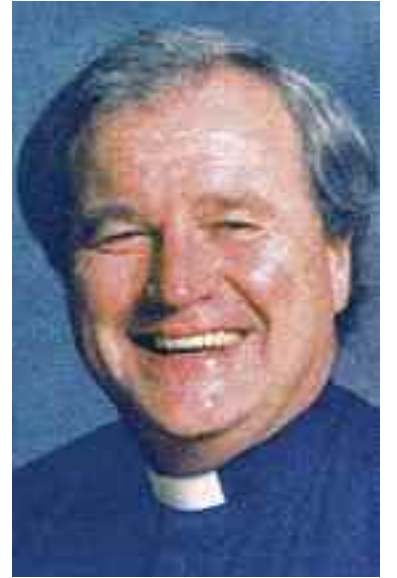
"So, it's time to make some choices. We can pretend the old structures still work... and nod wisely at each other as we re-tread the same tired and failed platitudes. We can forget to care – 'as long as my Church, my hymns, my favourite service, etc.' – and go down with the ship. Or, we can truly, truly allow God to change us. We can heed the words of Desmond Tutu who said: "The question is not whether I'm my brother's keeper. It's: am I my brother's brother." If we affirm this, we affirm God's call to be stewards of all we have, all we own and all we are. We embrace a new radicalism based on God's righteousness rather than our poorly disguised selfishness. And as we do so, we begin to notice a change in our habits. We might put off buying the latest iPhone. We think our two year old car will serve us just fine next year. We decide whenever we order out for pizza to put an equal amount of money out to World Vision. We become stewards.

"There are many places in scripture where God calls us not to simply observe but to participate in the 'new thing' he is doing. God's new thing, it seems to me, is always counter-culture, and often counter-intuitive. God's new thing calls us to melt down our idols and re-cast them in a coinage that can give life. The only thing, the only thing God requires of us is a willingness to surrender to him what is broken in order to receive the promised hope of a new and wonderfully transformed kingdom life. Does this, can this, will this describe St. Mary's? Will it describe you?"

Crime and Punishment

Some say, "Lock them up and throw away the key. It's time to get Tough on Crime!" But organizers of a Wednesday evening course at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College ask, what does incarceration accomplish for the victims and for the offender?

They contend that, while rates of crime continue to decline in Canada, we continue to lock up more people for longer periods of time.



ROB VOYLE

We're spending more on prisons buildings, but less on programs of rehabilitation.

Issues including whether there are better ways to make a more just society where both victim and offender can be restored into community will be address by Rev. Jim McDermott, Rev. Deacon Peter Huish, Brian McDonough of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Montreal, criminologist-blogger Justin Piché and others, staff from Batshaw Youth Services and former inmates.

The six sessions will be 7:15-9:15 p.m. April 2-May 7 at the college, 3475 University St. The fee is \$50 or \$10 an evening. To register, get in touch with Rev. Canon Tim Smart, by March 22 at tsmart@montreal.anglican.ca or 514-849-4437.

Paws & Pray

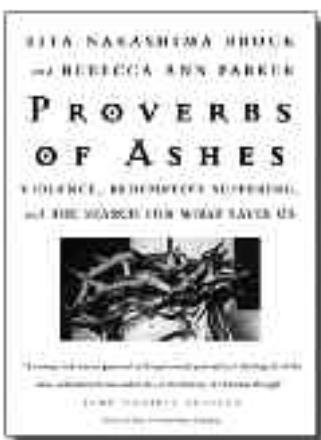
The next Paws & Pray services at Christ Church Beaurepaire will take place on Sundays April 7 and May 5 at 1 p.m. Paws & Pray features a service of the Holy Eucharist where canine companions and their guardians are always welcome. Christ Church is at 455 Church St., Beaconsfield. For information: 514-697-2204.

Communion for seniors

All Saints Church in Deux Montagnes continues to organize a monthly Holy Communion service at the Les Cascades residence on 8th Avenue. The next ones will be Thursdays, April 25 and May 30, 10:30 a.m.

Christ Church, Beaurepaire Eastertide Study Series "Proverbs of Ashes"

by Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker



Proverbs of Ashes is an emotionally gripping and intellectually rich exploration of the doctrine of the atonement, exploring how Christian tradition has interpreted the violence that happened to Jesus and arguing that the idea that the death of Jesus on the cross saves us reveals a sanctioning of violence at the heart of Christianity, and seeking out an alternative vision of Christianity, one based on healing and love.

Proverbs of Ashes is both a condemnation of bad theology and a passionate search for what truly saves us.

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April 11 – May 23, 2013
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A Registration Fee of \$35 includes a copy of the book, printed study guide materials, facilitator, and refreshments.

Pre-Registration (by telephone, email or snail-mail) is required. Group size is limited – register early!

All are welcome – from any church – or no church.

No-one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

'To be on pilgrimage'

The pilgrimage that Bishop Barry Clarke will lead to Ireland for 11 days in September is in a long tradition indeed. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle for the year 891 reports that "Three Irishmen came to King Alfred in a rudderless boat from Ireland, whence they had stolen away because they wished for the love of God to be on pilgrimage, they cared not where. The boat in which they had set out was made of two and a half hides, and they had taken with them food for seven nights. And after one week they came to land in Cornwall, and they immediately made for King Alfred."

In his book *The Sea and Medieval English Literature*, Sebastian I. Sobecki goes on to report that "One of the main cultural goods exported along the Irish sea-network was insular Christianity. From the seventh century, all over the Continent and the British Isles, Irish 'settler-monks' built numerous religious houses and monasteries, often with royal or aristocratic support, which served to disseminate Irish ideas of monasticism, scripts and books..."

The *peregrinatio pro amore Dei* was an integral part of this Irish Christian experience. It was so common, indeed, that even some Anglo-Saxons thought that the crossing of the sea to Ireland was an essential activity in the life of a pilgrim, or indeed of a scholar."

The *peregrinatio pro amore Dei* or "Celtic pilgrimage to Ireland" that Bishop Barry will lead this fall will be more comfortable and planned in considerably more detail than that of

the three pilgrims in their hide boat, but there will be some adjustments in detail. It is now expected to be September 17-29, a couple of days earlier than announced previously. It will take in such places as Dublin, Waterford, Blarney, Killarney, Galway and Belfast. The basic tour price is \$2,929 Cdn, double occupancy, plus airport tax and fuel surcharges. For more info, contact Archdeacon Janet Griffith at 514-602-3756 or jgriffith@montreal.anglican.ca.



KILLARNEY

(Photo: Irish Tourist Board)

CARING FOR CREATION

A column by the Stewardship of the Environment Committee

Gardening for God

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. (Psalm 24:1)

Diane Norman

This month's column is by Diane Norman of the Stewardship of the Environment Committee of the Diocese of Montreal, which is responsible to the diocese for increasing awareness of our inter-dependence with God's environment and to foster the improvement of our relationship with the environment. Within this mandate, two of the long-term objectives of the Committee are:

- To act as a consultative group to the Diocese and to the parishes on environmental issues; and
- To act as a resource group to the parishes of the Diocese in promoting actions within the parish that reduce their impact on the physical environment.

(This is the second in a series of articles focusing on issues relevant to the link between this diocese and our physical environment. This issue showcases urban agriculture.)

The March 2012 issue of this journal reported that a community garden was planned at St. Thomas', N.D.G. What joy it is to report "Mission Accomplished."

Urban agriculture has really taken off in Montreal as more and more

people become aware of the consequences of global warming and take steps to safeguard creation – and their own comfort. The primary cause of heat build-up in cities is the absorption of solar radiation by roads and buildings, and storage of this heat. Plant surfaces are never more than 5 degrees Celsius above the ambient temperature, and are often cooler. Green walls and rooftops, trees and gardens, help make us more comfortable. They also nourish our bodies with fresh ripe produce and nourish our souls as we participate in their growth or contemplate their beauty.

In October 2011 a request for a public consultation on urban agriculture was presented to the City of Montreal. The petition had garnered 29,068 signatures in record time. During the consultation 103 submissions were presented and 1,500 citizens participated in the process. The report was presented in October last year and recommended that urban agriculture should be an integral part of municipal planning, with financial and administrative backing. It stated that already in Montreal, besides 8,500 private gardens, there are 170 community and collective gardens, 40 seasonal produce markets, 75 drop-off points for community-shared agriculture baskets

of organic produce. There are also rooftop gardens and hives, gardens on balconies and in parking lots, window farming, green alleys, community composting, tree planting, green walls and roofs, "shared gardens" and "forbidden fruits." The last two projects have younger people tending gardens and picking fruit for people no longer able to do so, in exchange for a portion of the harvest.

Faith communities are doing their part. Many churches (30 in Montreal) belong to the Green Church movement (www.greenchurch.ca) and many faiths join together in Greening Sacred Spaces (www.greeningsacredspaces.net). As well as reporting on the actions of their members these organisations produce educational posters and pamphlets and liturgical material to promote caring for creation.

Last summer Coeur des Sciences at the Université du Québec à Montréal organized walking tours to visit projects in the city. They proved immensely popular and were always fully booked immediately after being posted. On September 6 I at last managed to join a tour visiting gardens in N.D.G. Our group gasped in amazement and delight as we turned off Rosedale Avenue into St. Thomas' garden. Three ladies beam-

ed at us as they worked in this oasis of lush vegetables and flowering plants – 250 square metres of garden, in which 30 gardeners grew more than 300 kilograms of produce last summer. Rev. Karla Holmes told me the garden was formerly a lawn, to which the parishioners were very attached. Originally the space had been designated as the site for a residence to serve elderly parishioners. However funds are lacking for such a project. When Éco-quartier NDG and the community organization Action Communiterre came to ask if they could have the lawn for a vegetable garden parishioners learned that there was a waiting list of gardeners, and that excess produce would be donated to the NDG Food Depot, (which the parish already supported). Éco-quartier and Action Communiterre would assume total responsibility for the project. The parishioners accepted to give up their lawn.

True to their word, Éco-quartier and Communiterre obtained funding, tested the soil, prepared and amended it, planted, tended, coordinated, organized celebrations, reaped, distributed. On Rogation Sunday the priest and congregation blessed the garden.

Rev. Karla Holmes was totally happy about the garden when I met

with her in November. It has been instrumental in generating enthusiasm amongst the Sunday school children, who have been tending flower boxes, with flowers provided by Éco-quartier. It has provided excellent organic produce for needy people. But even more than the success in fulfilling the objectives of Marks of Mission Numbers 3, 4, and 5, it has provided an opportunity to reach out and embrace the community and bring the church and Christ's message to them. This is the unexpected bonus that fills her with joy.

Next season the plan is to build raised beds to enable people with disabilities to garden, and to develop a butterfly garden. Is it coincidence that in Native people's animal symbolism the butterfly totem represents transformation?

How can you participate?

If you would like more information on the transformation of lawns and parking lots, or referrals to potential partners, please contact the committee through me at clara.belnorm42@gmail.com. Let us green our sacred spaces and make visible to our communities that we do indeed love our neighbours as ourselves and praise God from whom all blessings flow.



PUMPKINS AND SUNFLOWERS, among other things, flourished late last summer in the new community garden at St. Thomas Church in the N.D.G. district of West-End Montreal. There were often almost 30 gardeners working on Tuesday evenings and on Saturdays at the garden, which opened in mid-June. Volunteers from the local group Éco-Quartier planted perennial gardens around the perimeter of the vegetable plots. Stones from clearing the soil for the garden plots were used to edge side gardens. (Photos: Dale Huston)



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Boomers Luncheon

Saturday, April 13th, 2013
12:00pm - 4:00pm

Cost Adults: \$15.00
Children 6-12 yrs-old: \$10.00

For more information, please contact:
The Church: 514-366-4652
Leonora Pemberton: 514-366-9571

WEST ISLAND WOMEN'S RETREAT 2013

Every woman needs a quiet time when she can stop and reflect and turn to God... a time when she can think through the priorities of her life without those inevitable interruptions and those seemingly endless demands on her time and energy – a time for renewing herself mentally, physically and spiritually.

The West Island Women's Retreat will be held
on Friday April 26 – Sunday April 28

Spiritual Director: The Ven. Janet Griffith,
Executive Archdeacon – Diocese of Montreal.
Location: the beautiful ERMITAGE STE- CROIX,
21269 Gouin Blvd. West Pierrefonds, QC.
The cost is \$140, bursaries available.

To obtain a registration form please contact Liz Glasgow,
at 514-453-0883 or email: glasgows@videotron.ca

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Saturday, May 4, 6:00 pm

Chicken Dinner & Penny Fair

Tickets \$12

Contact Gail Reason
or Sandra Sorel

Books

Tired churches need to go deeper, theologian says

A review of Douglas John Hall: *Waiting for Gospel: An Appeal to the Dispirited Remnants of Protestant "Establishment."* (Cascade Books, 2012, 195 pages)

Reviewed by Colin McGregor

North America's mainline Protestant denominations are headed for extinction. This "enormous and battered and fractured old mechanism" has long been the "unimaginative bearer of things that can gladden the heart of man." But how can our churches be saved? By going "deeper." By eschewing the "shallow;" by no longer being "satisfied with the superficial, the routine." Indeed, "wisdom" must replace the "six minute meditation."

This is the argument made in *Waiting for Gospel*, a compilation of 13 essays penned by United Church minister Douglas John Hall. And we should listen. The author of over 25 books, this N.D.G. resident and former McGill theology professor is considered by many to be Canada's leading Protestant theologian.

This book issues a clarion call to Protestant churches, often in a grand oratorical style reminiscent of the writings of gloomy Danish existentialist Søren Kierkegaard. Not coincidentally, the author of "Purity of

Heart" is oft referred to in these essays.

Douglas John Hall is concerned at what he sees today. Many Protestant churches are too focused on social policy; others preach "glory theology," a sort muscular Christianity bent on vaunting Jesus' primacy over all opponents. Both streams miss the point. Churches should work to change individual hearts. Activists address consequences rather than causes; but gospel *precedes* law.

Individuals "are never just members of a specific race, gender, economic stratum or marginalized majority," Prof. Hall reminds us. We are "human beings who must live and die, for the most part, *alone*." The Gospel is written for people, not interest groups. "We have never met childhood, or womanhood, or manhood. We only form our understanding of universals through our meetings with particulars."

Sullen Søren is cited frequently in these pages, as are like-minded Northern European prelates who saw their job first and foremost as filling hearts with the love of Christ: Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Reinhold Niebuhr.... Prof. Hall covers a smorgasbord of subjects from Biblical literalism (he



DOUGLAS JOHN HALL

(Photo: Neal Rockwell)

is against that); to megachurch services (not a fan); to notions of self-identity (pathetic, without God in the mix); to what people are on Earth for (planetary stewardship); to who Jesus was, and is (a mystery worth trying to solve, even if we may never decipher Him entirely).

There is humour and insight in

Waiting for Gospel. We are led through Christianity's history by a decent, thinking, candid man – one who writes openly about his cancer diagnosis. We can only pray that Prof. Hall is well. The approach to every topic is even-handed. But at the end of each essay we are told exactly where the author stands, and


why it is important that Protestant churches swing around to seeing things from his humanist point of view.

Prof. Hall writes for serious devotees of "theology," defined as "an attempt to understand what we believe." At least two dozen words in this book cannot be found in a standard Oxford Dictionary. Moreover, a highly unprofessional sampling reveals the average length of one of Prof. Hall's sentences to be 39 words. Even the book's Introduction has its own Conclusion.

But do not be intimidated. Divided into bite-sized essays, *Waiting for Gospel* is eminently digestible. Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* contains a 500-word long sentence in its original French, and has made a wonderful musical. And this very book review contains one 59-word sentence. Douglas John Hall covers paradox, too: one of the mysteries of the Christian faith.

One of his former students tells me this: *Douglas John Hall taught me to see theology in novels*. To Prof. Hall, Christianity is the story of an individual's journey of faith hope and love. It is a story without certitude, without closure. God is in the story itself.

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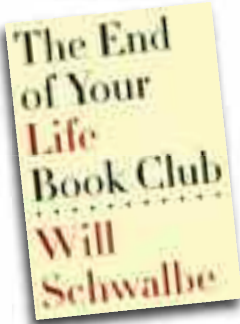
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Canadian Forces chaplains visit veterans

Yves-Eugène Joseph

(Along with serving the Diocese of Montreal part-time as a parish priest, Rev. Yves-Eugène Joseph is a chaplain at the St. Jean Garrison of the Canadian Forces, with the rank of captain. This article by Padre Joseph is reprinted with permission from *Servir*, bimonthly newspaper of the Canadian Forces for the Western Quebec region.)

When the idea was raised of each chaplain on the Saint-Jean team initiating a project, my choice was naturally to visit the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue veterans' hospital. Today, I invite you to do the same!

The first reason for this choice is that, having worked as a chaplain in this federal institution, I know how much veterans appreciate visits from uniformed Forces members. The second reason is that I want to encourage active members to be aware of the plight of those who proudly wore the uniform and valiantly fought for freedom but, in some cases, don't get any visitors. Sainte-Anne Hospital has various client integration activities and approaches to reducing their social isolation. However, visits from outside are still extremely important to them.

Quality services

Our group consisted of four military chaplains, a civilian chaplain, and two warrant officers from the Leadership and Recruit School. We were welcomed by Father Petrie (Anglican) and Father Pierre Senez (Roman Catholic). These chaplains provide pastoral support at the hospital. Father Petrie graciously planned our visit.

The hospital offers exceptional



CHAPLAINS' VISIT: Left to right, as identified by the Canadian Forces publication *Servir*, are: Master Warrant Officer Bruneau (D Coy, Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School), Warrant Officer Bernier (C Coy, Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School), Padre Joseph, Father Petrie (Sainte-Anne Hospital Chaplain), Padre VanHeuvelen, Padre MacKinnon (Senior Chaplain, Saint-Jean), Padre Martin-Brulleman, and Padre Simancas.

services to veterans, with highly qualified and dedicated medical and nursing personnel, supported by other health care specialists. The cleanliness of the hospital, from the bedrooms to the hallways, makes you think you're in a five-star hotel or your own home. Our veterans certainly deserve such a high quality of care and the cleanliness! There were about 500 clients in 2005. Currently, there are 350.

During our visit to the operational stress injury (OSI) treatment

clinic and the presentation on its many activities, we learned that the clinic has psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, and many other specialists. They are very familiar with the context, mentality and experiences of military members. They work as a team to meet their clients' needs. If needed, a family integration approach is facilitated over the course of the treatments. Clients receive in-patient or out-patient treatment depending on the kind of difficulties they are having.

Services include evaluation, treatment, family support, counselling, group support, peer helper support, and even tele-health. The principles of confidentiality are strictly respected. The clinical co-ordinator is clinical psychologist Jean Bernard Dupuy, who gave us a warm welcome, along with his team.

We met some veterans (men and women), participated in a religious service, visited the residential OSI clinic, and attended a presentation on the activities of the clinic.

Visiting our veterans

While participating in the service was a great opportunity to share the liturgical experience with practising veterans, meeting the veterans themselves set the tone for our visit. In the large arts room, we talked to people who, while physically weakened by age, still have magnificent talents to share with the same pride as always.

On the floors, as in the arts room, there are people with stories to tell; a war story, a hospital experience, etc. Others were curious to know which environment we are part of and which organization we work for. How their eyes lit up when they heard that we were military chaplains! And the words of thanks for our visit and our presence, spoken with such humility and wisdom by elders with so much operational experience! It's like they were once again thanking the chaplains who served them in the past!

We are grateful to Fathers Petrie and Senez, Dr. Dupuy and his team who did their best to make our visit a success.

We as service members from all environments, even more so than other Canadians, have the obligation to remember veterans of all ages who have served Canada. Most of all, we have the obligation to visit those who are still living and ensure that they have a good quality of life.

By visiting the veterans' hospital, we are giving indescribable support to veterans, but, most of all, receiving from them the sense of pride and honour that encourages us to be loyal service members like them. Wouldn't it be a good idea for new Canadian Forces recruits to visit this hospital during their basic training?

Et si nous rendions visite à nos vétérans?

Yves-Eugène Joseph

(Curé de paroisse à temps partiel du Diocèse de Montréal, le révérend Yves-Eugène Joseph est aussi aumônier et capitaine des Forces canadiennes au garnison Saint-Jean. Son article est reproduit ici avec la généreuse permission de *Servir*, journal bimensuel de la communauté militaire de la Région de l'Ouest du Québec.)

Quand a été lancée l'idée que chaque aumônier de l'équipe de Saint-Jean devait entreprendre un projet, mon choix s'est naturellement porté sur une visite à l'hôpital des anciens combattants à Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. Aujourd'hui, je vous invite à en faire de même!

La première raison de ce choix est que, pour avoir travaillé comme aumônier à cette institution fédérale, je sais combien les vétérans apprécient les visites des militaires en uniforme. La seconde raison est que je désire encourager les militaires actifs à être sensibles au devenir de celles et ceux qui ont fièrement porté l'uniforme et vaillamment combattu pour la liberté, mais qui, dans certains cas, ne reçoivent pas de visite. L'hôpital Sainte-Anne dispose de diverses activités d'intégration des clients et d'approches de réduction de l'isolement social de ceux-ci. Toutefois, les visites de l'extérieur demeurent extrêmement importantes à leurs yeux.

Des services de qualité

Nous étions quatre aumôniers militaires, un aumônier civil et deux adjudants de l'École de leadership et

de recrue lors de notre visite. Nous avons été accueillis par le père Stephen Petrie (anglican) et le père Pierre Senez (catholique romain). Ces aumôniers offrent un accompagnement pastoral efficace à l'hôpital. Le père Petrie avait gracieusement planifié notre visite.

L'hôpital offre des services hors pairs aux vétérans, grâce à un personnel médical et infirmier très qualifié et dévoué, soutenu par d'autres spécialistes des soins de santé. C'est un hôpital dont la propreté, dans les chambres comme dans les couloirs, laisse croire qu'on est dans un hôtel cinq étoiles ou dans sa propre maison. La grande qualité des soins et la propreté de l'hôpital sont dignes de nos vétérans! Le nombre de clients était aux environs de 500 en 2005. Quant à présent, il est d'environ 350.

Au cours de la visite à la clinique de traitement des traumatismes lié au stress opérationnel (TSO) et de la présentation sur ses nombreuses activités, nous avons appris que la clinique dispose de psychiatres, de psychologues, de travailleurs sociaux, d'infirmières et bien d'autres spécialistes. Ceux-ci connaissent bien le milieu, la mentalité et l'expérience des militaires. Ils travaillent en équipe pour pouvoir répondre adéquatement aux besoins des clients. Au besoin, une approche d'intégration familiale est facilitée au cours des traitements. Selon les difficultés de chacun, les traitements sont fournis soit en résidence, soit à l'externe. Les services comprennent, entre autres, l'évaluation, le traitement, le soutien familial, le *counsel-*



STE. ANNE'S HOSPITAL

ling, le soutien de groupe, le soutien par des pairs aidants et même la télésanté. Les principes de la confidentialité sont strictement respectés. Le coordonnateur clinique est le psychologue clinicien Jean Bernard Dupuy qui a bien voulu nous accueillir, de concert avec son équipe.

Il nous a été donné de rencontrer certains vétérans (femmes et hommes), de participer à une liturgie, de visiter la clinique de soin en résidence pour les personnes atteintes de traumatisme lié au stress opérationnel et d'assister à une pré-

sentation sur les activités de la clinique.

Visitions nos anciens combattants

Si la participation à la liturgie a été une grande opportunité de goûter à un aspect de l'expérience liturgique des vétérans pratiquants, la rencontre des vétérans eux-mêmes donnait pas moins le ton à notre visite. Dans la grande salle des Arts, nous avons dialogué avec des gens qui, quoique physiquement affaiblis par l'âge, ont encore de magnifiques talents à offrir avec la même fierté d'antan.

Sur les étages comme dans la salle des Arts, il y en a qui ont eu une histoire à raconter; une histoire de guerre, une expérience à l'hôpital, etc. D'autres étaient curieux de savoir l'élément dont nous faisons partie et l'organisation pour laquelle nous travaillons. Mon Dieu! Des yeux étaient illuminés lorsque certains ont entendu que nous étions des aumôniers militaires! Et des remerciements pour la visite et la présence, sortis de l'humilité et la sagesse des cheveux blancs et aussi de l'expérience opérationnelle! C'est comme s'ils remerciaient à nouveau les aumôniers qui les servaient autrefois!

Nous sommes reconnaissants aux pères Petrie et Senez, au docteur Dupuy et son équipe qui ont fait de leur mieux pour que notre visite soit une réussite.

Enfin, plus que tous les autres Canadiens et Canadiennes, nous, militaires de tous les éléments, avons l'obligation de nous rappeler de ces vétérans de tous âges qui ont bien servi le Canada. Surtout, nous avons l'obligation de visiter celles et ceux qui vivent encore et de veiller à ce qu'ils mènent une vie de qualité.

En visitant l'hôpital des anciens combattants, nous apportons un soutien inexprimable aux vétérans, mais aussi et surtout nous recevons d'eux le sens de fierté et d'honneur qui nous encourage à être comme eux, des militaires loyaux. Ne serait-il donc pas profitable que les nouveaux enrôlés des Forces canadiennes visitent cet hôpital pendant leur entraînement de base?

Honours for Anglicans

A pioneer woman in Scouting



OVER HALF A CENTURY of dedication to Scouting by Maggie Shaddick, also a stalwart of Christ Church Cathedral, was honoured when she became one of only five women in the world to receive a "Bronze Wolf" for services to international Scouting. In all, it has gone to about 320 people, only eight of them in Canada. Over 200 guests attended the ceremony February 20 in Victoria Hall in Westmount. Among them were two of the 12 members of the World Scout Committee, which chose her for the award: Thomas Allen, of Chicago, who made the presentation along with John Neysmith of Morin Heights. Mrs. Shaddick, who joined Scouting in 1960, as a Cub leader in Westmount in order to help her son finish up requirements for merit badges, was the first woman in Canada to be made a "district commissioner" in 1970.

(Photo courtesy of The Westmount Independent)

AIDS activist



WILHELMINA FREDERICKS of the N.D.G. district of Montreal who has long worked with Anglicans and others to raise funds to help people in Africa with HIV/AIDS, receives a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal from Marc Garneau, member of Parliament for Westmount-Ville Marie. She is artistic director and producer, for Zerf Productions, which puts on musical productions in N.D.G. and worked closely in the South African émigré community with the late Rev. Jan Dijkman, rector of St. James the Apostle Church in downtown Montreal. Her endeavours also support the N.D.G. Food Depot.

Volunteer in a walker



MONICA BULFORD, a parishioner at the Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval, has received a Queen's Jubilee Medal in recognition of her volunteer work in Lachine and Dorval. Over the years she has been active in the Canadian Girl Guides, the Royal Life Saving Society, the Red Cross water safety program, the medical libraries at the former Lachine General Hospital, the Lakeshore Creative Stitchery Guild, The Teapot seniors center in Lachine, the Dorval Artisans Guild, Dorval 55+ Voyageurs, which organizes trips for seniors and a committee that seeks to make Dorval handicapped-friendly. She says, "None of what I have done would be considered extraordinary except that since my retirement all has been accomplished while being disabled and having to use a walker." In the photo, the award is presented at The Teapot by member of Parliament Isabelle Morin.

St. George's accessible to all!



St. George's Church in Ste. Anne de Bellevue now has a wheelchair-accessible washroom. Members of the West Island parish, which seeks to be a loving, friendly community with a history of worshiping God and serving others installed the washroom on its main floor using grant money from the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund to build a wheelchair-accessible washroom on its main floor. The latest in a series of growth initiatives, the addition of the washroom has been a true blessing for St. George's. It has allowed more people with limited mobility to participate in the church's activities – helping fulfill its vision to impact Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, the province of Quebec and beyond.



Sales and Events

All Saints Deux Montagnes
248-18th Ave.

ZUMBA EXERCISE CLASSES in the church hall

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Contact Hélène Lamothe at 438-391-3537

All Saints Deux Montagnes
248-18th Ave.

"FOOD FOR BODY and SOUL"

Saturdays April 6 and May 5, 9:30 a.m.

Monthly breakfast in the church hall.

St. Paul's Greenfield Park
321 Empire St.

ENGLISH TEA: "A SHOWER FOR KATE"

Sat., April 13, 2-4 p.m.

Enjoy some English Flair with games, music, prizes, favours and raffles. Bring an item for a baby; it will be donated to L'Envol, which supports young mothers in difficulty on the South Shore. Information: 450-678-2460.

Church of the Epiphany Verdun
4322 Wellington St.

BOWLING & SPAGHETTI DINNER SOCIAL

Sat., April 13: bowling at Shevchenko Lanes 3 p.m., dinner 6 p.m.

Bowling \$12, dinner \$10, both \$15. Contact Deborah Rice at 514-769-5373. Parish office 514-769-5373, www.epiphanyverdun.com, epiphany.verdun@gmail.com

St. Stephen's with St. James Chambly
Randell Hall,
2000 rue de Bourgogne

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Sat., April 13, 6 p.m.

Come and meet with friends old and new and enjoy wonderful pasta and delicious desserts. Information: 450-658-5882

Church of the Resurrection Valois
99 Mount Pleasant Ave.
Pointe Claire

RENT-A-TABLE GARAGE SALE AND LIGHT LUNCH

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

To rent a table call 514 697 1229.

St. Michael and All Angels,
15556 Cabot St., Pierrefonds
(corner of Jacques Bizard Blvd.)

NEARLY-NEW SALE

Sat., April 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Clothing, toys, books and household items, bake table and light lunch. All welcome.

All Saints Deux Montagnes
248-18th Ave.

"SPRING CELEBRATION" afternoon tea

Sat., April 27, 2 p.m.

All Saints Deux Montagnes
248-18th Ave.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

Sun., April 28, concert Concert 7-9 p.m.

A blend of traditional, contemporary, and mainstream music, followed by coffee/tea and desserts. Admission \$10 a person, \$5 for those 10 and under.

St. Barnabas St. Lambert
95 Lorne St.

RUMMAGE SALE

Fri., May 3, 3-8 p.m and Sat., May 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

and

St. John the Baptist Pointe Claire
233 Ste. Claire Ave.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Sat., May 4, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Household goods, clothes for the whole family, books, and loads of treasures.

St. Stephen's with St. James Chambly
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BOOK SALE

Sat., May 4, 9 a.m. 3 p.m.

Enjoy browsing through book, magazines, CDs, DVDs. Enjoy a soup, sandwich, and dessert with old and new friends. If you have books, CDs, DVDs or magazines, contact Dorothy at 514-748-7748 ext. 1198 or Betty at 514-264-6970.

St. James Rosemere
328 Pine St.

SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Sat., May 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Information 450-621-6466. For this and other activities at St. James, see the Facebook and Web pages.

Church of the Epiphany Verdun
4322 Wellington St.

CHICKEN DINNER and PENNY FAIR

Sat., May 4, 6 p.m. Tickets \$12

Contact Gail Reason or Sandra Sorel. Parish office 514-769-5373 or www.epiphanyverdun.com or epiphany.verdun@gmail.com

St. Paul's Greenfield Park
321 Empire St.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sat., May 11, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 13, 2-4 p.m.

Nearly-new table, bake table, cake walk, gift shoppe, raffles, much more. Bring a friend. Lunch served from 11:30. Information: 450-678-2460.

St. John the Baptist Pointe Claire
233 Ste. Claire Ave.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Sat., May 25, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Perennials, annuals and garden items. Come find that elusive plant.

St. Barnabas St. Lambert
95 Lorne St.

COMEDY SHOW

Sat., May 25 7-9:30 p.m.

Youth Group Fundraiser. Three comedians, Mike Paterson, headlining, Andrew (Comedian) Searles as emcee. Adults \$20, Students \$15, Family Pack \$60 (two adults and two children)

St. Stephen's with St. James Chambly
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2000 rue de Bourgogne

PLANT AND BAKE SALE

Sat., June 1, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Information: 450-658-5882

St. Stephen's with St. James Chambly
Randell Hall,
2000 rue de Bourgogne

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Monday, June 24, 6:30-8 p.m.

Meet with friends old and new and enjoy some tasty treats. *Date is subject to change if berries are not ripe. For information: 450-658-588

✂ Diocesan Clippings (and Snapshots) 📷

St. Paul's Knowlton: definitely on the move!

Here are some highlights in the life of the St. Paul Anglican Church Community in Knowlton for 2012, as reflected at the annual vestry on Sunday, February 24. The event was well attended and was followed by a luncheon provided by community members.

- Offerings have increased by \$30,000. at St. Paul's in the last two years.
- St. Paul's is reaching the local community at a ratio of 10:1 – 10 people served for every one person in the pew. St. Paul's had nine externally focussed outreaching ministries in 2012: the St. Paul's/Knowlton Academy breakfast program, HipHop'N'Hockey youth group, seniors' communion services, seniors residence singing group, prostate cancer support group, Caregivers Café, Outreach breakfast, "Ask the Pastor" Radio show, the Service of Hope.
- In the fall of 2012, 60 per cent of the Community participated in a 12-week period of meditation and prayer on 12 pivotal passages of the New Testament.
- The St. Paul's 10 a.m. service is available in both languages through two screens at the front of the church.
- On December 22, a Service of Hope, publicized in a local newspaper, brought 80 people to St. Paul's. Seventy of these were from outside the congregation.

Another parish accepts donations by debit

Add St. Mary's Kirkland to the list of parishes giving its supporters the option of making offerings to the parish by bank debit. Rev. Lorne Tardy says the parish is one of over 2,000 of several denominations in Canada – including most of the parishes in the Deanery of Ste. Anne, using a service organized by the United Church of Canada called PAR – which stands for pre-authorized remittance – that allows those who want to donate by regular deductions from their bank accounts. Introduction of the service accompanied special attention to stewardship at worship during Lent and at Easter. "It is my hope to encourage serious thought about how we use our resources, including financial, for the betterment of God's creation and his people," Father Hardy says.

Pennies for Sri Lanka

Pennies may be on the way out in Canada but in Rawdon, in the Lanaudière, they are still being welcomed in a joint project of Anglican, United and Roman Catholic Churches to provide clean drinking water for a village in Sri Lanka. Earlier campaigns provided drinking water in communities in Honduras and Rwanda, notes Archdeacon Michael Robson of Christ Church Rawdon.

Family ties

The picturesque church building of St. Stephen's Lachine is not the only thing in the parish that goes back quite a way. Here's a paragraph from Rev. Shirley Smith's Lenten Letter to the parish (in which she mentions St. Paul's Lachine, where Bishop Barry Clarke was previously the incumbent and which recently closed):

"On January 20, Bishop Barry celebrated at St. Stephen's and baptized a beautiful baby boy – Damian Pierce Koppe. The Bishop had married his parents, Laura Cantos and Chris Koppe, and had baptized his sisters, Cassie and Bianca, at St. Paul's. (The bishop was formerly the incumbent of St. Paul's Lachine, which recently closed.) The Koppe Family been attending St. Stephen's for a while now, the little girls enjoying Sunday school, and they wanted Bishop Barry to continue with the baptism of their son. For the many parishioners

A proud day at Iron Hill



IT WAS A PROUD DAY for Rev. Allan Gault and the Parish of Brome when Bishop Barry Clarke confirmed six young people late last fall at Holy Trinity Church Iron Hill. From left are Noemie Sauvageau, Matthew Brodeur, Jessica Brodeur, Emily Danis, Jessy Dickson and Faith Dickson. After the service, everyone enjoyed a hot meal in the church hall.

A wonderful start for Advent



A SISTER AND BROTHER were baptised by the incumbent, Rev. Allan Gault, on December 2 at Holy Trinity Church Iron Hill in the Parish of Brome. In the photo, Jacob Andrew Jacob Chapman-Poll is all smiles as he witnesses his sister Abbygail Susan taking her turn to receive the blessing of the water. Following the service, an Advent brunch was served in the church hall.

Pancakes for PWRDF in Verdun



PARISHIONERS AND WELL-WISHERS donated more than \$600 in freewill offerings to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund at the Annual Shrove Tuesday supper at the Church of the Epiphany in Verdun on February 12th. Rev. Deacon Jean Willcocks and PWRDF parish rep Lynn Shepherd expressed their thanks for the generous support.

A Townships Tuesday night



SMILING WITH ANTICIPATION, Ven. J. Wallace Sparling and his wife, Dawn, prepare to tuck into the traditional fare at a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at the hall of the Church of St. James the Apostle in Stanbridge East. The event was a combined effort between the congregations of Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, Freighsburg, and St. James the Apostle. Proceeds went to the PWRDF. (Photo: Alice Hadlock)

out there, whom we refer to as Old Friends of St. Stephen's or, more often, Parishioners-by-Post, Chris Koppe is the grandson of the late George Tuck. Little Damian, therefore, is the great-grandson of George. Decades ago, Damian's grandmother, Judith Tuck, sang in the choir with her daughter, Angela. Family ties run deeply through our Saint Stephen's Community. (I met George Tuck many times in the churchyard, he having walked from 28th Avenue and Notre

Dame, a rather long distance for an elderly gentleman.)"

Rental space in Deux Montagnes

Newly renovated rental space (kitchen and hall) is available for group meetings and activities at All Saints Church Deux Montagnes, at 248 18th Ave. Get in touch with rental co-ordinator Patrick Beaulieu at 450-491-6279 or rentals@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca .

A pot luck welcome



THE WELCOME MAT was particularly out for former parishioners of St. Paul's Lachine, which closed in November, at a potluck dinner shortly afterward at the Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval. A number of parishioners at St. Andrew and St. Mark's had made a point of attending the closing service of the nearby parish and parishioners



at the dinner parishioners enjoyed getting to know those from Lachine who had begun attending St. Mark's. At left, parishioners help themselves. Right, Joanne Norris, Marsha Hunter, Brenda Spence and Carol Smith were among those busy in the kitchen at the event.