



## Synod hears a call to radical discipleship

Staff

As the Diocese of Montreal continues to struggle to keep its finances under control, Bishop Barry Clarke has urged his flock to allow themselves “to be teased by God and affirm our partnership with God” through the “inward and spiritual grace of money.”

In his address or “charge” at the Eucharistic service that opened the diocesan synod October 19, the bishop said people devote great emotional and psychological effort to money but often appear reluctant to speak about it.

“But as stewards and servants of the ministries of God, we need to do this.

“The inward and spiritual grace of money invites us to share this resource not only to manage and maintain our own personal lives; it is also opening ourselves to be teased by God and affirm our partnership with God in the wonder and beauty of the Mission of God.”

In a heartfelt introduction to his address, he referred to his 20-week Sabbath Leave between March and August that took him from depression to wellness and expressed gratitude for those who had cared for him and the affairs of the diocese in that time.

The bishop also announced that he will ask two diocesan committees to draft changes in the canons (or bylaws) of the diocese to protect people against bullying.

“The beauty and mission of God is ultimately, the mission of Love,” he said. However, he said, “Our church continues to face issues of racism, homophobia, prejudices of different shapes and colours and bullying.

In many places, both in our lives and our communities, we live lives of repression and denial that any of this even exists; lying to ourselves and to one another that this fact is actually a reality. All of this is an obstacle and even hurdle to overcome to engage

in God’s Mission of Love.

“I will invite the Committee on Canons and the Human Resources Committee to revisit Canon 34 on vexatious behaviour and to include bullying as part of the Canon.”

While addressing issues of stewardship, the bishop also invited his listeners to embrace the opportunities and challenges of an era when the church has lost power and privileges.

Drawing on the Gospel of the day – from Luke 9, with its emphasis on radical discipleship – and on writings by Anabaptist theologian Stuart Murray and the late Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero of San Salvador, Bishop Clarke said, “There can be no excuse not to respond in obedience to the call of Jesus in our lives. It is a call to radical discipleship. I believe that the crisis we are facing in our institutional life as a Church is one of discipleship. The subtleties of finding solutions to our challenges will never be overcome with programs and/or new models of ministry until we hear the voice of Jesus calling out to us to come and follow.”

More on the synod, inside the paper.



ECUMENICAL VISITORS at the synod pose with Bishop Barry Clarke. From left are Roman Catholic Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal, Rev. Eric Dyck of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Rev. Cathy Hamilton, president of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference of the United Church of Canada and Adriana Bara, executive director of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

### Soirée de prière pour l’unité à la Cathédrale Christ Church

C’est dans un esprit de fraternité et de joie chrétienne et sous le thème: « Christ est-il divisé? » que se tiendra dimanche, le 19 janvier à 16h la neuvième Soirée Annuelle de Retrouvailles Chrétiennes qui œuvrera la semaine mondiale de prière pour l’unité chrétienne. La prière de 2014, qui sera utilisée dans le monde entier, est composée par Canada et est donc d’un intérêt particulier au Canada. La grande famille chrétienne du grand Montréal y est invitée.

L’événement aura lieu à la Cathédrale Christ Church.

Le Centre canadien d’œcuménisme avec les représentants de différents églises qui composent le comité organisateur de cet événement, feront ainsi écho à la parole de l’Apôtre qui, parlant de l’unité de l’Église, dit: « Nous sommes un seul corps, en étant plusieurs, car tous nous participons au Pain unique ». Jésus lui-même nous dit avec insistance: « Qu’ils soient un pour que le monde croie ».

## Cathedral host to made-in-Canada inter-church service

Staff

An annual inter-church service for Christian unity that has usually taken place in St. Joseph’s Oratory is moving to Christ Church Cathedral this year.

The annual Evening of Christian Unity, which will mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at the cathedral Sunday, Jan. 19, at 4 p.m. It is co-ordinated by the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Ecumenism.

Such services take place worldwide as a joint effort of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

Each year, prayers and other materials for the services worldwide are prepared by inter-church representatives from in different country.

The service for 2014 is of special interest to Canadians. Materials for the Montreal gathering were prepared by a group of representatives from different parts of Canada, brought together at the invitation of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in Saskatoon.

This year’s theme, “Is Christ divided?” is drawn from the first chapter of Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

The ecumenical celebration will be filmed by Radio-Canada and France 2 and broadcast in Canada on the program “Le Jour du

Seigneur” and in Europe.

A document introducing the materials for the 2014 service says “Canadians live in a country that is marked by diversity in language, culture, and even climate, and we also embody diversity in our expressions of Christian faith

“Living with this diversity, but being faithful to Christ’s desire for the unity of his disciples, has led us to a reflection on Paul’s provocative question in 1 Corinthians: ‘Has Christ been Divided?’

Preparation of the materials “is very inclusive,” says Ven. Bruce Myers of the Diocese of Quebec, coordinator for ecumenical relations for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. “It tries to offer a glimpse not just of the diversity of the church, but also the diversity of humanity.

The Canadian writing team was drawn from several denominations and from all over the country. Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut – an Anglican priest of the diocese of Ottawa – was the World Council’s lead staff person guiding production of the resources.

“It’s a very easy and important way to participate in the ecumenical movement,” Archdeacon Myers said. “Sometimes it’s undervalued. ‘Well we’re just getting together to pray.’ That in itself is a really important ecumenical witness. In a sense it’s radical because there was a time when some of our churches forbade worshipping with Christians of other traditions.”

## Welcome for a champion



CARLEEN TAYLOR, Mile End Mission board member and volunteer co-ordinator of food recycling at the mission, shares a moment with the guest speaker, Otis Grant, former boxer and activist for worthy causes. He was keynote speaker at the Mission’s annual fund-raising banquet. See Page 12

# 'Our God who also weeps the tears of a little child'

This message by the Very Rev. Paul Kennington is from the Christ Church Cathedral Dean's Newsletter.

Dear Friends,

Christmas is much more than a party. Trees, turkeys and nicely wrapped presents are lovely, but it is more earthy than that, for Christmas puts God right into the heart of our mess.

Where there is pain in childbirth and confusion of standing by someone – there is God. Where there is fear and prejudice and the violence of wicked rulers – there is God. Where there is homelessness and muck on the floor – there is God. There, where we feel messed up, low, hurting or unwanted – there is God, more "with us" than when we are happily just going about our business.

It is often said of Anglicans, that our greatest feast is Christmas – the incarnation – because here we see more than the triumph we long for, the Easter victory over all evil, here see God with us – in real time grappling with evil as it happens, just as we must do.

Occasionally we shout 'our God reigns' – but in Advent and Christmas we welcome our God who also weeps the tears of a little child, and who invites us to share a more profound joy.

I wish you this joy for this holy season.

Paul

And the Maid was lost in wonder  
As she witnessed such a sight  
Humanity full of joy and gladness;  
And God weeping, weak and lone.  
Ne'er before throughout the ages  
Had so strange a thing been known.  
*St. John of the Cross*



PAUL KENNINGTON

Y la Madre estaba en pasmo  
de que tel trueque veía:  
el llanto del hombre en Dios  
y en el hombre la alegría,  
lo cual del uno y del otro  
tan ajeno ser solía.  
*S. Juan de la Cruz*

Chers amis, chères amies,

Noël, ce n'est pas qu'une occasion de faire la fête. On aime bien les sapins, la dinde et les cadeaux enrubannés, mais Noël me semble bien plus terre-à-terre que cela. Célébrer Noël, c'est célébrer Dieu en plein milieu du chaos de notre quotidien.

Dans les cris de l'accouchement et la solidarité avec un/e ami/e – Dieu est présent. Dans la peur, la violence et les préjugés des méchants – Dieu est présent. Dans l'itinérance et la saleté par terre – Dieu est présent. Lorsque nous sommes confus, tristes, souffrants, seuls – Dieu est présent, un Dieu davantage « parmi nous », que dans le simple fil tranquille de nos affaires de tous les jours.

On dit souvent que Noël est la fête la plus importante pour les anglicans – la fête de l'incarnation – car Noël représente non seulement la glorieuse victoire pascale sur le mal que nous espérons de tout notre coeur – mais à Noël nous célébrons Dieu parmi nous, un Dieu qui lutte contre le mal en temps réel, comme nous.

De temps en temps nous crions « Notre Dieu règne! » mais pendant l'Advent et à Noël nous voyons notre Dieu qui pleure les larmes d'un petit enfant, et qui nous invite à partager une joie plus profonde. Je vous souhaite cette joie pendant cette saison bénie.

Paul

La Mère se tenait étonnée,  
à voir un tel échange,  
des larmes dans les yeux de Dieu,  
et la joie dans le coeur des humains.  
Quel mystère étrange.  
*Saint Jean de la Croix*

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Sunday, January 19th, 2014  
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2014's prayer has been composed by Canada and therefore has special interest to Canadians

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## Volunteering helped shape staff newcomer

Harvey Shepherd

As a human resources staff member at the Montreal head office of Kruger Inc., the paper and wood products company, Sophie Bertrand became friends with a staff member of a placement firm that often had Kruger as a client. A little later, when Sophie was interested in getting back into the working world after taking time off for and after the birth



SOPHIE BERTRAND

of her second child, she got a call from her friend, who thought a position being offered by another client of the firm might be just the thing for her.

Sophie started work in her human resources post for the Diocese of Montreal at the beginning of October - just in time for a baptism of fire as co-ordinator of the October 19 diocesan synod, an assignment that goes along with the human resources post. She succeeds Sarah Wilson, operations co-ordinator two years, who left to return to Ontario after playing an active part in the search for her successor.

As well as taking over the broad range of services Sarah Wilson carried for diocesan staff and clergy, Sophie Bertrand has additional responsibilities in supporting staff and volunteers involved in youth work, committee work, congregational change and other areas.

In doing this, she will be drawing on her studies leading to the bachelor's degree in industrial relations she received from the Université de Montréal in 2005. But she also has a long experience of volunteering, largely in residences for the elderly, that began while she was growing up in Gatineau, across the Ottawa River from Ottawa.

She was also a volunteer in day-care centre attended by her son, Félix, 4½, and now her daughter, Emma, 18 months. She, her husband, Luc Veillette, who works in finance, and the children live in the west-end Notre Dame de Grâce district of Montreal.

## South Shore parishes move toward joint ministry



PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS of St. Paul's Church in Greenfield Park enjoy international cuisine in their newly renovated hall on October 26.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Parishes in the Longueuil-area communities of Greenfield Park, Brossard and St. Hubert would share a joint ministry by two clergy under proposals at an advanced stage of discussion among these and several other South Shore parishes and the Diocese of Montreal.

Robert Miller, rector's warden of St. Joseph of Nazareth parish in Brossard, told the October 19 synod of the Diocese of Montreal, that the change would be a first concrete outcome of lengthy deliberations by a South Shore Ministry Working Group that has been looking for responses to long-term decline and aging of the membership of South Shore parishes.

He said the group also hopes that St. Mark's in Vieux Longueuil will be able to increase its already considerable emphasis on French-language ministry and that funding can be

found for a priest to serve the parish full time.

Mr. Miller said the congregations of St. Joseph's and St. Paul's in Greenfield Park have rallied to the plan, although St. Margaret of Antioch in St. Hubert was balking at a proposal for the parish to offer eucharistic worship only three Sundays a month and Morning Prayer without a eucharist on the other one or two Sundays. (St. Margaret's has a tradition of strong attachment to the Eucharist.)

For a little over a year, Rev. Richard Gauthier, a francophone, has been the incumbent at St. Mark's and St. Margaret's, succeeding Archdeacon Michael Robson, now serving the Parish of Rawdon in the Lanaudière. Rev. Christopher Belle has been incumbent at St. Joseph's and Rev. Linda Faith Chalk at St. Paul's for some years. Discussions of

the future of the parishes have not touched on the identity of future appointments, normally up to the bishop and the parishes concerned.

Mr. Miller said it is hoped that the measures proposed "with prayer and good will" will be sufficient to alleviate current problems enough to assure the survival of the parishes for between three and five years. He is personally convinced, however, that demographic pressures will continue to take their toll over the longer term.

However, there have been other suggestions that at least some Longueuil-area Anglicans have a new sense of hope.

St. Paul's dedicated a \$55,000 renovation of its hall last month.

For more on South Shore parishes, see Pages 15 and 16.

# Montreal, Quebec bishops speak out on euthanasia

The two diocesan bishops of most Quebec Anglicans have urged the provincial government to withdraw its controversial "medical aid in dying" bill saying it could present risks for the vulnerable, including the elderly, people suffering from clinical depression and those with disabilities.

In a letter to the editor of the Montreal daily *The Gazette* in mid-October, Bishops Dennis Drainville of the Diocese of Quebec and Barry Clarke of the Diocese of Montreal acknowledged, "the emotional and challenging circumstances that have

led the government to consider the legalization of physician-assisted suicide."

However, they said, "we share, with other members of society, concern for the protection of human persons from chronic pain and respect for human dignity."

An article in the online version of *The Anglican Journal* reported that the two bishops' views echoed statements expressed in the Anglican Church of Canada's 1998 report, *Care in Dying: A Consideration of the Practice of Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide*.

"Christian thought through the ages has been guided by the principle that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, and our life is to be seen as a gift entrusted to us by God," they wrote in the letter. "Life is thus seen as something larger than any individual person's ownership of it, and is not simply ours to discard."

The bishops added that while they recognize "the diversity of opinion about euthanasia, both within our church and in society at large, the Christian vision of human dignity and community gives rise to some

profound misgivings" about Bill 52, also known as An Act respecting end-of-life care.

The bishops said that while they appreciate the bill's intent to also make palliative care accessible to all, they were unable to support the idea that "care can include an act or omission whose primary intention is to end a person's life."

Allowing doctors to administer "medical aid in dying" transforms them from being "ministers of healing to agents of death," they added. "Both the request for assistance in committing suicide, and the provision of such assistance, must be taken seriously as a failure of human community."

The online *Journal* noted that Quebec is the first province in Canada to propose legislation providing "rights with respect to end-of-life care," and requirements for "certain types of end-of-life care, namely terminal palliative sedation and medical aid in dying." It provides that only those suffering from an incurable serious illness, "an advanced state of irreversible decline in capability" and "constant and unbearable physical or psychological pain" can obtain medical aid in dying, according to a set of criteria prescribed in the bill. "The patient must request medical aid in dying themselves, in a free and informed manner," the bill further states.

The issue of assisted suicide has been a long and contentious battle in Canada. On Oct. 10, the British Columbia Court of Appeal upheld the ban on euthanasia. The federal government had appealed the B.C. Supreme Court's June 2012 ruling that prohibiting euthanasia is dis-

criminatory.

The bishops' stand did not seem likely to be successful, at least in the short run. In the second of the two "readings" required for the bill to become law, the National Assembly voted near the end of October to approve the bill in principle.

### « Jamais pour donner la mort. »

Quebec's Roman Catholic bishops have spoken out repeatedly against Bill 52. They endorse palliative care to reduced the suffering of the dying and oppose aggressive therapy to prolong life where there is no hope for recovery. But they argue that, although the draft law is unclear, the medical aid in dying proposed by the bill amounts to euthanasia,

Archbishop Pierre-André Fournier of Rimouski, president of the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops, addressed the issue at a press conference during the bishops' annual meeting in Trois-Rivières on September 19 - the same day, as it happened, that Bishops Pierre Morissette of St. Jérôme and Noël Simard of Valleyfield were representing the bishops before a committee of the National Assembly.

Archbishop Pierre-André Fournier said: « Nous n'acceptons pas que l'injection létale ou d'autres moyens utilisés pour mettre fin à la vie d'un patient soient considérés comme un soin, pas plus qu'est acceptable l'acharnement thérapeutique... Nous avons toujours compté sur nos médecins, nos infirmières et le personnel médical pour prendre soin de nous, de nos malades, pour soulager, pour soigner et pour guérir: jamais pour donner la mort. »



**Noël à la Mission Mile End**



**Christmas at the Mile End Mission**

De nouveau, cette année, la Mission Communautaire Mile End fait appel à votre générosité afin que Noël soit un moment de joie et de bonheur pour de nombreux individus, familles et enfants de notre voisinage et des aînés souffrant des effets quotidiens de la pauvreté. Avec votre soutien, nous espérons pouvoir offrir un autre merveilleux souper de Noël à plus de 250 individus et familles, remplir 150 paniers de Noël incluant des jouets pour plus de 50 enfants de la mission et nous aider à remplir des bacs de Noël d'articles personnels nécessaires pour 40 hommes et femmes. Malheureusement, sans ces activités, beaucoup de nos membres auraient très peu de joie pendant la période des fêtes. Dans l'esprit du temps des fêtes et de partage, nous vous encourageons à faire une contribution en argent, nourriture non périssable, jouets, articles personnels et/ou simplement de votre temps.

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Again this year, the Mile End Community Mission is calling upon your generosity to help make Christmas a time of greater joy for the many individuals, families and children in our neighborhood and surrounding areas who suffer the daily effects of poverty. With your help, we hope to host another wonderful Christmas dinner for more than 250 individuals & families, fill 150 Christmas baskets including toys for 50 children of the mission, and prepare special Christmas stockings with much needed personal items for 40 men and women. Sadly, without these activities, many of our members would have very little joy during the holiday season. In the Spirit of Christmas, we encourage you to make a donation of money, non-perishable food, toys, personal items and/or your volunteer time.

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## 10 busy days for Nick Pang at ecumenical assembly in Korea



VOTING DELEGATES from the Anglican Church of Canada take a breather before the final worship service of the World Council of Churches Assembly in Busan, South Korea. From left are Rev. Deacon Nicholas Pang of the Diocese of Montreal, Melissa Green from the Anglican Parishes of the Central; Interior (of British Columbia) and Rev. Canon John Alfred Steele of Victoria. At right is Archdeacon Bruce Myers of the Diocese of Quebec, who attended as co-ordinator for ecumenical relations of the Anglican Church of Canada.



REV. DEACON NICHOLAS PANG of St. George's Place du Canada proclaims the gospel during the All Saints' Day gathering of Anglican Communion delegates at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Busan, South Korea October 30-November 8. The photos are from Facebook posts by Archdeacon Bruce Myers.

## Pared-down Provincial Council adopts safe-church rules

James Sweeney

The September meeting of the Provincial Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, held in Corner Brook, was ground-breaking for two reasons. It was smaller than in the past, as the Provincial Synod meeting in Montreal in September 2012 reduced the size of the council by a third. The second was the council had a number of its presenters and guests join the meeting electronically via Skype.

The theme of the council meeting, "Bearing New Fruit," flowed from the theme of the synod, "Pruning the Vine." The council sought to follow up on the direction set out by synod with concrete actions.

The Synod had asked the seven eastern Canadian dioceses that make up the Ecclesiastical Province to look at ways to work more closely together. As a result the council created three groupings:

- the Dioceses of Montreal and Quebec,
- the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and the Diocese of Fredericton; and
- the three dioceses in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The council also called on executive officers and other staff of the seven dioceses to consult within their geographical clusters or provincially to investigate potential areas of sharing.

There is not to be a face-to-face meeting of the council in 2014 but it is hoped there will be a number of video conferences.

Education and training received attention. Mark Dunwoody, youth consultant for the Diocese of Montreal, joined the meeting by Skype and spoke about a proposed "Train-the-Trainer" event in June 2014 in Montreal. The idea is that participants go back to their dioceses and run training events for youth leaders. Part of the cost for this event is to come from savings resulting from not having a Council meeting in 2014.

Right Rev. Darren McCartney, suffragan bishop in the Diocese of the Arctic, also addressed the council by Skype. He discussed the difficulties of training clergy and lay leadership in the North, and his vision for an ongoing training program. The council agreed to have the province



ARCHDEACON ALAN PERRY, formerly of the Diocese of Montreal, received the first Award of Merit of the Province of Canada for his years of dedicated service as council member, clerical secretary, prolocutor and member of the governance working group. Archbishop Claude Miller of Fredericton, metropolitan of the province, presents the award to Canon Perry, now executive archdeacon of the Diocese of Edmonton.

explore options for training candidates from the North in the South and vice versa.

The Provincial Council urged other dioceses to look into implementing a post-ordination program that already exists in the Diocese of Fredericton. It also called for a pilot project in Parish-to-Parish sharing with a parish or other Anglican community in the North.

Mike Thornhill, vice-president for Eastern Canada of Ecclesiastical Insurance, was joined by two other insurance specialists on speakerphone and via Skype for a discussion of "safe church" practices, in part to offset negative public perception of

churches.

The council adopted a Provincial Safe Church Regulation, including provisions about misconduct and privacy policy. The policies apply directly only to events of the Ecclesiastical Province, which are few, but are recommended to all dioceses as best practices.

The council thanked Bishops Sue Moxley of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Cy Pitman of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, both about to retire, for their leadership and contributions over the years.

James Sweeney is lay secretary of the Provincial Council.

## Anglican church gives ailing Pakistani woman sanctuary

By Harvey Shepherd

Family and well-wishers were continuing to try to rally support in early November for a 57-year-old woman with a heart condition facing deportation to her native Pakistan who had taken refuge in an Anglican church in Montreal. Supporters went public with the issue at a news conference October 8 in Fulford Hall of the Diocese of Montreal.

The daughter and other supporters of Khurshid Begum Awan say she sought sanctuary in the church after staff of the Canadian Border Services Agency in Montreal ordered her to leave for Pakistan August 21, despite doctors' warning about the risk of travelling in her condition.

Anglican Bishop Barry Clarke of Montreal said at the time, "The Anglican Diocese of Montreal is committed to transform unjust structures of society and strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. Our providing sanctuary for Mrs. Awan is to give her the care and support she needs for her well-being while issues around her status in Canada can be reconciled."

He said some people might say the diocese is breaking the law, "but I feel we are challenging the law on humanitarian and compassionate grounds," in the interest not only of Mrs. Awan's health but of trying to establish her status in Canada.

Supporters and the diocese have not disclosed in what church Mrs. Awan had taken refuge.

In late July, officers of the Border Services Agency entered the room at the Montreal General Hospital, where she was being treated after suffering a heart attack – the latest of several – in the Montreal offices of the agency. There was some respite after New Democratic Party leader Thomas Mulcair and cardiologists at the hospital intervened, but she was again ordered out of the country in late August.

Mrs. Awan and her husband, Muhammad Khalil Awan, came to Canada via the United States in 2011 with a tourist visa and asked for refugee status, saying their lives were



KHURSHID BEGUM AWAN

at risk from Muslim extremists, notably an anti-Shia group called Sipah-e-Sahaba. Mr. Awan had been a leading member of the minority Shia community in Lahore.

Their claim for refugee status was rejected in April. Mr. Awan was deported soon afterward. Supporters say he has been attacked since his return to Pakistan and is currently in hiding.

Their daughter, Tahira Malik, and her son, Ali Own, now 29 and 15, came to Montreal in 2000 to escape an abusive husband and were granted refugee status.

Supporters of Mrs. Awan, including members of Solidarity Across Borders, the Canadian French-language section of Amnesty International and the South Asian Women's Community Centre, say they want to see her and her husband safely reunited in Canada.

A supporter said at the end of October that there had been no change in Mrs. Awan's situation.

"The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Chris Alexander, has discretionary power to end the ongoing injustice that Mrs. Awan and her family members are going through, but he has thus far not exercised this power.

The family and their supporters have been asking members of the public to demonstrate their support online in two ways:

- Sign onto a support statement at: [soutienfamilleawan.org](http://soutienfamilleawan.org) and
- Participate in a solidarity photo action [soutienfamilleawan.tumblr.com](http://soutienfamilleawan.tumblr.com).

# Did Canadian leak prompt killing of returned refugee?

The Canadian Council for Refugees has welcomed a strong stand by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in October against human rights abuses in Sri Lanka but called on Canada to be more consistent about human rights issues in that country.

In particular, the council wants an investigation into whether a leak from Canadian authorities led to the death of a returned Sri Lankan refugee.

The prime minister said he would not be attending a meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Colombo because of Canada's deep concern about deeply concerned about the absence of accountability for serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian standards during and after the civil war in Sri Lanka. Deepak Obhrai, parliamentary secretary for international human

rights, represented Canada at the November meeting.

Mr. Harper alluded to the impeachment of the Sri Lankan chief justice this year, ongoing reports of intimidation and incarceration of political leaders and journalists, harassment of minorities, reported disappearances, and allegations of extra judicial killings.

Responding to the prime minister, the Canadian Council for Refugees welcomed the statement but called for more consistency. The council said it is shocked by Canada's treatment of Sri Lankans who fled to Canada to escape those human rights violations, most particularly those on the MV Sun Sea who arrived on the West Coast in August 2010.

The council noted that it had recently obtained a memo disclosing that before the boat had even

arrived, the Canada Border Services Agency was directing its officers to use all legal means to detain the passengers as long as possible, to try to have them declared inadmissible and to argue against their being recognized as refugees. "This directive was given even though, as the memo itself recognizes, many were likely to be refugees and there might be women and children on board. The rationale for this legal harassment of the passengers was to 'ensure that a deterrent for future arrivals is created.'"

The council said that, in addition, "newly publicized information about the fate of one of the passengers on the Sun Sea raises deeply troubling questions about the relationship of the Canadian government to the Sri Lankan authorities."

"Sathyapavan (Sathi) Aseervatham, who was recently killed in Sri

Lanka, alleged in an affidavit that he was tortured on his return to Sri Lanka, by authorities who knew that he had been on the Sun Sea. Did the Canadian government share the names of the Sun Sea passengers with the Sri Lankan authorities? He was subsequently called in by the Sri Lankan authorities (the Terrorist Investigations Division) who allegedly interviewed him about the affidavit in the presence of officers of the Canada Border Services Agency. Did the Canadian government share a confidential affidavit alleging torture to the very authorities alleged to have committed the torture?"

The Canadian Council for Refugees called for an investigation into these questions.

As a backer of Action Réfugiés Montréal, the Diocese of Montreal is an indirect supporter of the council for refugees.

# Memories of Ireland

Here are reflections by two of the participants in the pilgrimage to Ireland led by Bishop Barry Clarke and Archdeacon Janet Griffith September 17-29.

## Sheep, cows, morning prayer and a leprechaun

Sandy Keymer-Temple

A group of 37 including Bishop Barry and Archdeacon Janet took off on September 16, heading West. Yes, West! To pick up some other members of our pilgrimage/tour to Ireland. Yes, Ireland is very green and there are thousands of wonderful sheep and cows. Having been blessed and privileged to have been able to join our tireless leaders on previous jaunts - to Israel, Greece and Turkey and Rome and the surrounding area in Italy, I sort of knew the drill and so did a number of other repeaters. One of my duties was to organize a rota of early morning bus prayer services, and that job was made extremely easy by email and some super, willing volunteers - both clergy and lay.

This time we were all together on one lovely bus. No, the toilet didn't function! but everything else was perfect, including our guide, John with whom we all fell in love. He was knowledgeable, good natured and humorous, not to mention a great host (a little leprechaun) and what can I say about our driver - 29-year old Damien, who was a pet - polite, helpful, fun. We all were enamoured with both Irish gentlemen. Our hotels were top-notch. We saw many churches (one opened up especially for us and provided greeter, organist and welcoming priest) and cathedrals in Dublin and Belfast. The tours of Waterford Crystal and Beleek were super. From the south we travelled to Galway and took day excursions. One very memorable was to Glendalough, (look it up on the Internet) - it was very peaceful, great guide and had a special feeling/aura about it, left from St. Kevin's time there.

Another trip was by boat to the Aran Island of Inishmore, where I understood not a word of our guide, but loved the little bus ride, and the wool shops!! The Conamora area was very special where we visited a nunnery which was also used as a girls' school in a stunning location.

The trip was extremely well organized with no day's tour being too long or arduous, making for very happy and comfortable bus rides and conversations. As they say, a good time was had by all.

## The Celtic Crosses

Jane Bell

As I looked upon many celtic crosses and read the epitaphs inscribed upon them, I reflected upon the cross itself. The O of creation, the circle of the world, the cross of redemption, together into one whole. The cross stands for the interconnection of creation and redemption, light with darkness, the two are interdependent. Creation comes with pain, the earth has to be worked over and torn apart to be fruitful. The centre always remains the cross. Life with diversity, the values of home bring us into the presence of God, including sorrow that makes for joy. Our God who is the trinity is in unity. The celtic crosses touched my heart and mind, representing a tradition in which light and dark, cross and creation, body and soul, time and eternity, inner and outer, are all held together in unity.

## Bishop Barry presents an award, receives congratulations



A HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE Sunday, Oct. 13, at Holy Trinity Church, Ste. Agathe-des-Monts, gave Bishop Barry Clarke an occasion to present Carol Comer with a Bishop's Award recognizing her many years of service and dedication to the parish and wider church. The church was beautifully decorated by Kay Cloutier and fresh vegetables brought by parishioners were donated to L'Écluse, an organization that feeds homeless people. (Photos: Janet Griffith)



ON HAND PARTLY TO GIVE AN AWARD, Bishop Barry Clarke also received congratulations at Holy Trinity Church, Ste. Agathe-des-Monts. The rector, Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt, congratulates the bishop on with both his birthday and the ninth anniversary (the next day) of his consecration as bishop of Montreal. He later gave the bishop a "holding" cross from the Holy Land. A luncheon of ham, scalloped potatoes and all the trimmings followed the service.



PILGRIMS FROM DIOCESE of Montreal pause in Belfast Cathedral in September.

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## Diocesan Synod 2013

# Montreal, Ottawa synods speak out on charter

The Synod of the Diocese of Montreal has added its voice to those of religious groups and institutions opposing proposals to prohibit some or all public servants from wearing conspicuous religious symbols on the job.

There was little debate on the thrust of the motion at the October 19 synod, proposed by Rev. William Gray of the St. George's Place du Canada, although there appeared to be some dissenters in the show-of-hands vote. Bishop Barry Clarke had previously spoken out strongly on the issues raised by the proposed charter.

However, there was some discussion on the wording originally proposed, adding nuances to the effect that the objection was confined to any discriminatory sections of the proposed charter and affirming a

religiously neutral state and gender equality.

The final wording: "Be it resolved that the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal through our Diocesan Bishop immediately express to the government of the province of Quebec our solidarity with all who would be negatively affected by the provisions in the proposed charter of Quebec values and register our strong opposition to the adoption and implementation of the relevant sections which would discriminate and violate our constitutional protections of individual rights. Nonetheless, as Anglican Christians we affirm the value of a religiously neutral state and of equality between men and women."

### Ottawa synod also dismayed

The Synod of the Diocese of



**REV. WILLIAM GRAY urges fellow delegates to synod to take a stand against the Charter.** (Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Ottawa spoke out on the issue at its own synod, also on October 19. The synod expressed its "dismay and profound" concerns over the pro-

posed Charter of Quebec Values, which it has been suggested would ban public employees from wearing Sikh, Jewish and Muslim headwear, and Christians from wearing visible large crucifixes, while at work.

"We want the Parti Québécois government to reconsider the proposed ban on religious symbols in the workplace," Rev. Mavis Brownlee said at the Ottawa synod in moving a motion condemning the charter for its implications for religious freedom. The motion was approved unanimously with little debate.

"We are free to be who we are, to live without fear and in peace," said Ms. Brownlee, from the parish of Clarendon in Shawville, West Quebec. "We celebrate our diversity."

The Rev. Laurette Glasgow, special advisor for government relations, who seconded the motion, pointed

out that each party at the federal level has been critical of the proposed legislation. The diocese was committed to engaging in any public consultations on the part of the PQ government on the proposed charter.

The Diocesan council was also directed to "inform and raise awareness of religious freedom, pluralism and diversity with our members, in co-operation with our ecumenical and interfaith partners."

The diocese crosses the Ottawa River and has 17 congregations in the deanery of West Quebec.

The synod discussions took place before a draft charter was tabled in the National Assembly November 7.

*(With files from Brian Sarjeant, media relations officer for the Diocese of Ottawa.)*



**SUPPORT FOR ASSISTANT CURACIES in parishes. Results of a feasibility study on fund-raising. Support for property developments in parishes. Targeted loans and grants. Congregational-development officer Janet Marshall outlines some of the highlights of the diocesan Ministry Action Plan.** (Photos: Harvey Shepherd)



**"THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE DIOCESE IS SOUND,"** Norman Spencer, treasurer, reported. Net assets at the end of 2013 are \$13.3 million, up \$1.9 million at the end of 2012 and up \$2 million from the end of 2011." He said the total diocesan levy on parishes will be \$1.05 million.



**KISHA JOSEPH of the diocesan youth ministry team describes some hopes for the future.**



**ECUMENICAL VISITORS** Rev. Eric Dyck of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Rev. Cathy Hamilton, president of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference of the United Church of Canada and Roman Catholic Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal sing as they join in a procession at the opening service.

### Letter to the editor

## Church also imposed 'Charter of Values'

We may well protest against the Quebec government's "Charter of Values." Let us also consider that the Church has done something similar. It has done it to Judaism, and to early expressions (and later) of the Christian faith by calling them heresies. The so-called "Orthodox" group in the Church said that Judaism is superseded by the advent of our interpretation of Christ (Messiah). Also, other groups, within the early Church's interpretation Jesus (Yeshua), such as the Nazarenes, Adoptionists, Montanists, Gnostics and Arians, etc., were to be suppressed as heretics.

So the "Orthodox," "Catholic" group has its own "Charter of Values," which it has imposed onto others.

So then there is this question: in what circumstances is it legitimate for one group, because of its convictions, to deny another group the right to express itself?

REV. JOHN SERJEANTSON  
COWANSVILLE

# 'The crisis we are facing in our institution

## 'We are prophets of a future not our own'

Here is a text of Bishop Barry Clarke's "charge," or opening address, at the opening Eucharist of the diocesan synod October 19:

*God our Creator, we thank you for the world you have made; we thank you for your loving care watching over all creation; we thank you for entrusting part of your world to us to tend, to care for and develop. We pray this in Christ, your Beloved. Amen*

The story is told of a man who tripped and fell off a cliff. Clutching at the grasses on the edge of the cliff he found himself for a moment or two able to hang on and delay his fall. "Is anyone up there?" he cried out desperately. "Yes" came the reply, but no further response. "Who are you? Why don't you help me?" shouted the man, "What have I to do?" "First, let go!" "Is anybody else up there?" called the man.

In January of 2013 it became apparent that I was that man falling off the cliff. Feeling restless, irritable, discontent, frightened, angry, alone, sad; a combination of many emotions with the unawareness of fully what was happening in my life. I knew that I needed to do something, but I did not know what to do. I prayed and felt little response. I anguished, I worked, and I knew that something was wrong. And I'm grateful for those around me who said I needed to address this agony – which became for me an angst, a painful angst, a darkness that I had never experienced in my life before. I took that time and now today I can say it was somewhat of an Epiphany when God revealed to me that I needed to address the grief, the sadness and ultimately what would become known as a depression.

A depression that was far deeper and real than grief alone, but took me to the depths of darkness and despair; where at one point in my journey, I found that life meant very little. And life did not seem to have any meaning. I'm grateful that I was surrounded in a community of wellness, where they heard my cry and I



ACKNOWLEDGING A WARM WELCOME from delegates on his recent return from a sabbath leave, Bishop Barry Clarke is flanked by Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt and diocesan Chancellor David Eramian.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

knew that behind me there is a community praying for me and supporting me. Depression is a terrible thing to live with when you don't even know you're living with it. And so for me, that deep revelation, that disclosure, was the pain of loss and grief but also the potential for healing; crying out in desperation, where through your prayers, and your support and the community that I was part of, I discovered the healing and the wellness that was necessary for my well-being. And I thank you for that. I thank you for your prayers and recognize that I need to continue to be aware of depression; whatever that might represent in my life.

### 'Called to serve'

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

The theme of this Synod is: "Called to Serve." Do we come to this Synod with any expectations that God might be up to something in our Diocese or do we have the atti-

tude, "same old, same old"?

I pray the stories of our Synod this year will inform you of how, through the Ministry Action Plan, our strategic plan for the Diocese, we are discerning God's mission as the Spirit guides us into God's future.

"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries, moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Corinthians 1:4)

St. Paul writes to the church in Corinth, describing the followers of Jesus as servants and stewards. The language St. Paul uses makes many feel uncomfortable. It is not the language of everyday speech. It places a challenge before us to ask, "How do I understand my vocation as servant and steward?"

As a Diocese, through the work of the Stewardship Council, we have been invited to seriously ponder and pray how we can live out this vocation in our lives. We can utter with our lips in our Anglican tradition

and say, "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee and put the rest in our pocket." (1 Chronicles 29:14)

### The spiritual grace of money

Archbishop Douglas Hambidge, who spoke at the recent Stewardship Café, shared with us the importance of acknowledging that God created all of life and by God's grace we are entrusted to care for, nurture, develop, and protect the sacredness of life.

I am deeply conscious that when we raise the subject of stewardship, the focus becomes money – nuts and bolts, dollars and cents. Archbishop Hambidge also said that money has a sacramental sign. This does not reduce our understanding of the mysteries of the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The emphasis here is that money is an outward and visible sign: you feel it in your pockets, and you see it in your bank receipts and investments. It is a necessary agent of the economy. We are consumers, we need money. I suspect we place a tremendous amount of our emotional and psychological energy around money. It is so integral to our way of life. It is a conversation piece around Diocesan, parochial and community ministries' agendas. Yet there remains a fear to speak of this subject without creating conflict. But as stewards and servants of the ministries of God, we need to do this.

The inward and spiritual grace of money invites us to share this resource not only to manage and maintain our own personal lives; it is also opening ourselves to be teased by God and affirm our partnership with God in the wonder and beauty of the Mission of God.

### A canon on bullying

The beauty and mission of God is ultimately, the mission of Love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

It is in this wonder and beauty of

God's mission of Love in Jesus Christ, we are, "Called to Serve." Our response is baptism. In baptism, anointed by the Spirit and affirmed in the image of God, we become Christ's witness. Jesus challenges us with these words when asked, "What is the greatest commandment?" The response: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and all your strength. And you shall love your neighbour as yourself." As good and faithful Anglicans who grew up with the Book of Common Prayer and the Eucharistic liturgy of page 67, we have digested these words Sunday by Sunday in and out. And they just probably fly over our heads and have lost the impact of their strength.

The larger challenge for us is, who is my neighbour? It is often difficult to embrace love in our families or our faith communities. Our church continues to face issues of racism, homophobia, prejudices of different shapes and colours and bullying.

In many places, both in our lives and our communities, we live lives of repression and denial that any of this even exists; lying to ourselves and to one another that this fact is actually a reality. All of this is an obstacle and even hurdle to overcome to engage in God's Mission of Love.

I will invite the Committee on Canons and the Human Resources Committee to revisit Canon 34 on vexatious behaviour and to include bullying as part of the Canon. The Human Resources Committee will also be invited to develop a policy on bullying in the church.

### Post-Christendom offers opportunities

We live and practice our faith in context and culture that is increasingly secular. The church we once knew is growing tired and old. The values we live by are not necessarily values others live by, nor understand. We can no longer assume that all that appeared to be inherently Christian in our context is valued.

Missiologists, historians, theologians now speak of living in Post-Christendom.

In his book *The Naked Anabaptist*, Stuart Murray writes:

"The coming of post-Christendom... offers the churches an opportunity to repent... and to recover our calling to follow Jesus in becoming good news to the poor, powerless, and persecuted"

The author identifies "transitions" that can help us on this journey:

- *From the center to the margins.* We are no longer in the centre, we live in the margins. A marginal church can return to its roots in the story of a God who so often works through the poor and the powerless. When I have had opportunities to work alongside with those at Mile End Community Mission, Tyndale St-Georges, St. Michael's Mission, The Old Brewery Mission, they expressly tell me, "these are communities of transformation, these are



ASPERGING SYNOD DELEGATES, Bishop Barry Clarke is assisted by Rev. Deacon Nicholas Pang.



# nal life as a Church is one of discipleship'



THIS "PANORAMIC" view of delegates at the synod was taken by Tony Hadley of St. George's Church Place du Canada.

communities of life-giving." And so often in the Church, we see these social ministries as appendages. I'm calling us as a diocese to hear their prophetic voice to the church, a prophetic voice that speaks that part of being steward and part of being servant is to be a listener. To hear the cries of the poor and those who live with the injustices that are so oppressive in their lives.

• *From settlers to sojourners.* "A church in exile, a pilgrim church, can see more clearly than a church that is settled and secure. Peter addressed early Christians as *paroikoi* (resident aliens; see 1 Peter 2:11) scattered through the empire, members of various towns, cities, and provinces, but whose primary loyalty was toward the kingdom of God. In the Christendom era, the *paroikoi* became parishioners, oblivious to the persistent tension between gospel and culture. The post-Christendom church can develop counter-cultural reflexes on issues where we have compromised and colluded."

## A crisis of discipleship

I return to the Gospel for today. (Luke 9: 51-62) Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem." Jerusalem has become for us the place where Jesus faced his greatest challenges. He went before Pilate, he was condemned, he was crucified and he died. And on the third day he rose from the dead. These are the words we recite faithfully in our creeds, and I pray we also believe in our hearts.

"And he sent messengers ahead of him into a village that did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem."

A focused Jesus, clear about his mission of announcing good news and the establishment of God's kingdom. The journey would lead to the City of Peace, paradoxically: Yerushalayim.

"As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.'"

How often do we hear someone asking to follow Jesus? Yes, we have people requesting the products of the church; baptism, marriage, funerals. And often requesting we tone down our language of God and faith. Intuitively, Jesus responds to this enquirer by clearly identifying the demands of discipleship.

There is no permanency or even guarantee of our security in following Jesus: "But the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Now there is a reversal; "Jesus said to another, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my



BISHOP BARRY CLARK delivers his charge.

father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury the dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'

Allez prononcer les bonnes nouvelles du royaume de Dieu.

In our Lord's response to this individual, there is urgency in this mission. There can be no excuse not to respond in obedience to the call of Jesus in our lives. It is a call to radical discipleship. And my contribution to this is, I believe that the crisis we are facing in our institutional life as a Church is one of discipleship. The subtleties of finding solutions to our challenges will never be overcome with programs and/or new models of ministry until we hear the voice of Jesus calling out to us to come and follow.

Our longings, our hopes, our dreams of what the church can aspire to in the twenty-first century, engaged in God's mission of Love, will bear no fruit unless it is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ, and a discipleship that abandons my will in order to faithfully do God's will. "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## 'First, let go!'

Discipleship rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ is a call to serve. The

for the kingdom of God is at hand." As a community of disciples, we need to take evil and sin seriously because its reality manifests its ugly head in ways that are destructive to the whole economy of God. The prophetic call of the disciple community is to, "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being".

Our sacred texts, the Scriptures, teach us of what God requires of us.

"He told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

I can't offer you a program of discipleship but I can offer you a wonderful encounter, as so many of us know, of living Jesus; of living our lives in the person of Jesus Christ, who invites us to follow him, and in the following of Jesus, we encounter the compassionate generosity and mercy of God in forgiveness. And then we are invited, as one of our priests I heard recently said, "to be Jesus for others, to be Jesus for others." Isn't that powerful?

"Is anyone up there?" he cried out desperately. "Yes" came the reply, but no further response. "Who are you? Why don't you help me?" shouted the man. "What have I to do?" "First, let go!"

Let us pray:

## 'A future not our own'

By Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero of San Salvador"

*It helps now and then to step back and take a long view.*

*The Kingdom is not only beyond our*

*efforts, it is beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.*

*Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.*

*No statement says all that could be said.*

*No prayer fully expresses our faith.*

*No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness.*

*No program accomplishes the Church's mission.*

*No set of goals and objectives include everything.*

*This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.*

*We lay foundations that will need further development.*

*We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.*

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this.*

*This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.*

*We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.*



ON SCREEN THANKS TO SKYPE, Bishop Barbara Andrews and other APCI leaders greet the Montreal synod. Susan Winn is at the microphone in Montreal.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

## MTL Youth Notes

Articles on this page are mostly from MTL Youth Notes, the newsletter of the diocesan youth ministry. In general, projects received financial support from the Diocese of Montreal. For more information, send an email to [mtlyouth@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:mtlyouth@montreal.anglican.ca) or visit <http://markdunwood1.wix.com/mtlyouth>

## Youth lead a solemn moment



YOUTH OF THE DIOCESE led a candlelit closing worship for the October 19 synod.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

## A corner for young people at St. Thomas

Lee-Ann Matthews

We were honoured to receive the grant! We have such an exciting program that attracts kids of all ages and wanted to be able to provide for all of their varying needs.

We were able to transform a corner of our space into an inviting area for our youngest members (preschoolers). We installed shelving and flooring that is safe, comfortable and accessible for kids. We also purchased storage for materials for our older set (5-16 years).

As a result, our space is now more organized, tidy and inviting. Receiving the grant inspired us to come together as a congregation to make this transformation. We are aware of the importance of creating a physical space for youth ministry that illustrates our commitment.

We wish to thank the Bishop's office once again for awarding us this grant!

Lee-Ann Matthews is a youth worker at St. Thomas Church in the N.D.G. district of Montreal. As she notes, this project received financial support from the Diocese of Montreal.

### Quelques mots de reconnaissance

Nous avons été honorés de recevoir la subvention! Nous avons un programme tellement passionnant attirant les enfants de tous âges et désirant répondre à leurs divers besoins.

Nous avons réussi à transformer un coin de notre espace en un espace convivial pour nos membres les plus jeunes (âge préscolaire). Nous avons installé des étagères et un plancher qui est sûr, confortable et accessible pour les enfants. Nous avons également acheté des meubles de rangement pour les matériaux destinés à notre groupe plus âgés (5-16 ans).

En conséquence, notre espace est plus organisé, propre et accueillant. Recevoir la subvention nous a encouragé à nous rassembler en tant que congrégation pour accomplir cette transformation. Nous sommes conscients de l'importance de la création d'un espace physique pour la pastorale des jeunes qui illustre notre engagement.

Nous tenons à nouveau à remercier le bureau de l'évêque qui nous a offert cette bourse.

## Bâtir une communauté avec bénédictions

Elodie Lambert

Le 9 août, un groupe de près de 20 jeunes accompagnés par plusieurs adultes de l'Église de la Nativité ont quitté Montréal pour une retraite d'un week-end à Mont-Tremblant.

## Walking the labyrinth

Judith Bell

I believe God's spirit is present and leading us all in this world of ours.

The Youth Group in Mansonville, ages 12-30; the S.A.D.D. group (*Students Against Destructive Decisions*) and F.Y.I. (*Former Youth Involvement*) are led by the youth animator Mable Hastings. Each November the youth go on retreat to build and



### LABYRINTH: a spiritual exercise.

learn life building skills. This year my project is to invite the youth to mediate while walking a labyrinth. To stop and listen to God's presences while walking, releasing their confusion, doubts or fears and receiving guidance. When walking the labyrinth has been completed the youth will be invited to discuss or jot down their thoughts on this experience.

Rev. Judith Bell is a vocational deacon at St. Paul's Mansonville.

### Marcher dans le labyrinthe

Je crois que l'esprit de Dieu est présent et nous conduit tous dans ce monde qui est le nôtre.

Le Groupe Jeunesse à Mansonville, âgés de 12-30; le groupe S.A.D.D. (*Students Against Destructive Decisions*) et F.Y.I. (*Former Youth Involvement*) sont dirigés par l'animateur jeunesse Mable Hastings. Chaque novembre, les jeunes se réunissent pour une retraite afin de construire et acquérir les compétences afin de bâtir leur vie. Cette année, mon projet consiste à inviter les jeunes à la médiation tout en marchant dans un labyrinthe. De s'arrêter et écouter la présence de Dieu, relâchant leur confusion, leurs doutes ou leur peur et recevant des conseils. Quand « Marcher dans le labyrinthe » sera complété, les jeunes seront invités à discuter ou noter ses pensées sur cette expérience.

Ils ne savaient pas quelles bénédictions étaient en réserve pour eux lors de ce week-end.

Le thème de la retraite était ma foi, mon école, et mon avenir. Lors des groupes de discussion, nous avons discuté de l'importance de chacun de ces sujets dans nos vies et de la façon d'aborder les problématiques que nous pourrions rencontrer en lien avec ceux-ci. Le week-end était rempli de prière, de nourriture, d'amitié, d'amour, et de chanson.

C'était la première fois que nous avons tous l'occasion de déconnecter complètement du monde fou dans lequel nous vivons aujourd'hui. Nous avons passé le week-end, sans téléphone, iPod, et distraction électronique. Nous avons dormi dans des lits superposés et des cabines et nous avons pu voir les étoiles et entendre les sons de la nature qui nous entoure. Nous avons fait un feu de camp et nous avons apprécié chocolat chaud, saucisses et collations. Histoires et devinettes ont été racontées et chansons ont été chantées; joie et bonheur étaient présents.

Afin de clore ces trois jours de bénédictions, nous avons célébré une messe dans une cabine, mis en place un autel et fait une croix à partir de deux morceaux de bois que nous avons trouvés dans la forêt.

Quand nous sommes retournés à Montréal, nous sentions que quelque chose avait changé dans ce petit



ELODIE LAMBERT of L'Église de la Nativité in Montreal North tells delegates to the October 19 synod about a trip by youth of the parish to Mont Tremblant.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

groupe qui est le nôtre. Nous avons senti quelque chose qui amènerait un changement dans notre paroisse, un changement dans nos vies et nos communautés si nous partageons ce que nous avons vécu avec tout le monde.

### Building community

On August 9th, a group of nearly

20 young people accompanied by several adults from Église de la Nativité left Montreal for a retreat weekend at Mont Tremblant. Little did they know the blessings that were in store for them that weekend.

The theme of the retreat was My Faith, My School, and My Future. In groups we discussed the importance of each in our lives and how they can help us approach any problems we may face. The weekend was full of prayer, food, friendship, love, and song. This was the first time we all had a chance to disconnect completely from the crazy world we live in today. We spent the weekend without any phones, iPods, and electronic distractions. We slept in bunk beds and cabins and were able to see the stars and hear the sounds of nature around us. We had a campfire and enjoyed hot chocolate, sausages, and snacks. Stories and riddles were told, songs were sung; pure joy and happiness were witnessed. To close the three days of blessings, we had a mass in a cabin and set up a mock altar and made a cross from two pieces of wood that we found in the forest.

When we went back to Montreal, we could sense that something had changed in this little group of ours. We sensed a something that would bring about a change at our parish and a change in our lives and community if we shared what we experienced with everyone.

## A momentous celebration in St. Hubert

Anja Runganaikaloo

On October 5th, 2013, I was baptized at St. Margaret of Antioch Church in St. Hubert on the South Shore. As a youth member of the parish, I come from a background of varied religious and cultural backgrounds. I decided that the baptism should be a celebration and defining of who I am.

The Bishop's Appeal grant allowed me to pursue my dream project – involving children of the parish and youth of various background to come join in the baptismal preparation. These activities include candle-making with the children. The candles represent the future of our world, faith, and praise for those who are still here and the prayers with which we honour those who have passed away. Next were included paintings by youth aged 18-22. The youth were asked to use the theme of emotion to paint, since freedom of expression and religion are close to me. Last but not least,

shamballa style bracelets were included. But these were no normal shamballa bracelets. As you may know shamballa beads are very sacred themselves. Choosing to use these beads, the youth also made salvation bracelets using the beads.

On the day of the baptism every guest received a candle and a bracelet as they departed, therefore allowing every guest to share this important part of my life. I hoped that my celebration could be shared with those around me to help them appreciate the art of choices in our daily lives. My father, a close friend and my godmother gave speeches even though they were not all Anglican.

About 60 people from various cultural backgrounds enjoyed finger foods

The baptism was a success.

### Une célébration unique

Le 5 octobre 2013, Saint-Marguerite d'Antioche sur la Rive-Sud, j'ai

été baptisé. En tant que jeune travailleuse de la paroisse, je viens d'un milieu d'origines culturelles et religieuses variées. J'ai décidé que le baptême devrait être une célébration et définir qui je suis.

La bourse accordée par l'Appel à l'action de l'Évêque m'a permis de concrétiser mon projet de rêve, soit de réaliser un projet invitant les enfants de la paroisse et les jeunes de divers horizons à venir participer à la préparation au baptême. Ces activités incluent la fabrication de bougies avec les enfants. Les bougies représentent l'avenir de notre monde, la foi et les louanges pour ceux qui sont toujours avec nous et les prières pour ceux qui nous ont quittés. L'activité suivante inclue la peinture par des jeunes âgés de 18 à 22 ans. Les jeunes ont été invités à utiliser le thème de l'émotion pour peindre puisque la liberté d'expression et de religion sont des thèmes proches de moi. L'activité suivante, mais non la dernière inclut la fabri-

cation de bracelets de style Shamballa. Mais ce n'était pas des bracelets shamballa normaux. Comme vous le savez peut-être les billes de shamballa sont très sacrées elles-mêmes. Ayant choisi d'utiliser ces perles, les jeunes ont également fait des bracelets de salut en utilisant les perles.

Le jour du baptême, chaque invité a reçu une bougie et un bracelet lors de leur départ, permettant ainsi à chaque invité de partager cette portion importante de ma vie et ceux qui entourent sa vie. En espérant que ma célébration pourrait être partagée avec ceux qui m'entourent afin d'apprécier l'art de faire des choix dans nos vies quotidiennes.

Mon père, un ami proche et ma marraine ont prononcé un discours, même s'ils n'étaient pas tous de confession anglicane.

Le baptême a été un succès avec environ 60 personnes provenant de divers milieux culturels, dégustant des amuse-gueules.

# Companionship experienced through the magic of technology!

Susan Winn

A highlight of our October synod this year was a face to face meeting with Bishop Barbara Andrews for the renewal of our partnership with the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (or APCI).

This meeting took place with Bishop Barbara via Skype, all the way from 100 Mile House in northern British Columbia. On the floor of our synod were four members of the partnerships committee from APCI.

Flanked by members of the partnerships committee of the Diocese of Montreal, the renewal agreement until 2018 was signed by the chairs of both committees, Mrs. Penny Noël and Captain the Reverend Isabel Healy-Morrow of APCI. This renewal, approved unanimously, will enable both areas of the church to build on learning and understandings gained in the previous five years. The delight on the faces of Bishop Barbara and her people in APCI, and the joy on the floor of the Montreal synod brought our church together in a way that could be possible only through the amazing technology now available and the skills of experts like Mark Dunwoody and a partner in APCI.

In the first five years, since a visit by Bishop Gordon Light in 2008, a number of individuals have experienced this partnership in important ways. Our Youth Ambassadors visited APCI in the summer of 2012 and were hosted by our partners. Our



VISITORS FROM THE B.C. INTERIOR wave to the folks back home in 100 Mile House via Skype. From left: Carmen Fairley, Betty-May Gore, Laura Suchell and Capt. Rev. Isabel Healy-Morrow. (Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

young ambassadors had the experience of building new stairs and a ramp to the door of a church in Merritt. They toured the countryside around Kamloops, and travelled to Saskatchewan with youth from two other Dioceses for a shared experience at the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Conference. This was a time of faith sharing and new friendships with many Christian youth.

This year we had the privilege of hosting four individuals, Laura Suchell and Carmen Fairley from Merritt and Isabel Healy-Morrow

and Betty-May Gore from Kamloops. This visit was hosted by the Montreal partnerships committee, and included meals together on the West Island and in Châteauguay, tours of Kahnawake, St. Joseph's Oratory, Old Montreal and Pointe Claire. The four ladies spoke in Montreal churches on Sunday the 20th, sharing their joy in the partnership with congregations in Hudson, St. Anne de Bellevue, Lachine and Bedford.

With the opportunity for this partnership to grow over the next five years, the committee members

are looking forward to connecting interested parishes in order to share ministries and celebrations. Plans will be made to develop materials for people of Montreal who may travel to APCI and who would like to contact partners there. It is hoped that there will be opportunities for youth from APCI to visit Montreal to connect with our youth ambassadors in the very near future. The Partnerships Committee will keep parishes informed as plans develop. Because APCI has a long history of work with indigenous people and residential school experiences, our partners



ANDREA MANN, global relations co-ordinator for the Anglican Church of Canada, told delegates to the Montreal synod and their APCI visitors that, "You are leaders in life-giving partnerships."

have much to teach us. We are able to share our experience of parish life in a big city as well as in our rural communities. We have in common a hunger for learning, a joy in our faith and our gratitude that, in God, this companionship is possible.

*Susan Winn is a member of the Diocese of Montreal partnerships committee.*

## Parishes trade knowhow on fund-raising



THE EVENING BEFORE the Stewardship Café, some of its leading participants got together at the Church of the Resurrection in Pointe Claire to strategize over supper. Here's the volunteer team that made the supper.



TWO TOP MONEY MEN for the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop John Robertson, national gift planning officer, and Paul Clur, development officer, resources for mission, shared some of their knowledge at the café.

Developing healthy attitudes and practices is one of the most critical challenges facing parishes, Archbishop Douglas Hambidge, former metropolitan of British Columbia and Yukon, told participants in a Diocese of Montreal "Stewardship Café and Workshop Day", October 5.

Along with hearing from the retired archbishop, a specialist in stewardship, several dozen partici-

pants in the day-long activity at St. Barnabas Church in Pierrefonds heard from other national specialists in stewardship. From them and one another, they exchanged ideas, learned about resource materials.

The day followed up on a similar one in 2012.

Shortly after the event, Rev. Neil Mancor of St. George's Church in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, a member of the diocesan stewardship council,

told delegates to the annual diocesan synod October 19 that a consultation on having a big diocesan fund-raising led to the conclusion that "maybe before a large-scale campaign we need to begin with the parishes."

He said the diocese hopes to hire someone with expertise in fund-raising, "who will be a powerful resource for the parishes."

## DECEMBER SALES and EVENTS

**Church of the Epiphany Verdun**  
4322 Wellington St.

**ART SHOW**

Sat. Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Information: 514-769-5373, epiphanyverdun.com or on Facebook.

**Christ Church Cathedral**  
Cathedral, 635 Ste. Catherine St. W. (exhibition), and Atrium, 1444 Union Ave. (boutique)

**FAIR TRADE BOUTIQUE AND EXHIBITION OF FAIR TRADE NATIVITIES**

Mon.-Sat. Dec. 2-7, noon-5 p.m., Thursday to 8 p.m.

Shop for Christmas in the Atrium and see Nativities from around the world in the Cathedral

**Church of the Epiphany Verdun**  
4322 Wellington St.

**MINI BAZAAR**

Sat. Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Information: 514-769-5373, epiphanyverdun.com or on Facebook.

**St. James the Apostle Montreal**  
1439 St. Catherine St. W. (corner Bishop Street)

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE, BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON**

Sat. Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Great sweet treats: cakes, cookies, jams, and jellies. Home made tourtières. Hand-crafted Christmas cards and decorations. White elephant table. Hot lunch 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. Information: Lorna Titterton 514-485-7951, Sheilah Turner 514-937-2714

**St. Stephen's with St. James Chambly**  
Randell Hall,

**2000 rue de Bourgogne PARISH CHRISTMAS SUPPER**

Sat. Dec. 7 from 6 p.m.

Enjoy a wonderful turkey supper with friends and family at the start of the wonderful festive and holy season. Information: Eileen Agley at 450-658-1027 or 450-658-5882

**Christ Church Beaurepaire**  
455 Church St. (corner Fieldfare Ave.), Beaconsfield

**FESTIVE NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER**

Wed. Jan. 1. Time to be confirmed.

Christ Church Beaurepaire will host a New Year's Day Dinner for the community. All are welcome to come and enjoy a meal and fellowship in the parish hall. For time and other details call 514-697-2204.

**St. Barnabas Pierrefonds**  
12301 Colin St.

**INTERNATIONAL DINNER/SOUPER INTERNATIONAL**

Sat. Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Entertainment/spectacles, door prizes/cadeaux. Tickets \$25, children 6-12 \$10, 5 and under free. Proceeds to the St. Barnabas building fund. Information: church 514-684-4460, Mabel 514-685-1130.

# CARING FOR CREATION

A column by the Stewardship of the Environment Committee

## Sodom and Gomorrah come to Ghana

Diane Norman

This is the seventh article in a series which focuses on the link between this diocese and our physical environment.

Only 30 years ago there was practically no electronic waste, known as e-waste. Thirty years ago the Korle Lagoon, near Accra, Ghana, was a pristine wetland, teeming with fish and other wildlife. Today it is a place called by locals 'Sodom and Gomorrah.' It is an e-waste burning site: Agbobloshie, a wasteland of severe chemical contamination, toxic smoke, and plastic rubble, with no life whatsoever. It has become a digital dumping ground, receiving legal and illegal exportations of electronic material from industrialized nations. Between 250 and 300 containers of e-waste are delivered daily to Agbobloshie after the buyers of the waste have sifted through and removed any potentially useful contribution, and after potential cyber criminals have accessed junked hard drives.

At Agbobloshie recycling takes place in a crude way, accomplished

by hordes of human vultures, many of them children. Everything is disassembled manually and there is open burning to isolate copper and any other sellable metal from plastic. Our waste is poisoning the poor at Agbobloshie and at all the other e-waste burning sites in China, India, and Russia. We are also exposing ourselves to cybercrime. The U.S. State Department ranks Ghana as one of the top sources of cybercrime. Criminals sift through the discarded hard-drives before they arrive at Agbobloshie and extract any information of potential value.

Fortunately, responsible disposal of our personal e-waste is available in Montreal. Personal data is erased. All recycling occurs in North America. Nothing is disposed of in a landfill. No waste materials from the recycling process are exported out of the country.

Allo la Terre, the Quebec branch of Earth Day Canada, Call2Recycle, began to recuperate cell phones in 2008, and by 2012 had saved 90,000 cell phones and their accessories from the dump.

This year (2013) a greater variety

of electronic devices are accepted at a greater number of depots. Videotron, Super Club Videotron and Archambault locations across the province are all acting as depots for Allo la Terre and will accept the following:

- Cell phones and accessories: cables, connectors, chargers (all packed in a single bag)
- Telecommands
- Electronic tablets
- Electronic book readers
- Game consoles and accessories
- Routers
- Modems
- Mobile accessories: internet plugins and mobile wi-fi
- All types of batteries (in a sealed plastic bag)

Electronic devices are recuperated because certain toxic substances, such as lead, cadmium and mercury, have deleterious effects on human health and on the environment if they are not managed in a responsible way. Zinc, lead, and copper can be re-used to make new products, and thanks to Recyc-Québec it is possible to give a second life to some devices.

Batteries going to landfill liberate toxic vapours and can contaminate the water table.

About 515,000 kilograms of batteries were collected in Quebec in 2012. On April 22nd (for Earth Day) 16 tons of electronic goods were brought to Victoria Square for responsible recycling; 105 tons have been collected since 2008. Let us make certain we add to that amount.

For more information get in touch with [allolaterre@jourdelaterre.org](mailto:allolaterre@jourdelaterre.org) or at (514) 728-0116 or 1-800-424-8758

### Milk bag mattresses

On another recycling note, I became aware this month of the milk-bag mattress project. It seems that the non-biodegradable milk bags that contain the three bags of milk in the four-litre sales format can be crocheted or woven into mattresses for children.



WASTE-BURNING SITE at Agbobloshie, near Accra, Ghana.

(Photo by Lantus, Wikipedia Creative Commons)

These mattresses are used by organizations like Doctors without Borders, first as packaging material for shipments of medical material and then as mattresses for children who would otherwise have to sleep on the ground or on leaves, both of which harbour parasites and infectious biting insects.

The material used in milk bags resists mildew and bugs, is washable, and provides cushioning. Apparently the use of these plastic mattresses reduces infections caused by ringworm by 60 per cent and parasites in youths by 40 per cent. It takes 250-400 milk bags to make a mattress.

Churches and other organizations in the Ottawa area have sent off over 3,030 mattresses to Haiti and other distressed areas, putting in 30,000 hours of work and saving half a million bags from the landfill. St. Hilary's church in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto has sent off 40 milk bag mattresses to Haiti. In the Toronto area there are often partnerships between schools and senior

organizations.

Closer to home, Rosemere High School teacher Suzanne Charbonneau has begun a mattress project at the school. She has hundreds of strips that need crocheting together and is looking for volunteers who can crochet. Instructions are available.

As student Chelsea Chisholm writes 'Who would've thought the literal trash of one country could become the treasure of another?' You can reach Suzanne Charbonneau at the school, 450-621-5900 or by email at [scharbonneau@swlawrriersb.qc.ca](mailto:scharbonneau@swlawrriersb.qc.ca).

It is easy to google "milk bag mattress" for more information. Or you can access North Burlington Baptist Church: [www.nbbc.ca](http://www.nbbc.ca) or [info@nbbc.ca](mailto:info@nbbc.ca) or visit [msbrownclassroom.blogspot.ca](http://msbrownclassroom.blogspot.ca); [www.bcuc.org](http://www.bcuc.org) (Bell's Corner United Church) or [www.recyclemilkbags.pbworks.com](http://www.recyclemilkbags.pbworks.com).

(Diane Norman is a member of the Stewardship of the Environment Committee.)



THESE BED MATS were made by volunteers at St. Hilary's Anglican Church Mississauga for shipment to Haiti.

(Photo from the parish website)

## Boxing champ Otis Grant in new venue for Mile End Mission

Staff

Otis Grant earned a silver medal for Canada as an amateur boxer in the 1987 Pan American Games and as a pro became WBO middleweight champion in 1997 but thinks the hardest challenges he has faced in life were his efforts to raise funds for worthy causes since hanging up his gloves in 2006.

That's what the Jamaican-born Montrealer, now 45, told his audience at the Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner of the Mile End Mission October 24, at which he was keynote speaker.

He said he is glad that relationships he built up over his years in athletics stand him in good stead in his work with community programs, soup kitchens and other efforts to relieve poverty.

And the need never ends, he said. "Poverty is twenty-four/seven, 365 days a year."

A member of the mission, introduced to the audience as Kelly, told them about how his life went downhill after the death of his mother some years but he found his way

back after renewing his acquaintance with the mission.

"I went from being a guy who hated myself and had no self-respect.



LIVELY, GENIAL AUCTIONEER Scotty Kessler works the room.

They loved me at the Mission and that's how I learned to love myself. Since then, my life has been significantly better."

Since 1991 the Mission has served poor and vulnerable people in and around the north-central Mile End district deal with problems of pover-

ty, mental illness, lack of schooling and skills, abuse addiction and homelessness.



TAKING A BREATH, Dean Blachford of Ottawa, formerly a member of the Mile End Mission board, who busied himself with the fund-raising auction, relaxes with board member Vicky Nikolakakos and board member Annick Lavogiez, president of the Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner.

(Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

# THE STILLNESS WITHIN

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



## Sunrise Liturgy prepares reader for 'holy moments'

The people who come to my meditation sessions are often looking for practical solutions to real life problems. They want to discover the tools and exercises they can use to cultivate lives that are calmer, more compassionate, and more centered on something deeper than themselves. Their approach to spirituality is holistic as they work with the realities of their relationships, work, and everyday consciousness.

Addressing such people, Brian C. Taylor in *Setting the Gospel Free* says, "The kind of Christian faith that is needed for our time is one that is experiential: using the Christian symbols and teachings in order to point to the truth in universal, real-life human experience. The kind of Christian practice that is needed is contemplative: using meditative prayer, liturgy, study, service, and other traditions in order to awaken to the immanence of God in the moment."

This is exactly what Mia Anderson is doing in her new collection of poetry *The Sunrise Liturgy: A Poem Sequence*. Her ambitious aim is to breathe new life into Christian practice.

Mia Anderson is an Anglican priest in the Diocese of Québec, has published three previous books of poetry, and lives in Portneuf, Que-

bec. She is the recent recipient of the 2013 Montreal International Poetry Prize. She has acted in the theatre, radio and television, and at one point was a practising shepherd. She brings all her previous experience to *The Sunrise Liturgy*.

Reading this book is like experiencing one of author and workshop leader Joan Borysenko's "holy moment" exercises. Borysenko uses this practice to bring her listeners into awareness of the sacredness of the present moment. It consists of first relaxing and then remembering a time when you felt totally present. You are to enter this memory with all of your senses, remembering sights, colours, smells, emotions, and so forth. Having recalled the moment with deep clarity, you are then asked to let go of the memory, and to experience what remains. Borysenko calls what remains "the stillness and joy of the awareness of the Divine Presence," and says that every moment can be a "holy moment" if one enters into it with conscious awareness.

Anderson's *Sunrise Liturgy* is like one long guided meditation preparing the ground for the reader to have their own "holy moment" experience. We are guided through the seasons, experiencing the sunrise with all its accompanying light,



MIA ANDERSON

shadows, and colours. As we enter into the sunrise with all our senses, we experience the mystical wonder of the joy of creation. This joy remains no matter what the weather. At times the sun may be obscured by clouds or fog or rain. Yet, we can be sure on the next day that the sun will rise, and that the Son beyond the sun, will also rise. In "Lent I: In The Blink" she writes:

*"It's a secret, sunrise.  
You thought it was self-evident.  
You stood before it  
seeing the light break, what's to wonder?"*

Anderson's focus in *The Sunrise*

*Liturgy* is nothing short of liberating the church's liturgy and life. "Jesus set religion free for himself and his followers," writes Brian Taylor. "Jesus shifted his disciple's gaze from the interior concerns of religious cult to the immediacy of God in each moment... Jesus' religion was an open system, pointing out toward life." In *The Sunrise Liturgy*, Anderson is attempting to do the same thing. She wants to shift our gaze to "the immediacy of God in each moment," and her vehicle is the sun and all of nature.

Just as the sun resurrects each day, so can each of us do the same thing. Anderson tells us that we can know and understand; we can learn, grow, and heal *in this present moment*. All we need to do is listen and take a lesson from nature. As we bring our conscious awareness to each moment, it support our connection with the Divine Presence in-all-things, and we find ourselves rising/resurrecting afresh each day. The rising of the sun is a holy moment echoing the presence of the Divine, or as Mia Anderson puts it in "Easter Morning":

*... the Rising,  
This is what we have been trying  
to say in our awkward way  
To all our lovelies: You can bear it  
birthing our joy...*

*The sun is rising.  
Time to up  
and run.*

### Practicing the "holy moment" exercise.

Here is Joan Borysenko's outline for practicing the "holy moment" exercise as a way of entering into an awareness of the Divine presence:

Take a few letting-go breaths and remember a time when you felt present in the moment – absorbed in a sunset, marveling at fresh-fallen snow, enchanted by the smile of a baby. Enter the memory with all your senses. Remember the sights and colours, the smells, the position and movement of your body, the emotional or felt sense. Now, let the memory go and meditate for a few minutes on what remains – the stillness and joy of your awareness of the Divine Presence. Every moment that you are in the present is a holy moment. I often begin periods of meditation or centering prayer by recalling a holy moment.

Until next time,

Blessings and Shalom,

CEDRIC+

(Mia Anderson: *The Sunrise Liturgy: A Poem Sequence*. Eugene OR, Wipf and Stock, 2012, 92 pages.)

### "Going Blended"

A Workshop on using both Traditional and Contemporary styles of liturgy and music in parish worship

9:30 am-1:30 pm, Saturday, January 18, 2014

Facilitators:

The Rev Chris Barrigar, PhD,  
St. Peter's TMR  
Stephen Mullin, M.Mus.,  
Music Director, St Peter's TMR

Please let us know if  
you intend to attend:  
[admin@stpeterstmr.org](mailto:admin@stpeterstmr.org)

For more information go to:  
[www.stpeterstmr.org](http://www.stpeterstmr.org)

## Called to prayer ministry?

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer is looking for a Diocesan Representative to fill the role of providing leadership in prayer ministry for the Diocese of Montreal. Diocesan Representatives are front-line people who have the opportunity to work with people to further the life of prayer in the diocese.

The main requirement for a Diocesan Representative of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer is a personal commitment to prayer, and a desire to see other people grow in their walk with the Lord. Whatever the Diocesan Representative needs in terms of leadership, experience and spiritual gifts can be compensated for by inviting others into a

Diocesan Committee to work as a team, providing prayer leadership, by teaching and by example.

If you feel called to this ministry, have the support of your bishop; and would like further information, you may contact Esther Jackson, chairperson of the AFP National Executive, at [estherj@shaw.ca](mailto:estherj@shaw.ca) or the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Resource Person, Paul Dumbrille, at [pauldumbrille@sympatico.ca](mailto:pauldumbrille@sympatico.ca).

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Diocesan Representative is appointed by and responsible to the diocesan bishop. More information about the AFP is available on the website, [www.anglicanprayer.org](http://www.anglicanprayer.org).

### Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Montreal Memorial Service for Victims of Violence



FRIDAY, December 6

Holy Eucharist at 12:15 pm

Christ Church Cathedral

Celebrant: The Rev'd Shirley Smith

Homilist: Ms. Sally Richmond, Executive Director of Logifem Inc.

Deacon: Rev'd Jean Willcocks

Light refreshments following the service in the Cathedral's Baptistry

TOUS SONT BIENVENUS! EVERYONE WELCOME!

We look forward to seeing you.

## Spiritual calendar

### PAWS & PRAY

Christ Church Beaufort

455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaconsfield

Sun. Dec. 1, 1 p.m.

This month's service is dedicated to saving the wolves. By exploring their history and habitat, their role in the evolution of dogs, and their place in popular culture, Paws & Pray will highlight the need to get involved with their story and their future. Paws & Pray is a service of the Holy Eucharist where people can bring their canine companions. Everyone with or without a dog is always welcome. For information: 514-697-2204 or visit [www.christchurchbeaufort.com](http://www.christchurchbeaufort.com) or Facebook.

### MEDITATION CIRCLE

At Christ Church Beaufort

455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaconsfield Meditation Circle

The Still Presence Spirituality Center  
Every Monday in the Chapel at 7 p.m.

"Entering the Mystery" Dec. 2 and 9. Sessions resume in January. Alternately led by Michael Johnson and Cedric Cobb.

### SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S EVE, EVE MEDITATION CIRCLE

At Christ Church Beaufort

455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaconsfield Meditation Circle

Mon. Dec. 30, 7 p.m.

Led by Cedric Cobb. Bring poetry or a reading, and treats to share. The evening consists of sitting and walking meditation, a ritual to bring in the New Year, and time to share. Tea and loving hearts will be provided. To learn more: [www.stillpresence.com](http://www.stillpresence.com) or Father Michael at 514-697-2204.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Christ Church Cathedral

Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Montreal

Fri. Dec. 6, Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m.

Celebrant: Rev. Shirley Smith, homilist: Ms. Sally Richmond, executive director of Logifem, deacon: Rev. Jean Willcocks. Light refreshments in the Cathedral's Baptistry will follow the service

### THE KIRKLAND CONCERT BAND

Christ Church Beaufort

455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaconsfield

Sat. Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

The band will be present some seasonal music. Refreshments. Tickets at \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors are available at the door. The proceeds are shared between the Kirkland Concert Band and the Christ Church Christmas Basket Fund. For information: 514-697-2204 or [www.christchurchbeaufort.com](http://www.christchurchbeaufort.com).

### CONCERT SERIES

Christ Church Beaufort

455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaconsfield

The third Tuesday of the month through May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The next concert, Jan. 21, will feature interpretations of Edith Boucher Hazelton using voice, instruments and multimedia. Upcoming: the AJVM vocal jazz ensemble, Matthew Russell on the trombone, Emily Belvedere on the harp, the Vega String Quartet. Meet the artist at a reception after each concert. Admission \$20. Information 697-2204

([christchurch@qc.aibn.com](mailto:christchurch@qc.aibn.com)) or Earl Wilson 586-9338 (earlwilson.ca).

## Redroof Church begins new liturgical year



THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST in winter

An Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols will take place at the downtown Church of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday December 1st, the first Sunday in Advent, at 5p.m.

The Service begins in complete darkness, with the choir singing the "Matin Responsory" by Palestrina. The Service continues with readings, Advent carols, choral music from the Renaissance through contemporary repertoire, and the beautiful "O

Antiphons," ancient Magnificat antiphons sung during Vespers in the last seven days of Advent in Western Christian traditions.

Music director Federico Andreoni says, "The Procession, which marks the beginning of Advent, is not only a wonderful moment of spirituality and meditation, but a way of building, through words and music, a communal sense of expectation towards Christmas."

## Exhibition of nativities to complement fair trade boutique

This Advent, the Social Justice Action Group of Christ Church Cathedral in partnership with Ten Thousand Villages, St Denis Street, is presenting the popular fair trade boutique once again, along with a new exhibition of fair trade nativities from around the world. Both will run from Mon.-Sat. Dec. 2-7, noon and 5 p.m. (until 8 p.m. Thursday). The fair trade boutique will take place as usual in the Atrium, 1444 Union Ave.; the exhibition of nativities in Christ Church Cathedral.

The exhibition of fair trade nativities will be a contemplative experience, with visitors being invited to reflect on biblical verses concerning the Christmas story, whilst learning about the historical tradition of nativities, and finding out the stories of the people who have crafted each of the fair trade nativities on display. Nativities from many countries will be featured, including Palestine, Nigeria, The Philippines, Ghana and Peru.

The fair trade boutique will feature a wonderful range of Christmas decorations and gifts for the whole family, with a special emphasis on beautiful handwoven and hand-printed textiles for the home.

All profits will be donated to organizations promoting mother and baby health care, and there will also be an opportunity to learn about this cause.

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FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Cathédrale  
Christ Church  
Cathedral



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Mother & Baby health care

## ADVENT and CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

### Christ Church Cathedral

**ADVENT SUNDAY**  
Sunday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.  
With the Cathedral Dancers  
**MUSIC AND READINGS FOR ADVENT**  
Sunday, Dec. 1, 4 p.m.  
**THE ADVENT OASIS**  
Thursdays in Advent, Dec. 5, 12 and 19:  
5-9 p.m.  
Plainsong chant, handbells, Celtic harp and flute, silence, prayer stations, labyrinth, meditation, prayer and healing  
**CAROLS WITH THE BISHOP**  
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m.  
**SINGALONG MESSIAH**  
Saturday, Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m.  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL AND PARTY**  
Saturday, Dec. 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Family Saturday  
**LA NATIVITÉ DU SEIGNEUR: MESSIAIEN**  
Saturday, Dec. 21, 4:30 p.m.  
Organist Patrick Wedd  
**MUSIC AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS**  
Sunday, Dec. 22, 4 p.m.  
**EUCHARIST AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 4 p.m.  
**MIDNIGHT MASS**  
Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 11 p.m.  
**FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**  
Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.  
**MUSIC AND READINGS FOR EPIPHANY**  
Sunday, Jan. 12, 4 p.m.  
**A CELEBRATION OF WINTER IN MONTREAL**  
Friday, Jan. 24, evening  
In poetry, music and prose

### St. James Rosemere

328 Pine St.  
**CANDLELIGHT CAROLS AND LESSONS**  
Sun. Dec. 15, 7 p.m.  
Festive get-together will follow. Donations to the food basket would be appreciated. (The Drop-In Centre will close for the holidays on December 18 and reopen, hosted as always by Winston and Becky Fraser, on January 8.)  
Information 450-621-6466 or [info@stjamesrosemere.ca](mailto:info@stjamesrosemere.ca).

### St. John the Evangelist, Montreal

137 President Kennedy Ave.  
(corner of St. Urbain St.)  
**FIRST TO FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
Sundays, Dec. 1-22, 10:30 a.m.  
Solemn High Mass. Followed by coffee and tea in the Parish Hall  
**ADVENT PROCESSION WITH LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
Sunday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m. Followed by evensong and benediction  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Tues. Dec. 24, 2013, 10 p.m.  
Solemn High Mass with procession and Blessing of the Crib  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Wed. Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.  
Solemn High Mass with procession and Visit to the Crib  
**THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**  
New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.  
Solemn High Mass  
**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**  
Mon. Jan. 6, 5:45 p.m.  
Solemn High Mass with procession.  
Information:

### St. Joseph of Nazareth Brossard

725 Provencher Blvd.  
**FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER AND GAMES**  
Sat. Dec. 7, 5 p.m.  
Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$5, family rate \$25.

### St James the Apostle

1439 St. Catherine St. W.  
**BIBLE STUDY/ÉTUDE BIBLIQUE**  
Advent 1-4, Sundays Dec. 1-22, 10 a.m.  
**SUNG EUCHARIST/EUCHARISTIE CHANTÉE**  
Sundays Dec. 1, 8 and 22, 11 a.m.  
**SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS/DE LECTURES ET DE CANTIQUES**  
Sunday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m.  
**SUNG EUCHARIST/EUCHARISTIE CHANTÉE**  
Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 10 p.m.  
**EUCHARIST/EUCHARISTIE**  
Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
Sunday, Dec. 29, 11 a.m.  
(Bible study resumes Jan. 5)

### Church of the Epiphany Verdun

4322 Wellington St.  
Sun. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – HOPE**  
Sun. Dec. 8, 10 a.m.  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PEACE**  
Sun. Dec. 15, 10 a.m.  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – JOY**  
Sun. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LOVE**  
Tue. Dec. 24, 7 p.m.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
Wed. Dec. 25, 9 a.m.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
(As part of its outreach program during December, in support of St. Michael's Mission and Mile End Mission the parish is collecting such items as razors, shaving cream, soap, shampoo, peanut butter, coffee, men's socks, underwear and towels. There will be several boxes set up in the churches.)

### St. Matthias' Church Westmount

131 Côte St. Antoine Road  
**ADVENT SUNDAY**  
Sunday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m.  
Lessons and Carols for Advent  
**ADVENT III**  
Sunday, Dec. 15, 5 p.m.  
Festival of Lessons and Carols  
**CHRISTMAS EVE: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m.  
**CANDLELIGHT CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 10 p.m.  
**CHRISTMAS DAY; FAMILY CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST**  
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.

### The Orpheus Singers chamber choir

**UN SOIR DE NEIGE: A CELEBRATION OF WINTER**  
Saturday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
At St. Matthias' Church Westmount,  
131 Côte St. Antoine Road  
Directed by Peter Schubert, present Works by Garbieli, Mouton, Brahms, Poulenc and Nørgård  
Seniors/Students: \$12 (\$15 door), Adults: \$18 (\$20 door)  
Information 514 694-2609

### Christ Church Beaurepaire

455 Church St. (corner Fieldfare), Beaconsfield  
"WASSAIL"  
Fri. Dec. 6, 7 p.m.  
Kick off your Christmas celebrations with good friends and great carol singing, followed by "holiday cheer". Freewill offerings from the Wassail support the Christ Church Christmas basket program.  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
Mon. Dec. 16, 8 p.m.  
Choral, instrumental and vocal music with the augmented choir of Christ Church performing arrangements of best seasonal music. Recording and touring artist Kerry-Anne Kutz, as well as the sounds of Yubin Kim (violin), Zhou Fang (cello), Mike Cartile (trumpet) and Matthew Russell (trombone) arranged and directed by Earl Wilson.  
Tickets \$20, proceeds to the work of Christ Church.  
**ADVENT 4**, Sun. Dec. 22.  
Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.  
Festival of Lessons and Carols and Holy Baptism 10:15 a.m.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**, Tue. Dec. 24 – Holy Eucharist (family-centered), 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist (choral) 10:30 p.m.  
(No services on Christmas Day.)  
**CHRISTMAS 1**, Sun. Dec. 29  
Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. (one service only)  
(Regular schedule resumes Sunday, January 5.)  
For information: 514-697-2204 or [www.christchurchbeaurepaire.com](http://www.christchurchbeaurepaire.com) or Facebook. Or Earl Wilson at 514 486-9338 or [earlwilson.ca](mailto:earlwilson.ca)

### All Saints Deux Montagnes

248-18th Ave.  
**ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.  
To benefit Agapé, which provides food and other community services  
**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE**  
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 7p.m.  
Worship, music and fun for the young and not so young.  
**TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
Information: 450-473-9541 or [info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca](mailto:info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca) or <http://www.allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca>

# ✂ Diocesan Clippings (and Snapshots) 📷

## Ponsonby cemetery reconsecrated

A pioneer cemetery in the Outaouais, about 30 kilometres north of Montebello and in use since at least the early 20th century, was reconsecrated by Bishop Barry Clarke over the Thanksgiving weekend.

About 40 people attended the ceremony, which marked the completion of efforts to reconfigure the Ponsonby

Anglican Cemetery, in a village generally known as Boileau, through transactions with the owners of property on its borders. The efforts were led by Harold Linton, a member of one of the pioneer families served.

The graves of about 50 people who died between 1906 and 2000 have been identified and it is believed there are

other graves where wooden markers have disappeared. The parish was served by a chapel where services were held from time to time between the late 19th century and about 1935, when it was demolished.

The community is now served by Grace Church Arundel.



RECONSECRATING THE CEMETERY, Bishop Barry Clarke is preceded by Harold Linton, who led the restoration project, and the parish priest, Rev. Canon David Sinclair.

(Photos: Janet Griffith)



KEEPING A TRADITION ALIVE, the Ponsonby Anglican Cemetery is about 30 kilometres north of Montebello.

## Ancestors' Day in Rougemont



ST. THOMAS' CHURCH ROUGEMONT celebrated a special service September 29 to honour and remember the lives of those who have gone before. In the adjacent cemetery in front of each headstone, a fresh flower was placed in a uniquely designed memorial vase and left there until the following Sunday. About 70 former residents and friends attended the church service preceding a visit to the cemetery and reception. This is to be an annual event; have a look at the web-site for more information: [www.ancestorsday.ca](http://www.ancestorsday.ca).

## St. Paul's Greenfield Park gets new floor and new "Saints"



ANTICIPATING INTERNATIONAL TREATS, parishioners and friends of St. Paul's Anglican Church line up at the buffet table at the second annual International Gala Evening October 26. It was the first event in the church hall since a \$55,000 renovation that, among other things, replaced a foundation and floor that had been heaving because of pyrites. The parish expects \$25,000 to come from the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors program and is seeking another \$15,000 from a national agency called the Anglican Foundation.



"RECYCLED PARTS," a pickup quartet of members of the popular South Shore Saints Barbershop Chorus, provides some close harmony at the second annual International Gala evening on October 26. Alan Briand, at right in the photo, chorus director of the Saints (and parish treasurer) told those on hand that the 24-man group is moving its headquarters and practices to St. Paul's from the Église Catholique de St-Lambert in St. Lambert.

(Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

## St Luke's Rosemont lives on

A ministry that began in 1854, or 160 years ago next year, and continued in Rosemont in a second church 85 years ago, was celebrated October 20, at the Church of St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke,

where many parishioners began worshipping when the second St. Luke's closed in 1995.

"People gathered from near and far within the diocese to celebrate the ministry and to come home,"

reports Rev. Roslyn Macgregor.

Madeleine Roberts' grandparents were members of the original St. Luke's on what is now René Lévesque Boulevard and her Johnson family helped found St. Luke's, Rosemont. Also on hand were Elsie Chapman, who came with her family from Hudson, Reg Patterson from Dunham, Pam Knight and her mother and other family mem-

bers from St. Lawrence LaSalle, Eleanor Goodhand from St. Thomas, N.D.G. and others.

"The spirits of people like Norman Taylor, Eleanor Livick, Bill and Madeleine Brocklesby, and members of the Riddle, Hutton, Pike and Martineau families and so many more were present in our hearts.

"After a beautiful service, there

was a luncheon, much laughter and sharing of stories of Sunday School, baptisms, weddings, funerals, celebrations, and full pews. (In the 1950s there were over 350 children in the Sunday school.)

"And so a family gathered – old family, new family – a worshipping and committed little church community in the East End continuing to minister within and without."



REV. ROSLYN MACGREGOR poses with some new scions from St. Luke's stock.



St. LUKE'S GRADUATES line up for a photo.

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## Nuit des sans-abri à Longueuil

La Marche de la Nuit des sans-abri Rive-Sud 2013, une marche festive et animée de solidarité et de sensibilisation aux conséquences de l'itinérance et de la pauvreté, s'est déroulée dans les rues du Vieux Longueuil dans la soirée du 18 octobre. Le long d'un parcours de trois kilomètres, environ 400 participants ont visité quatre organismes dédiés à la lutte contre l'itinérance et la pau-

vreté pour finir avec une vigile dans le parc St-Mark devant l'église. L'Église St-Mark était ouverte pour la circonstance.

La Nuit des sans-abri est un mouvement de solidarité dans plus de 20 villes du Québec qui vise à sensibiliser la population à la réalité des personnes sans-abri. Chaque troisième vendredi d'octobre, la Nuit s'organise autour d'une vigile de solidarité nocturne.

« Le Parc et l'Église St-Mark sont très stratégiques pour de tels événements, » selon Marco Carpinteyro, coordonnateur de la Table Itinérance Rive-Sud.

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The march through the streets of Vieux Longueuil marking the Nuit des Sans-Abri, one of over 20 such events across Quebec, had a different route this year. The October

18 march wound up at St. Mark's Park, in front of the Anglican church, which was open for the occasion. The event seeks to raise awareness about poverty and the homeless. Marco Carpinteyro, co-ordinator of the Table Itinérance Rive-Sud, organizer of the march, praised the co-operation of the parish and its priest, Rev. Richard Gauthier. (Photos courtesy of TIRS)



MARCH FOR THE HOMELESS heads through Vieux Longueuil.



REV. RICHARD GAUTHIER



UNE NUIT COLORÉ AVEC ZURUBA: Les Percussions afro-brésiliennes Zuruba participaient dans la marche.

## Internment camp survivor honoured at jazz mass

A jazz mass in honour of All Saints' Day at the east-central "St. CHL" church turned into a surprise family birthday party as well when relatives from far and wide turned up to honour Akiko Sakai, a parishioner of long standing and volunteer parish gardener.

The November 3 service also honoured

Edith Sakai, as she is also known, on her Buddhist roots and the ordeal of her incarceration, along with other West Coast residents of Japanese origin, during the Second World War.

Akiko (Autumn Child) Sakai was born October 31, 1923 on Salt Spring Island, B.C.,

and moved with her family as a child to Prince Rupert, B.C., where she lived until 1941 when the Canadian government placed people of Japanese descent in internment camps in central British Columbia. Akiko's family was sent to New Denver where she was baptized an Anglican, and given a

"Christian" name: Edith. After the war, Edith moved to Ontario for a few years, and then to Montreal. A husband died young but the has two children, Wendy and Grant. She has served for over 50 years at the former St. Hilda's Church and the merged parish of St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke.



ST. CHL ORGANIST TOM MENNIER brought five musician friends to play – guitars, drums, standing bass, and Tom turning our tiny ordinary organ into a magnificent jazz instrument. "We sang, sang, and sang some more," reports Rev Roslyn Macgregor. "Clapped. Danced. Praised the Lord."



MORE THAN 20 PEOPLE who rejoice in Buddhist roots from Akiko Sakai's family, shown here. and another attended the service. Remembering family roots was one of the themes of the service.

## She's seen 'em come and go!



DEBBIE STEVENS-BOYER receives a print.

Debbie Stevens-Boyer was fêted by Saint George's Church in Châteauguay Sunday, October 27, on the occasion of her 25th Anniversary of faithful service to the parish as their secretary. Debbie was hired as the parish secretary in 1988, by then rector, Rev. John Bradley, and has since served as secretary with five other rectors: Rev. Keith Schmidt, Rev. Patrick Wheeler, Ven George Lambert, Rev. Geoff Chapman and currently, Rev. Robert Camara (beside her in the photo). Debbie also served with two assistant curates, the Rev. Michael Robson and Rev. Aloha Smith, and three interim priests, Rev. Roger Robillard, Rev. Murray Magor and Rev. Jennifer Bourque. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a framed recently commissioned print of the parish by local artists Brand and Sutton.

## A chilly fall evening in LaSalle



REV. DEACON MERLYNE HOWARD waits peacefully among international night door prizes at St. Lawrence Church International Night held Saturday October 26 in LaSalle after her coat and the keys to the sacristy were both locked in the sacristy.