



Bishop urges Anglicans to emulate First Nations hospitality

Harvey Shepherd

Celebration of the 150th anniversary of the downtown Montreal Church of St. James the Apostle provided Bishop Barry Clarke with an occasion to urge Anglicans of European origin to emulate First Nations and Inuit both in their respect for the land and the welcome they once showed new arrivals.

Preaching at the church May 4 – the first Sunday after the anniversary

(marked on Thursday, May 1, by another service) – he said today's Quebec Anglicans may be disoriented by the waning place of their church in a society that has embraced secular values, but this may also have its advantages in encouraging them to take stock of what their church means today.

He said European "immigrants" – not pioneers – were once welcomed by First Nations and Inuit "who saw

this land as sacred and holy" and whose descendents may see the new arrivals and their descendents as "people who did not take that seriously."

He said the history of St. James the Apostle – the good and meaningful moments and "the dark periods that became healing moments as well" – all lives on.

"The whole community of saints are part and parcel of this communi-

ty here today."

He praised the recent efforts of the parish to reach out to various communities by providing space to organizations serving refugees, itinerants, spiritual groups and others. This reminded him of the hospitality once shown by the First Nations.

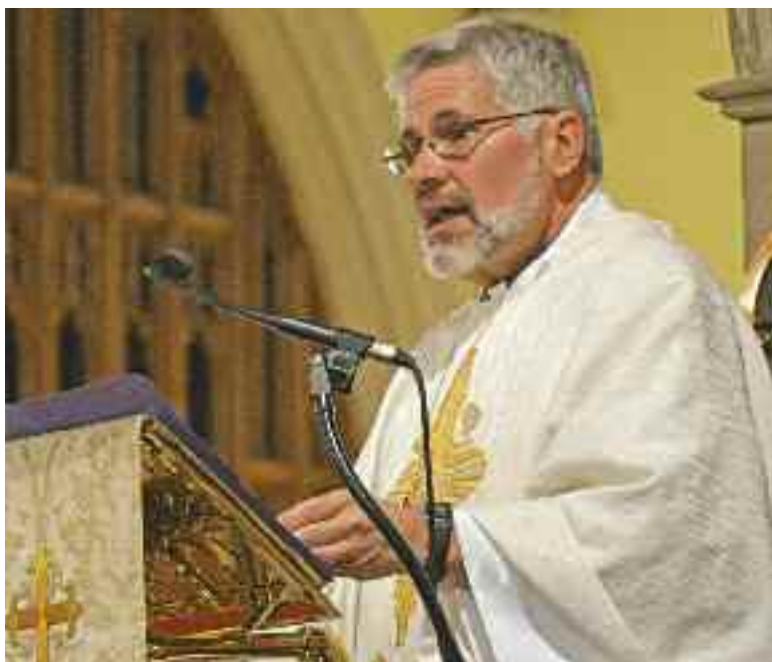
"We can be that welcoming church," he said – reaching out to immigrants, students and downtown workers.

They also need to respond to First Nations and Inuit who in increasing numbers are living on the streets of Montreal.

"We are now being called to a radical style of discipleship that will cost us something.

"We may not know where the future leads but we have the conviction that God leads us into God's future."

For more on the anniversary, see Pages 8 and 9.



BISHOP PREACHES at May 4 service.

(Photo: Michel Gagnon)



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE May 1 marked the exact anniversary of the Church of St. James the Apostle.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Mile End open house June 13-14



THE MILE END COMMUNITY MISSION will hold its annual open house Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14. "After the relentless winter we just had, we're so looking forward to opening our doors to the community," says the director, Linda (Lou) Hachey. "Some of the fun this year will include musicians, a barbecue, guignolée-appreciation awards, an art display, activity organized by the Mission's community art program, face painting – and much more! Come see what we've been up to this past year, meet some of the wonderful people who make up our community, and simply enjoy some time at the mission." For information, go to the website, www.mileendmission.org, or the Facebook page or call: 514-274-3401. The photo is from last year's open house.

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Mile End Notebook

Of tragedies, leaders and heroes amongst us at the Mile End Mission

Linda (Lou) Hachey

This past April, a much loved member of the Mile End Community Mission, Johnny, passed away – leaving a hole in the heart of the community that loved him. Johnny took his last breath surrounded by his sister Dora, brother Jonassie and sister-in-law Daisy, who flew in to Montreal from Nunavut thanks to the loving efforts of Rev. Roslyn Macgregor and members of Johnny's community of Sanikiluaq.

As with many members of the Mile End Mission, Johnny had a tragic life story – one that involved sexual abuse as a little boy by adults in positions of authority, including one of his teachers. With all the strength and courage it must have taken, Johnny started a collective action lawsuit many years ago that eventually brought this teacher to justice and resulted in compensation for the many victims involved in the case. Unfortunately, no compensation imaginable could heal Johnny's wounded heart.

While in Montreal, Johnny's family stayed at the Mile End Mission which provided loving care and an intimate view of the community that shared their brother's life for a number of years. Over 70 members of the Mission community gathered to pay respects to our Johnny in an inspir-

ing and loving service performed by Ros. Following the service, Johnny's body was flown back to his birthplace to rest close to family and friends.

At first glance, you might not ever have thought of this man as a leader, a hero. Seeing him every morning on the street corner asking passing cars for change, who would have thought? But he was a leader and a hero. Preoccupied by social justice issues, questions and concerns about

why Jesus was persecuted, Johnny turned his own personal tragedy into something that helped many people regain a sense of dignity and justice. I hope you get to know someone like Johnny in your lifetime – and if you do, don't be afraid to take a second glance, to ask questions, to understand. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Linda (Lou) Hachey is director of the Mile End Mission.



JOHNNY

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The 8th of June will be the great Feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter. We remember how Christ's promised gift to the disciples of the Holy Spirit, filled them once again with joy at the good news that Christ is alive.

I have been travelling a fair bit in recent weeks and meeting with clergy and bishops in other parts of our church. I am impressed at how we are faced, as people of God, with many opportunities to engage in God's mission and to be empowered for God's mission by the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are spoken of by St. Paul in the fourth chapter of his letter to the Ephesians:

"But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift." (4:7)

He explains:

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (4:11-13)

I have been thinking of the idea of building up the body of Christ. "The body of Christ" – what a wonderful sense of dignity and respect that phrase carries! The Holy Spirit invites us together into the joy of the Lord. The joy we experience is a wonderful sense of life together.

This is also the sense I get from Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, which I have been reading recently. He discusses God's mission and the proclamation of the Gospel



The Bishop's Message



in today's world. A hallmark of the early portion of this work is his emphasis on the joy of living as a Gospel people – a people with good news to share. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we experience the joy of living the Gospel.

Let me share these words of the Pope, from the first chapter, on the joy of the Church's missionary transformation:

"Let us go forth, then, let us go forth to offer everyone the life of Jesus Christ. Here I repeat for the entire Church what I have often said to the priests and laity of Buenos Aires: I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: 'Give them something to eat.' (Mark 6:37)"

+ Barry

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The experience of sanctuary: We are learning that following Jesus involves risk

Chris Barrigar

Rev. Chris Barrigar is the minister of St. Peter's TMR in the Town of Mount Royal, where Khurshid Begum Awan has been in refuge since August to avoid deportation to Pakistan.

In mid-August 2013, I was approached by a friend who is involved in a group concerned with immigration issues. This friend asked whether St. Peter's TMR would be willing to offer sanctuary to a Shia Pakistani woman, Mrs. Khurshid Awan, who was about to be deported within a few days. (Sanctuary is an ancient concept whereby a person under threat from authorities takes refuge in a church; because the church is holy space, authorities agree not to enter the church to seize the person.)

Our Corporation and Parish Council members met to consider this request – or at least as many as were available on short notice in the middle of August! We had to assess whether we felt the deportation order was just or unjust, and the decision was a difficult one. We knew that, were we to accept her, we would be defying the Canadian legal system – not a prospect with which we were comfortable. Moreover, despite a long history of involvement with refugees, we are not immigration experts! In the process we sought advice from Bishop Barry and Diocesan Chancellor David Eramian. For a variety of reasons, our Corporation decided to offer Mrs. Awan sanctuary, and she soon moved into our church building.

What has it been like for Mrs. Awan to be with us? It has been a very confining existence for her, living in St. Peter's through this past winter. She has not been outdoors since last August. She has also had no contact with her husband and other children in Pakistan for all this time. (They are in internal exile there, due to threats on their lives.) For various reasons we have been without kitchen facilities at St. Peter's, so her food has been provided by her daughter, Tahira, and her 15-year-old grandson, Ali, who are



ABOUT 50 SUPPORTERS, including parishioners and members of several groups, joined the Awan family in the church for lunch on Palm Sunday.

Canadian citizens and live nearby in Côte-des-Neiges. Tahira, who is a single mom, holds down two jobs in order to be able to pay the lawyer who is handling their case. Tahira often arrives back from her restaurant job after midnight, then has to be at her office job for 9 a.m.

Mrs. Awan has received a great deal of support from a group called Solidarity Across Borders. Many of these are young adults in their 20s, political and social activists for various causes, many of whom are Anarchists. They come regularly to keep Mrs. Awan company through her long, lonely, endlessly-boring days. She spends much of her time knitting, though one of our parishioners, Dawn Kennedy, comes in on Wednesday mornings to teach Mrs. Awan painting. Mrs. Awan gets very animated when she shows you the flowers she has painted! Other support has been provided by a group of nurses and doctors who volunteer to care for refugees in Montreal. Bishop Clarke has also played an important role with the media, and in providing moral support. Also, as Harvey

Shepherd has earlier reported in *The Montreal Anglican*, Thomas Mulcair has been to visit Mrs. Awan at St. Peter's.

What has it been like for us to have someone in sanctuary? There has been a learning curve! For instance, we had to figure out where she could stay. We have poor space to accommodate someone, so we have had to juggle our facilities, including giving Mrs. Awan a Sunday School classroom as a bedroom. For several months we kept Mrs. Awan's location secret, though we expected Canadian Border Services Agency to eventually track her down to us. Would CBSA agents try to enter our building to seize her? At one point some agents paid a visit to Bishop Clarke, at which time they told him they would not enter the church. We were much relieved! We have also learned a great deal about our refugee immigration system.

Through this process we have had opportunity to connect not only with Mrs. Awan, Tahira and Ali, but also with this wide variety of people supporting them – people we would have otherwise been very unlikely to connect with. On Palm Sunday, St. Peter's hosted a lunch to which various supporting groups were invited, with about 50 people present. At the lunch were not just parishioners but also members of Solidarity Across

Borders, the Montreal South Asian Women's Association, the Montreal Muslim Women's Association, the Mexican Migrant Workers Association, and the Radical Christians group from McGill. We had a wonderful time of meeting and getting to know each other's groups and concerns. There was also a period for speeches during the lunch. I was especially moved by a Muslim woman who took the microphone to say "Thank you to the people of this church for all you have done for Khurshid." A Muslim, speaking in a church, thanking Christians – how



KHURSHID BEGUM AWAN

often does that happen?! We felt something of the Kingdom of God happening at that lunch.

We have no idea how much longer she will be with us until her case is resolved. Perhaps years. This whole venture has been a risk of faith for us as a community, stepping out into completely unknown ministry-territory for us. But as a community we are learning that following Jesus involves risk, moving out of our comfort zone, and making mistakes along the way as we learn new modes of ministry and mission. Through this process, not only have we had the opportunity to bless Mrs. Awan, Tahira, and Ali, but they have helped us grow as a community of disciples of Jesus.



MUSLIMS were among those who shared lunch.



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Community connections: making introductions

Brian Perron

Rev. Brian Perron is assistant curate at St. Peter's TMR in the Town of Mount Royal.

Sometimes in life, it's who you know; however, regardless of who you know, if the introductions are not made, the opportunities just stagnate. The opportunities for discipleship within our congregations can be as close as an introduction and a handshake.

These handshakes can be as simple as a having someone on the board of an NGO knowing its needs and connecting them with the resources of the congregation where they worship. Fiona Crossling, board member of Meubles et Monde, introduced this organization and its coordinator, Sandrina Caseau, to the congregation of St. Peter's TMR. It was through this introduction that members of our congregation came alongside members of Meubles et Monde one day recently to pick up and deliver furniture to some of the many recently arrived immigrant families in Montreal who are living and sleeping on empty floors. Meubles et Monde bridges the gap between those who have quality used furniture to give away and the families who need it. Although the organ-



ization was started in, and remains centred in, Parc Extension, it collects furniture and serves families from St. Michel to LaSalle.

After a few weeks of announcements we were compelled as a congregation to step up to the task on a Saturday morning in March. We were not long into the day before we began to see and experience the life-giving beauty of meeting people at their need. About 20 volunteers from St. Peter's, along with a half dozen others who had been previously helped by Meubles et Monde, were assigned many different tasks. Some arrived early to prepare a breakfast of eggs and sausages with bagels for all the workers – over 25 individuals of all ages and strengths. Later with an organized plan we hit the streets with three trucks and several cars filled with the muscle needed to deliver furniture to about ten families

that day. Soon, though, we realized we were delivering more than furniture; we were delivering bedrooms, living rooms, and kitchens where people could now live a life with dignity that was promised to them in Canada. We soon realized that the names on the lists were more than just individuals, they were families – moms and dads and children. They were our neighbours with smiles of gratitude who we had come to know because of an introduction and the encouragement to step out and make connections within our community.

We made connections with those who wanted to donate their household goods to others. People were eager to give donations of furniture or money to help the cause. Mr. Tailon of La Mission du Grand Berger was eager to donate more than just the items indicated on his list; somehow he knew in his spirit that where we were going, they could do with a little more, and he was right on. He would have been so pleased to see the smiles on the people who received the extra tables and nightstands that further complemented our deliveries.

A young man living alone in a 1½ was thrilled to have a sofa and a table with chairs for his kitchen. However the transforming highlight for us was when we pulled up to a 1½-basement apartment and asked the man to come out to see the bed we had for him. He was so excited and said "Yes, I'll take it" after hardly looking at it. You see, he said, "My wife is seven months pregnant and she is sleeping on the floor. Now she will have a good night's sleep and she'll be relieved of her serious backache." He asked if we could assemble it for him. We agreed and were later pleased because, even with all of our tools and expertise, the unmatched parts of their bed were difficult to put together. Yet we managed, and the final result was that all were happy. Their twins jumped for joy on Mom's new bed. You see we had delivered more than just furniture, we had delivered a bed, a bed room and a hope for a restful evening for a mom and for a dad who only wanted some peace for his family.

There are so many resources available and so many needs. All we need to do is to connect people with people. To step out in faith and meet our neighbours at their need. And in doing so our need to give will be met in some amazing ways. In the final tally, we realized there was a shortfall of funds to sponsor the Saturday due to the rental of trucks and the cost of fuel. However the next day this need

was met with further donations from other members from St. Peter's. Our communities had been introduced

to one another, and through these connections the needs of both communities were met.



A BED that would be used by a pregnant women who had been sleeping on the floor is assembled by volunteers.



TWINS TRY OUT Mom's new bed.



VOLUNTEERS, largely from St. Peter's TMR, tuck into a hearty breakfast at the church before setting out to pick up donated furniture and deliver it to immigrant families.



GETTING THEIR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DAY, volunteers prepare to set out. The minister of St. Peter's, Rev. Chris Barrigar, is at front right in a baseball hat.

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A mystic can reach out too and a mission to the homeless can be like home

Harvey Shepherd

Reaching out to others is not just about activism but can also be deeply personal and even spiritual, if the messages two quite different women brought May 8 to the annual Women's Day of Celebration of the Montreal Diocesan Anglican Church Women are any indication.

Rev. Francie Nadeau-Keats, who has spent much of her career on Quebec's Lower North Shore but is currently interim priest at the Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark, said a homily at Christ Church Cathedral that modern ACW women who want to reach to others could take Julian of Norwich as a model. Julian, whose feast day it was, was a mystic and anchoress who lived around 1400 and is said to be the first woman author of an eventually published work in English.

Julian spent most of her time in her cell as an anchoress, the homilist said, but at time of tumult, including the plague, many people came to her for counsel because of the insights she derived from her spiritual visions.

Similarly, Ms Nadeau-Keats said, activism and spirituality, as exemplified by Bible story of Mary and Martha, both continue to have their place today.

The speaker at an afternoon program was Caitlin Murphy, project director at St. Michael's Mission in the basement of the downtown Church of St. John the Evangelist, a day centre for homeless and other-



CAITLIN MURPHY AND REV. FRANCIE NADEAU-KEATS shared their visions on reaching out.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

wise distressed downtown residents, largely men. The outreach worker, 22, said that since joining the mission staff two years ago, right after graduating from Dawson College, she has come to think of the mission as "the most wonderful place I have ever stepped into."

"I could never have thought that a mission to the homeless could turn out to be friends and family," she said, but that turned out to be the

case.

Particularly known for her work with itinerants in Métro stations, she said there continue to be more itinerants there and elsewhere and despite its small size the mission continues to expand its activities, relying on partnerships with other agencies and the support of student and other volunteers.

"It really is these partnerships that expand the mission."

News in brief

Safe-church training planned this summer

The Diocesan Council approved a new Montreal Diocese anti-harassment policy at its April meeting. Training and updating sessions on the new policy for parish safe-church co-ordinators and other components of the diocesan safe-church policy are to be organized over the summer; these could be online, in regional meetings or both. The anti-harassment policy is not significantly different from a draft version tabled in March and was adopted with little discussion.

The anti-harassment policy says it has three purposes:

- "To be educational, in that its existence will increase awareness of, and sensitivity to, the negative impact of harassment and an understanding of how it contravenes Jesus' teachings.
- "To prevent harassment by indicating the seriousness with which the Diocese of Montreal views this issue.
- "To provide fair procedures for handling complaints when they do occur."

Capital-loan applications invited from parishes

Information was posted on the Montreal diocesan website in late April describing procedures and criteria for parishes and congregations interested in obtaining low-interest loans for the purposes of renovating, improving, repurposing and redevelopment of church buildings. The diocese is also looking for members for a loans committee to process applications and make recommendations to the Diocesan Council. The loans committee will be particularly interested in supporting projects that will help the parish expand its mission and ministry, new and imaginative projects that might have difficulty in finding financial help and projects that can be replicated and shared with others. The new loans committee will consider an application and may meet with a delegation from the parish. The decision is forwarded to the finance committee and successful applications will be sent to the Diocesan Council for their consideration. The new loans committee, a subcommittee of the standing committee on finance, will have seven members, including at least three clergy including a territorial archdeacon and at least three lay people including a member of the finance committee. People with expertise in banking, loans, congregational development, institutional proper-

ty development and not-for-profit granting are being sought for membership. Members are appointed by the bishop. The executive archdeacon and financial manager will be ex-officio members. Those with questions, or seeking assistance should call Sophie Bertrand at 514-843-6577 or email sophieb@montreal.anglican.ca

New archdeacon collated June 1



Very Rev. Bill Gray

The formal "collation" of Very Rev. Bill Gray as territorial archdeacon of Bedford and the Richelieu took place Sunday, June 1, at 4 p.m. at the Church of St. Stephen with St. James in Chambly. Archdeacon Gray, rector of St. George's Place du Canada in downtown Montreal, has responsibility for most parishes south and east of the St. Lawrence River, from Châteauguay to Sorel and the U.S. border. The position had been vacant since the beginning of October 2012, when Archdeacon Michael Robson, who had been priest at St. Margaret of Antioch in St. Hubert and St. Mark's Longueuil, was appointed Incumbent at Christ Church Rawdon in the Lanaudière and made a non-territorial archdeacon. Archdeacon Gray is one of four territorial archdeacons in the diocese.

Among those participating were the regional deans in the archdeaconry, Rev. Canon Tim Smart and Rev. Eileen Steele of St. Stephen's with St. James, as well as choristers of archdeaconry congregations. Members of archdeaconry parishes contributed to a pot-luck supper.

(All this was *deo volente*. The event took place well after the deadline for this issue.)

Golfers tee off for missions June 9

Rev. Eleanor Caruana of the Parish of Vaudreuil created a Facebook page to remind everyone to "Please join us at Whitlock Golf and Country Club in Hudson for the Annual Golf Tournament in support of the Diocese of Montreal's Mission Works. Enjoy the beauty of the course as you play 18 holes of golf at one of the most beautiful courses around.

"If you're not a golfer but believe in outreach, sponsor a hole or give a gift for the silent auction, or join us for dinner." To register or get more information please contact her at 450-458-5897 or via email at emceed@hotmail.com.

Lease Cathedral Place decision could be 'sooner rather than later'

David Eramian, chancellor of the Diocese of Montreal, says he has a feeling that a decision on whether the diocese should seek to move out of its present offices and meeting space in the KPMG Tower behind Christ Church Cathedral will be made "sooner rather than later" but there is no set date.

Mr. Eramian, a lawyer, told the April meeting of the Diocesan Council that an informal group had begun looking at the voluminous and complex legal agreements under which the diocesan synod and Christ Church Cathedral have been renting space on the second and third storeys of the 34-storey tower since the late 1980s.

That's a little over a quarter-century and a quarter of the period covered by a lease under which Oxford Properties Group, the current owner of the office tower and the Promenades Cathédrale shopping mall rents the land from a consortium of the synod, the Cathedral and the Canadian Bible Society. He said that currently the diocese and synod each receives about \$370,000 a year in ground rent from Oxford Properties but pays about \$100,000 – far below market value, but still a significant sum – to Oxford Properties for rent,

heating and other expenses.

The arrangements with the Bible Society, which has a bookstore on the mezzanine at the Promenades Cathédrale, are similar but the amounts are much smaller.

Lay and clergy leaders at the Cathedral think the space it has in the office tower exceeds its current needs, which could be adequately met in quarters at the Cathedral, notably a "Chapter House" and a space known as the Undercroft. Especially in view of present and future constraints, including impending renovation of the steeple, the Cathedral leadership feels the sum it is paying in rent could be put to much better use.

Mr. Eramian said that, at least for the synod, the decision would not necessarily be to move out of the office tower and find cheaper space. The diocese could also seek to sublet the quarters, or the portion now occupied by the Cathedral. Or it and the Cathedral could try to reach an agreement with Oxford Properties to turn over the premises, probably in exchange for a lump-sum payment.

"It is possible the diocese could stay in part of the premises and the Cathedral could move."

Parish stewardship: From talking to doing

By Janet Marshall for the Diocesan Stewardship Council

I don't suppose many parishes in our diocese can imagine what it would be like to reach year end with a nearly \$20,000 surplus, a 24 per cent rise in givings or with a renewed and energetic leadership. But this is exactly what has happened in our churches that have put the time and effort into doing good, holistic stewardship campaigns

For St. George Ste Anne de Bellevue, a parish that has invested in annual stewardship campaigns for the past three years, the results "feel miraculous. Our attention has turned from how we will make our budget to what's next in ministry. We keep naming what sort of church we want to be, and then we become it. The money follows our vision."

Christ Church Cathedral's stewardship program was a way of making new connections between people, and deepening these into relationships. "We learned so much more about the gifts people are willing to offer to the Cathedral's ministry; gifts that we never knew were there."

Each year the Stewardship Council has hosted events to develop our understanding and practice of parish stewardship. These have been well attended and well reviewed. But we are aware that, for whatever reasons, there hasn't been a lot of implementation happening. When M & M Consulting conducted their interviews and focus groups across the diocese last year, investigating whether we were ready for a diocesan fund raising campaign, we heard about how many of our parishes feel like they are just barely treading water. Many are paddling as hard as they can, but their heads are still below the surface. For Janet Marshall, our diocesan congregational development consultant, this is deeply worrying. We need church leaders who can expend their energy

on mission, not management. Parishes have to be communities that nurture and nourish people's spirits, not wear them down worrying about paying the bills.

So this fall the Stewardship Council is going to begin something new. Starting with a workshop day on Saturday, September 13th at St Paul's Lachine, members of the Council will be offering hands-on support to parishes wanting and needing to hold a stewardship campaign in 2014-15. By the end of this day, participants will have a plan and timeline for their campaign; drafts of all the documents they will need; and coaching on how to get started. Following this, Michael Hiles and Neil Mancor will be available to meet with parish councils for coaching and follow-up.

Stewardship: Some tips

Here's some advice from parishes with successful stewardship practices:

- It always begins with a vision for ministry and case for support.
- Have a narrative budget to tell the story of how money becomes ministry.
- Encourage people to go on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). It's worth working through the resistance.
- You don't need to design your own materials. There are lots of resources available online. Adapt and use them. (stewardshiptoolkit.ca; toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/stewardship-development)
- Talk about money. Jesus did.
- Be prepared for surprising results: more than you are able to "ask or imagine".

Religion is not just a private affair, scholars say

Religion must not just be an individual and private concern, three scholars argued at a conference on the McGill University campus in late April.

“Religion without some legitimate social authority and social control is otiose and nonsensical,” Lorne Dawson, professor of religion at the University of Waterloo, said at the conference, on Quebec’s new religions. “If religion is not shared, social, it is not going to continue and is not going to have any reality for people.” He cited Louise Arbour, a former Supreme Court judge and United Nations commissioner of human rights, as writing, in a discussion of the recently proposed Quebec Charter of Values, that “Freedom of religion will mean nothing if it is completely relegated to the private sphere.”

In a talk entitled “The legal privatization of religion and the end of religion as we know it,” the Professor Dawson, who has on several occasions served as an expert witness in trials involving new religions, said there seems to be “a tremendous emphasis on individual rights” in recent court decisions, including ones in-



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volving new religious movements.

“The courts seem to be convinced that religion is a privatized phenomenon,” he said. “If we allow the courts to continue doing this it is going to be an ontological assault on religion.”

He saw cause for concern, for example, in a 2004 Supreme Court of Canada decision that upheld the

right of several owners of condominium apartments in the Montreal luxury apartment complex Le Sanctuaire to erect sukkahs – temporary shelters they regarded as required by their Jewish commitment during the festival of Sukkoth – on their balconies despite provisions of their condominium agreement.

A majority decision of the court supported the right of the individual to do what they sincerely felt was a religious requirement regardless of whether was practice is required by a religious authority.

Peter Beyer, professor in the department of classics and religious studies at the University of Ottawa,

decried a tendency to distinguish between “bad religion,” identified by words like “cult” and “fundamentalism,” and “good” religion. This has reached a point where religion itself is sometimes depicted as bad.

“Good religion” is depicted as religion that stays within boundaries of “spirituality,” “culture” and the like. There is a “progressive de-legitimization of authoritative religion” as “good religion” is identified as exclusively a matter of individual free choice.

Arvind Sharma, professor of comparative religion at McGill, said a “Universal Declaration of Human Rights by World’s Religions,” which has been active in developing and promoting for years, seeks to “enlarge our vision” by referring to duties as well as rights, seeking to discourage proselytizing and taking historic and collective wrongs into account.

“Human rights discourse as we know it knows biography but not history.”

The conference was organized by the Religion and Diversity Project, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Catholic bishops raise world issues in letter to Harper

On Holy Thursday, April 17, Most Rev. Paul-André Durocher, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Gatineau and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote Prime Minister Stephen Harper about a number of CCCB concerns on “issues and places where humanity is suffering and at risk.” In his introduction, Archbishop Durocher notes that “our times are filled with serious challenges, including the economy, employment, the environment, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and personal and national security. Focusing on Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and Canada, the letter calls attention to issues which the Catholic Bishops of Canada have recently been discussing. Here is a text of the letter:

Dear Prime Minister,

The following reflections are being written during the week that Jews around the world are celebrating Passover and most Christians prepare to celebrate Easter. Jews and Christians see in their respective celebrations of the Passover and Easter an invitation by God to pass over whatever enslaves us and so enter the “promised land” – where humanity and all creation live in peace and justice. It is thus a moment to give special attention to issues and places where humanity is suffering and at risk, and to share words of blessing to hearten our sisters and brothers. As you know much better than I, our times are filled with serious challenges, including the economy, employment, the environment, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and personal and national security. These issues have profound impact on our human life and dignity, and are all the more complex by being so intertwined, not only with each other but also with their underlying moral and spiritual dimensions. While articulated and deepened by different faith traditions, they are at times unfortunately misshapen by conflicting values, both religious and secular. Allow me to draw to your attention some of the particular areas of concern that the Catholic Bishops of Canada have recently been discussing.

• **Africa.** Rwanda having just commemorated these past days the 20th anniversary of its genocide and massacres, the international community can only be alarmed by the current situation in the Central African Republic. Already this past February, Archbishop Dieudonné Nzapalainga of Bangui reported signs of what he described as genocide against Muslims, following a period of severe reprisals against Christians. Thousands of citizens have fled their homes in search for security, with more than one million in need of food assistance. Catholic bishops in that country insist this is not basically a sectarian struggle, as both Muslims and Christians are found on each side of the conflict. Unfortunately, however, differences in religion are used here and elsewhere as an excuse to justify violence, another pertinent example of which currently is in Nigeria. Together with other bishops around the world, we are concerned about the use of religion as an explanation and pretext for violence in Africa and throughout the Middle East. In Cameroon, to give another recent example, there has been the kidnapping and abduction of Sister Gilberte Bussière, an elderly Canadian nun and educator who worked in that country for many years. We encourage the concerted efforts of the Department of Foreign Affairs to free Sister Bussière and the two Italian priests kidnapped with her, while also urging your government to look for ways that our country can help stabilize civil governments and food security throughout Africa.

• **Asia.** The Catholic Church has focused on the tragic situation in Syria over the past few years, where some 10 million people are now displaced. We congratulate your government for its generous financial assistance to the surrounding countries in that region which shelter Syrian refugees. We greatly appreciate too the role of the federal Office and Ambassador for Religious Freedom in promoting religious freedom and protesting cases of religious discrimination and persecution, particularly in the Middle and the Far East. At the same time as wishing to encourage such efforts, we implore you to find ways

to simplify and speed up immigration processes for refugees wishing to come to Canada, and for ensuring health and other benefits for those who have succeeded in getting here. Catholic health-care workers are among those who are alarmed at how recent immigrants and refugees to our country face reduced government support for medical care and health benefits. In addition, a number of our dioceses and parishes, as well as other religious and community groups, have been waiting for months to receive Syrian refugees, but to date the number who succeed in arriving in our country is just a pitiful handful.

• **Latin America.** Pope Francis has been speaking out on two particular concerns in that continent, and these are also shared by the Bishops of Canada. Earlier this month, the Pope urged Venezuelans to put aside their political differences and demonstrate the necessary courage to reach an agreement to avoid greater bloodshed after weeks of violent protests. He appealed to all citizens to recognize that they share common concerns about the economic crisis, violence and criminality, and creating a future for their children and for peace. A similar appeal is also being made to all Canadians in turn by Latin Americans, a concern we now share with you. This second issue the Pope has raised: many South American communities today despair that their natural resources are exploited by foreign interests which fail to respect the environment, Aboriginal Peoples, and the needs of surrounding communities, resorting instead to lawlessness, intimidation and unfair advantages. Bishops from Latin America over past months have told my confreres and me that their criticisms are especially directed against international companies registered in Canada. It seems these “Canadian” interests are dominant players in mineral extraction throughout the continent and in the current deforestation of the Amazon Basin. With Pope Francis, my fellow bishops and I ask you and your government, first, to encourage Venezuela in the pursuit of dialogue for resolving its problems. Secondly, on the same road of dialogue, together with the

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, and other NGOs, we urge that our federal government establish an independent Ombudsman who could hear complaints and help establish stronger accountability standards for companies that are registered in Canada and involved in international resource extraction.

• **Europe.** We thank you for speaking out so firmly about the sovereignty and rights of Ukraine. In a letter earlier this year, I assured the Bishops in that country that Catholics here are united with them in prayer and solidarity, and in pleading “for the guarantee of all rights and liberties in Ukraine, particularly the right to life and dignity, freedom of conscience and religion, and liberty of expression and self-government”. Our prayers and pleas were accompanied by the call of Pope Francis for “diplomacy and dialogue”, in order that “the moral force of law” prevail over the “material force of arms” in order to build “communion amid disagreement”. The Pope went on to recall that 2014 is the centenary of the outbreak of World War I. We are united with him in reminding you and all political leaders that armed conflict always creates more problems than it resolves, a point made so particularly and painfully evident a century ago.

• **Canada.** Your government has recently renewed your funding commitment to provide Indigenous People in our country with equal access to education. In encouraging you and Aboriginal leaders to co-operate in mutual consultation and collaboration, my brother bishops and I are fully aware of the many difficult challenges that lie ahead. Governments at all levels, as well as civil society and Aboriginal Peoples themselves, must find more effective ways of ensuring respect for Aboriginal cultural traditions, the responsible role of Indigenous Peoples in determining their economic, educational and developmental needs, and in reaffirming their cultures, values, languages and communities. An important part of this evidently involves developing together a sound economic base. Yet, even more, it demands shared vision and mutual re-

spect. As our Conference said when the Truth and Reconciliation Commission began in 2008, our common goal should be to build “relationships that better respect the human person, contribute to justice and peace, and are constructive for our communities,” both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

We also continue to worry about the devaluing of human life that marks our country when we consider both life’s beginning and ending. The way our society cares for those who are waiting to be born and those who await death is a powerful sign of our appreciation for the sanctity of human life itself. The lack of such care can only lead to the denial of the intrinsic dignity of every human being. We need as a country to look again at the directions we have taken and are taking in this regard.

Prime Minister, as I write these words, my mind and heart turn to Calgary, where five young people were senselessly murdered. At the same time the funeral is being held for your colleague and friend, our recent Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, who died too suddenly and too soon. Such events remind us harshly of the precariousness of human life, and our natural revolt against these is a sign of the deep value of every single human being.

As I convey the prayers and sympathies of the Catholic Bishops of Canada for the loss that all Canadians feel at such a moment, I suggest that all of us, including political leaders, consider the individual human faces behind each of these challenging situations. The political process has as its final aim the enhancement of the common good, not only that of the citizens of one’s own country but that of the whole world. In this special moment of reflection, repentance, renewal and hope that is Holy Week, I assure you of the prayers and respect of my brother Bishops, and welcome any occasion when our mutual concerns can be shared and deepened through dialogue and greater understanding.

Sincerely yours in the peace and hope of Easter.

Deux missionnaires de la Nouvelle-France reconnus saints

C'est dans la joie et la gratitude que les évêques du Canada ont reçu le 3 avril la proclamation du pape François annonçant que Mgr François de Laval et Mère Marie de l'Incarnation sont reconnus saints par l'Église universelle, selon Paul-André Durocher, Archevêque de Gatineau et Président de la Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada.

« À la fin de l'année dernière, le Saint-Père avait consulté la Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada au sujet de son intention de procéder à leur canonisation. Nous avons alors répondu, comme nous le faisons de nouveau aujourd'hui, par un Amen retentissant! Nous sommes reconnaissants envers le Seigneur d'avoir suscité parmi nous ces deux modèles éminents de sainteté et de service. Nous remercions le pape François du magnifique cadeau qu'il fait à l'Église au Canada et à toute la population de notre pays.

« •Saint François de Laval (1623-1708) fut le premier évêque de la Nouvelle-France. À l'origine, son diocèse comprenait une grande partie du nord de la Nouvelle-Angleterre et toute la vallée du Mississippi, et s'étendait même jusqu'aux Rocheuses. Son travail pastoral chez les peuples autochtones et les colons de la Nouvelle-France, et les efforts qu'il fit pour empêcher l'exploitation des indigènes par les marchands et les gouverneurs qui leur vendaient de l'alcool suscitèrent l'admiration. Attachant une grande importance à l'éducation, il a fondé un petit et un grand séminaire. Le Séminaire de Québec, qui a donné naissance à l'Université Laval, a apporté au cours des siècles une contribution importante à l'enseignement supérieur non seulement au Québec et dans le reste du Canada, mais également partout en Amérique du Nord. Saint François de Laval était connu pour son engagement à l'évangélisation et sa générosité envers les pauvres. Après avoir présenté sa démission comme évêque de Québec, il a consacré ses dernières années à la prière, à la pénitence et au service des pauvres.

« •Sainte Marie de l'Incarnation (1599-1672) fut une religieuse ursuline, qui fonda un couvent et un collège pour l'éducation des jeunes filles en Nouvelle-France. Les filles des colons français et des autochtones étaient instruites ensemble, partageaient la même table et vivaient sous le même toit. Après avoir appris plusieurs langues autochtones, elle rédigea des catéchismes et des prières en huron et en algonquin, et



MARIE DE L'INCARNATION, FRANÇOIS DE MONTMORENCY-LAVAL.

compila un dictionnaire algonquin. Elle entretint également une correspondance volumineuse. Aujourd'hui encore, ses lettres témoignent de la profondeur et de la générosité de sa spiritualité mystique, et offrent un tableau précieux de la vie quotidienne de la Nouvelle-France de l'époque. Sainte Marie de l'Incarnation a instauré à travers notre continent une longue tradition d'écoles primaires et secondaires ursulines dédiées à l'éducation des filles et des jeunes femmes de diverses religions et diverses langues. Sa canonisation coïncide heureusement avec le 375e anniversaire de son arrivée dans ce qui est aujourd'hui la ville de Québec.»

Toujours selon Mgr Durocher, « La proclamation de leur sainteté concorde cette année avec deux moments importants de l'histoire canadienne. D'une part, le 350e anniversaire de l'érection canonique de Notre-Dame-de-Québec, première paroisse en Amérique du Nord à l'extérieur des territoires hispanophones, nous rappelle la nature missionnaire de l'Église à ses débuts au Canada. Puissent saint François de Laval et sainte Marie de l'Incarnation renouveler en nous notre mission et notre engagement à évangéliser dans la joie de l'Évangile. D'autre part, l'année 2014 a également été témoin du dernier événement national annoncé par la Commission de vérité et réconciliation. Puissent nos deux nouveaux saints nous aider toutes et tous, Autochtones et non-Autochtones, à bâtir un avenir meilleur qui respecte les contributions que chaque race et chaque peuple apportent à notre pays et à notre monde. Inspirés par l'exemple de ces deux saints, et renforcés par l'Esprit Saint, travaillons ensemble à renouveler la face de la terre et à fonder une civilisation d'amour et de service. »

Quebec City area gets two new recognized saints



MARIE DE L'INCARNATION, FRANÇOIS DE MONTMORENCY-LAVAL.

On April 3, Pope Francis signed a decree validating the canonization of two missionaries in New France, particularly in what is now the Quebec City area – Marie de l'Incarnation and François de Montmorency-Laval.

In a statement on behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Paul-André Durocher of Gatineau, current president of the conference, said the bishops of Canada welcome the proclamation “with great joy and thanksgiving.”

“Late last year, the Holy Father had consulted the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops about his proposal to proceed with their canonization. We responded then, and we do again today, with a resounding Amen! We are grateful to God for raising up in our midst these two wonderful examples of holiness and service. We thank Pope Francis for this great gift to the Church in Canada, and to all the people of our nation.

Saint François de Laval

• Saint François de Laval (1623-1708) was the first bishop of New France.

His diocesan territory originally included most of what is now Canada, much of upper New England and all the Mississippi Valley, extending even to the Rocky Mountains. He is admired for his pastoral work among the Aboriginal Peoples and the settlers of New France, and for trying to defend native people from being exploited by merchants and governors through the sale of alcohol, Archbishop Durocher said.

“He was especially committed to education, founding both a major and a minor seminary. The Séminaire de Québec, which later established Laval University, has made

major contributions in the intervening centuries to higher academic education not only in Quebec and the rest of Canada, but throughout North America.

Saint François de Laval was known for his commitment to evangelization and his generosity to the poor. After his resignation as Bishop of Québec, he devoted his final years to prayer, penance and the care of the poor.”

Marie de l'Incarnation

• Saint Marie of the Incarnation (1599-1672) was an Ursuline nun who founded a convent and school to educate girls in New France.

“Daughters of the French settlers and of the aboriginal peoples were educated together, sharing the same table and the same dwelling. After learning several aboriginal languages, she compiled catechisms and prayers in Huron and Algonquin, as well as an Algonquin dictionary. She also maintained a voluminous correspondence.

Her letters remain today an important witness to her deep and generous mystical spirituality, as well as to the day-to-day history of New France. Saint Marie of the Incarnation began a long tradition throughout our continent of Ursuline elementary and secondary schools, dedicated to the education of girls and young women of all faiths and languages. Her canonization happily coincides with the 375th anniversary of her arrival in what is today Quebec City.”

Archbishop Durocher noted that the proclamation of the two saints arrives at two important junctures this year in Canadian history: the 350th anniversary of the canonical establishment of Notre-Dame-de-Québec, the first parish in North America outside Spanish-speaking territories, and the final national event this year of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

“May our two new Saints assist all of us, indigenous and non-indigenous, to build a better future that respects and reverences the contributions that each race and people brings to our country and to our world.

Inspired by the examples of these two Saints, and strengthened in the Holy Spirit, let us all collaborate in renewing the face of the earth and founding a civilization of love and service.”

Anglican-linked college honours Bishop Dowd



BISHOP THOMAS DOWD

Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, currently auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal, was named an honorary senior fellow at Renison University College in Waterloo, Ont., at its 55th Founders' Day celebration April 26, a move that the college said highlights Christian unity and co-operation – “a passion for which Bishop Dowd, former chairman of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, is well known.”

The college, founded by the Anglican community in 1959 and affiliated with the University of Waterloo, noted that Bishop Dowd's many accomplishments include being the youngest Roman Catholic Bishop in Canada (and second youngest in the world) at the time of his appointment in 2011. Bishop Dowd, now 43, was the convocation speaker at the ceremony.

“We are very excited to have Bishop Thomas Dowd with us on Founders' Day,” said Glenn Cartwright, principal and vice-chancellor of Renison. “He has been a long standing proponent and a tireless worker in the cause of ecumenism. The college seeks to encourage excellent undergraduate learning possible and prepare students for careers in various helping professions, including social work, education, law and the ministry, as well as to provide students with a strong liberal arts education.”

The college was founded in 1959 under the authority of the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Huron, thanks to the efforts of the Kitchener and Waterloo Anglican communities. Renison continues to enjoy support from the Anglican community and, in particular, from within the diocese. It was named for Robert Jon Renison (1875-1957), a former Metropolitan of Ontario and Archbishop of Moosonee.

Has helping refugees become a crime?

The Canadian Council for Refugees says it is deeply disappointed at a recent decision of the British Columbia Court of Appeal, which, the council says, concludes that Parliament intended to make it a criminal offence to help refugees, on a humanitarian basis, and that the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms allows this.

The Court overturned a decision of the B.C. Supreme Court that ruled Canada's law on human smuggling too broad on the grounds that it criminalizes humanitarian actions of individuals who are helping refugees seek protection in Canada, including refugee workers and people helping their family members, the council says.

“The Court of Appeal decided instead that the law was deliberately drafted to be broad enough to cover such humanitarian situations and that this was acceptable, despite

Canada's international obligations towards refugees.

“The Court states that ‘Parliament intended to create a broad offence with no exceptions, directed to concerns of border control.’ While the Court recognizes that there may be ‘difficult and sensitive cases,’ it suggests that these can be addressed by prosecutorial discretion, expecting that ‘common sense will prevail.’”

The Council for Refugees comments that “This will be no comfort for the many individuals, including humanitarian workers and family members of refugees, who know that they may face prosecution for their actions helping people make a refugee claim in Canada.”

The Council says the decision confirms a growing trend in Canada of closing doors on refugees.

“Canada is losing its international leadership role in refugee protection.

The decision sends a chilling message to Canadians ...

“The decision underlines once again the gaping hole in international and Canadian law, which recognizes the fundamental human right to seek asylum from persecution, but provides no way for refugees to get to a country of asylum.”

The council was an intervener in the case, raising in particular the impact of the smuggling provisions on humanitarian workers. The defendants in the case are four persons who were allegedly in positions of authority on a freight ship alleged to have carried 76 Sri Lankan Tamils, without proper documentation, into Canadian waters, in the autumn of 2009.

Action Réfugiés Montréal, which receives support from the Anglican Diocese of Montreal, is a member of the Canadian Council for Refugees.

NEWS in BRIEF SJC becomes Social Justice Connection

After more than a quarter-century of advocating for social justice, especially internationally, the Social Justice Committee of Montreal has made a modest change in its name. At a special general meeting in April, members officially agreed that the organization will now be called Social Justice Connection (or Connexion justice social).

“There is broad agreement that while it is good that we are still the SJC, and focused on social justice, we are not a committee,” an announcement said.

Social Justice Connection seeks to engage policy-makers at the national and international level, particularly through participation in and initiation of campaigns with citizens of the Southern Hemisphere. The SJC believes it is the most active non-governmental organization in Canada in pushing for greater accountability and transparency at the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. It is also active in efforts to seek regulation of Canadian mining companies operating in the South, working with partners in Central America, as well as with coalitions in Canada.

The SJC website is at www.s-j-c.net and the group is also on Facebook.

Families and refugees a focus at Olympic Park

A family day at the Olympic Park, including recreational activities, entertainment and other attractions, is being planned for Saturday afternoon, June 21, by the Montreal office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in co-operation with the City of Montreal and various individuals and groups. The event will mark World Refugee Day (actually June 20). The emphasis on the family is intended to reflect the fact that family reunification is currently a major concern the UNHCR and others concerned with refugees.

'What an amazing place this is, this holy and sacred



ARCHDEACON LINDA BORDEN TAYLOR carries a candle in the opening procession of the anniversary service. (Photo: Michel Gagnon)

A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE of Evening Prayer on Thursday, May 1, marked the exact 150th anniversary of the parish. (Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



A BURSE AND VEIL - vestments that cover the chalice - were blessed by Bishop Barry Clarke during the anniversary, the culmination of a saga that began in the early 1970s for parishioner Honor Barrett (at right in photo). She then fell in love with a soiled burse and veil, unusable in that state, and dreamt of their recreation. After some misadventures, during which the vestments and replacement silk brocade were taken to England and dropped out of sight for some time, they were returned to Montreal. Last year, Susi Ribeiro of Montreal, (at left in photo) a professional embroiderer, transferred the pattern and did the embroidery and gold work, donating her skill and time. Honor Barrett made the vestments with the embroidered cloth and presented to the Sanctuary Guild of the parish. (Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

(Photo: Michel Gagnon)



ARTIST JANE WIGGLESWORTH of the congregation presents Archdeacon Linda Borden Taylor with a painting of the Church of St. James the Apostle. (Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



ARCHDEACON LINDA BORDEN TAYLOR and her husband, Martin Taylor, also active in the parish, trip the light fantastic at the fund-raising dinner. (Photo: Michel Gagnon)

space we have come to know as our spiritual home'



THE ST. JAMES CHOIR, directed by Scott Bradford, sings in the east transept of the church. At another point in the service, the choir sang a special anthem composed for St. James' anniversary by Rupert Lang of Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



PREACHING ON THE ANNIVERSARY, Archdeacon Linda Borden Taylor recalls the rich history of the Church of St. James the Apostle.

(Photo: Michel Gagnon)



VERY REV. JOHN vanNSTRAND WRIGHT, the only surviving former rector of St. James the Apostle, came from his home in Bridgewater, N.S., for the weekend with his wife, Mary. His career after being rector of the Montreal church in the early 1980s included stints as dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton and as dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria. He retired in 2010 as executive director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



BRITTANY LOVE, appointed this year as emerging ministries pastor at St. James, was the speaker at an anniversary dinner to raise funds for this ministry. The new pastor, about 30, who has previously worked in several places in the United States as well as Argentina and Japan, said work with young adults these days is the "cutting edge" of ministry and working in the extremely secular climate of Montreal is a special "opportunity." It's not enough for a church to open doors to young adults; it's necessary "reach communities and build ministries." In the photo, she relaxes at her table before her talk.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

'You can feel the presence of those who have gone before us'

Linda Borden Taylor

Here is an edited version of notes for the sermon by Archdeacon Linda Borden Taylor, rector, on the 150th anniversary of the Church of St. James the Apostle May 1.

Happy Anniversary people of St. James. And well done good and faithful servants of the Lord as we celebrate 150 years of ministry in downtown Montreal.

On May 1st 1864 St. James the Apostle Church first opened its doors to the public. It was surrounded by fields and what was mostly a residential area. One can only imagine what St. Catherine Street looked like in those days: trams, horse-and-buggy – not to mention the dress code. And then there was the church itself, erected to serve this west-end area. In an excellent summary written by David Wigglesworth, our resident architect we read: "It was no more than a small square structure

consisting essentially of what is now the nave," the main body of the church.

It is hard to believe that the original structure could have been so small as we look around us tonight and see how it has grown from that first stage of infancy. Year after year this church took shape and form, eventually developing into what we see today. A large chancel forming accommodating the high altar and choir, arms outstretched in the cruciform shape forming the east and west transepts, an expanded nave to embrace and welcome the growing community in those early years and finally its length – extending to reach out towards the busyness of St. Catherine St.

What an amazing place this is, this holy and sacred space we have come to know as our spiritual home. And, like every home, it has had its share of transformation in order to accommodate the members of the house-

hold at various times in its history. . We have expanded, redeveloped and moved furniture around so that the ongoing needs could be met. And here we are today in this multipurpose structure: kitchen, storage, children's area, music room. We have our living space, our worship space our dining room. I think the only thing missing is the sleeping area and infirmary.

Who knows, maybe in the next 50 years those too will be part of this amazing place – this sacred space. This place that calls to us over and over again with each generation.

And that is what holy places do: they have called to us throughout the ages – whether in Rome, France, England, or Canada. This church is one of many throughout the world that has welcomed the people of every race and nation.

If you come into St. James during the day, when all is quiet inside, or in the evening, like tonight, when the

world outside seems so busy and rushed, you can feel the presence of those who have gone before us in the stillness of this place. There is almost something tangible in the air, an awareness of those who sang and prayed; those who laughed and cried; those who worshipped and railed at our God. It is the place that holds the memories of the past while welcoming us into the present – embracing us in its love so that we too can say the things we need to say from the deepest places of our hearts. And so in part, it becomes a place of refuge, a place of safety a place to stop and rest along life's way, a place to strengthen ourselves to continue the journey set before us.

But this journey is not only about individual practice/piety, it is also about being part of a community, a community of people in the here and now, brothers and sisters in Christ, who gather in his name. Sacred spaces are also places to break bread

together, sing praises together, places to reach out to one another with the hope that we take with us from this place something of what we experience – that we take it into the larger community.

Christ gathers us in so that we might go back out into the world to do the work he has called us to. That is why we are still here 150 years later. That is why we celebrate this night. This has been our story: 150 years of following Jesus. "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me the Father will honour." God has honoured the people of St. James the Apostle throughout the ages for their faithfulness, for their love of Jesus, for their desire to serve in his name. Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever and he will not forsake or abandon us. God will honour us as he has honoured those of our past. Amen

Laity front and centre at this year's Dio convocation

Harvey Shepherd

There were no candidates for the ordained ministry to receive their diplomas at this year's convention of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College but for the college principal,

Rev. Canon John Simons, and his colleagues there was good news to offset the bad.

Most of all, the spotlight shifted to an unprecedented total of 10 candidates who received their diplomas as

graduates of the four-year Education for Ministry program.

Education for Ministry is a four-year program of theological education by extension for lay people. Nine of the 10 participants met in ei-

ther of two small groups, each with a priest or a priest and a deacon as mentors. The other studied online with a far-flung group of other online candidates. The program combines academic study with components intended to help participants take what they learn about Scripture, church history, theology and ethics into their own lives – and their service to the church as lay readers or otherwise.

"EFM helps people offer themselves as a pure and living sacrifice for the life of the world," said Rev. Canon Tim Smart, director of lay education for the college and diocese.

Notwithstanding the absence of graduates preparing for the ministry, Rev. Canon John Simons, sounded several positive notes, including what he said is a high quality of students at an earlier stage of their studies. He said the college continues to be favourably assessed by an accrediting organization and to have productive relations with its Presbyterian and United Church partners in the Montreal School of Ministry on the McGill campus.

That was a pioneering venture in ecumenism when it started up under another name 100 years ago. The anniversary will be marked this fall at an ecumenical service where Rev. Karen Hamilton, secretary of the

Canadian Council of Churches, will speak.

Among other pieces of news, Canon Simons offered these.

- The McGill faculty of religious studies, with which the college has an affiliation, will welcome the first holder in August of a new chair in interfaith studies endowed by Ontario philanthropists Barbara and Patrick Keenan. He's Armando Salvatore, who has been teaching in the department at the Oriental Studies University, Naples. His specialities include Islam, modernity and their interaction.
- The faculty of arts and the faculty of religious studies will confer an honorary doctorate of divinity Tuesday, June 3, on Karen Armstrong, the student of comparative religion, commentator on religious affairs and advocate of her "Charter for Compassion."
- Back at the MDTC, a revitalized "Association of Alumni and Friends" will sponsor a 2015 edition of the "Montreal Ministry Internship Program," designed to give a taste of ministry to young people contemplating contemplating their future career.

"We have no reason not to be confident for the future," Canon Simons said.



KNOWN PARTICULARLY for her enthusiastic efforts online, Gail E. Turnbull was one of 10 graduates of the Education for Ministry program to receive a diploma at the convocation. Unlike the other nine, who carried out their study in one of two small groups, she did her studies online. This put her in touch with EFM candidates across Canada and elsewhere. She was presented to Bishop Barry Clarke by Rev. Canon Tim Smart, director of lay education.

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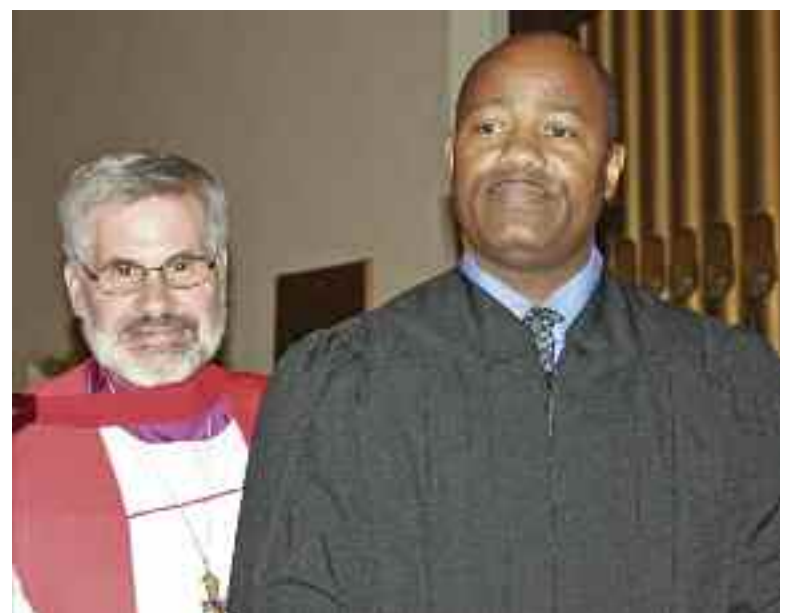


DISPERSING AFTER A PHOTO SESSION, several of the Education for Ministry graduates are with Rev. James Pratt, rector of the host church for the convocation, St. Philip's Montreal West, and a mentor of one of the two EFM groups. Absent from another photo, Vivian Lewin is partly obscured at the left of the second row and Tania Lesack is at right rear.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd) (we will probably scratch this one)

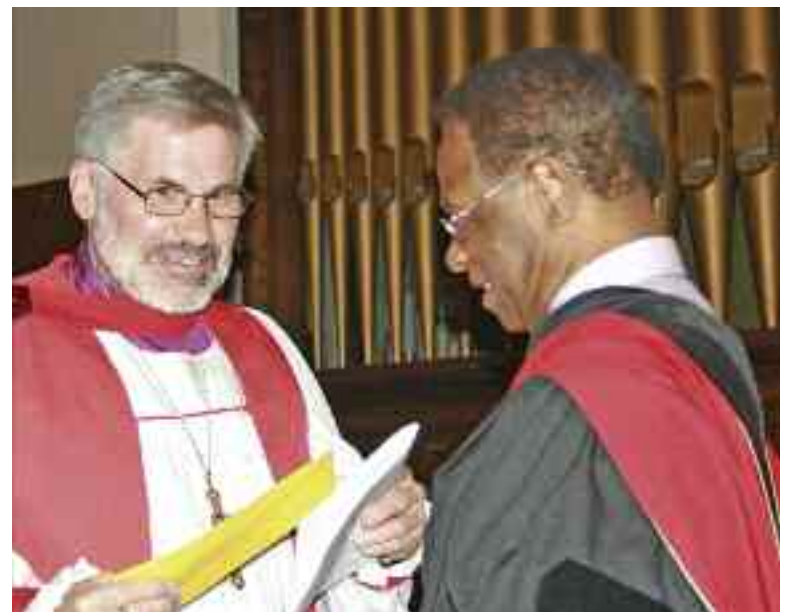


EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATES from left in the front row, are Nathaniel Green, Verna Dottin, Lee Greyfeather Bryant, Leslie C. West, Nancy Green-Grégoire, Sandra H. Keymer-Temple and Gail E. Turnbull. Leslie Blackman is at right rear and Vivian Lewin and Tania Lesack are not in the photo (although they were at the convocation). The photo from the MDTC Facebook site also shows Bishop Barry Clarke and the four mentors of the two EFM groups, Rev. James Pratt, Rev. Karla Holmes, Rev. Sophie Rolland and Rev. Deacon Robert Callender.



WHILE NO CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY received graduation diplomas at this convocation, two divinity candidates at an earlier stage received two prizes each. Jhon Steeker Saint-Clair, a leading member of Église de la Nativité in Montréal Nord, was presented with the College Prize in Church History and the Frank and Jocelyn Toupe Memorial Bursary.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



STANLEY BROOKS, who is working on a divinity degree to go with the credentials he already has, including a Ph.D. from the faculty of education at McGill University, was a professor in the department of social science and commerce for over 35 years at Marianopolis College and established the geography department and served as department chairperson for eight of them. He is also deeply involved in community organizations, including Barbados House Montreal. He received the College Prize in Theology and the Robert Reford Prize, church. In recognition for the latter he received the Anglican Bishop's Award in 2002.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Scholar-priest wants church to combine reflection, action

Staff

A priest-scholar told those at this year's convocation of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College that he is even more convinced than he was 14 years ago that learning and

action should go together.

Speaking at the college convocation May 5 in St. Phillip's Church in Montreal West, Rev. Richard Cawley, who headed a committee that studied training and education for the

Diocese of Montreal and delivered a major report in 2000, said the diocese has made progress in some of the areas pointed out by the report, such as the need for education of the laity.

But more should be done in promoting models of learning that combine action and reflection, he said. This is especially so now when society no longer takes religion for granted and new ministers must be prepared to serve in the world, not just the church.

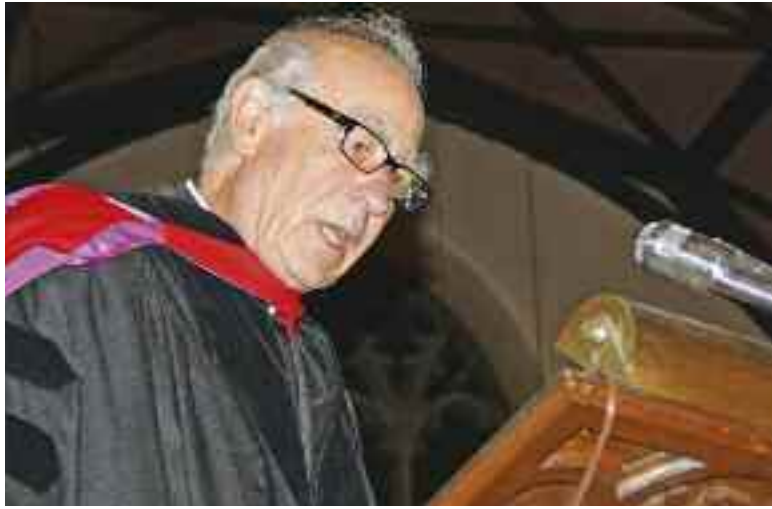
"No one is outside the circle of the love of God. That remains as difficult to understand as it was in Jesus' time."

Experience-based education has been a theme in Dr. Cawley's career as both a priest and a university teacher in both Manitoba, where he was ordained, and Montreal. In Manitoba he took a leave of absence from parish ministry in 1968 to study adult education and went on to teach at the University of Manitoba and

then Concordia University in Montreal. There he taught applied human sciences and was for a time department chair.

He has interim posts at several

churches in the Montreal Diocese and was for a time interim priest-in-charge at the downtown Church of St. John the Evangelist, where he is an honorary assistant now.



REV. RICHARD CAWLEY delivers the convocation address after receiving a doctorate of divinity.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



MARK C. McDONALD participates in his first convocation as director of music at the college.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Equipping the Saints

From diocesan college to national collegiality

Rhonda Waters

This is the fourth of a series of columns by students, alumni and friends of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. In this issue, a relatively recent Dio graduate, now an associate priest at Christ Church Cathedral, tells about how her college experience led to a national event for young clergy in Montreal in June.

Collegiality is the co-operative relationship between colleagues – between people who are in league together. It comes of shared experiences and shared goals and a commitment to the well-being of both the project or institution and the individuals involved. It means knowing you can ask for help when you need it and offer insight when you have it. It is good for your soul and it gets good results.

I learned firsthand about collegiality while in seminary, right here at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. Faculty and students shared a depth of commitment to one another and to the church that I continue to draw upon, both formally and informally. One of the challenges of ordained ministry is that it can, in a funny sort of way, be lonely. Priests and deacons are, of course, in contact with many, many people every week but most of us (I'm an exception!) don't go into an office

where we work side by side with other church leaders. The relationships I formed at Dio provide me with a network of people across the diocese with whom I can collaborate, commiserate, and celebrate. My work, my faith, and my vision is stronger as a result – and I trust theirs is, too!

It was this experience of collegiality that inspired me to kick-start Conversation 2014, a conference for Canadian Anglican clergy born after 1973. I wanted to link up with colleagues all over the country, not just in this diocese and, happily, I am not alone in that desire. On June 17th, thanks to a generous grant from General Synod, a small crowd of young(er) clergy will arrive at Cathedral Place for three days of learning and praying together.

Conversation 2014 is an "unconference". That means that there is no keynote speaker or outside expert joining us. Instead, the content of the conference will be generated by the participants as we share our own experiences, expertise, passions, and concerns. Conferences of this style allow for themes to emerge and develop according to the needs and interests of those attending and can result in projects or extended conversations that bear fruit well into the future.

One question that often comes up

when people hear about Conversation 2014 is why it is limited to clergy of a certain age. Younger clergy will always be in the minority at any other conference – having one to ourselves gives us a chance to monopolize the conversation. As younger clergy, we have a particular perspective – one that has less past and more future as we lack the experience of our older colleagues but are looking to build lives in the church for many years to come. This is not a better or a worse perspective but it does, I believe, offer some interesting insights and see some interesting possibilities.

Of course, our generation is as diverse as any and the conference will gather people from many different contexts with very different lives. Participants are coming from the far north, out west, and down east where they serve little rural parishes and big urban ones or where they work in hospitals, schools, or the military. Some of us are parents, some of us are single, some of us are conservative, and some of us are radical leftists. There will be much we do not agree on and many experiences that are not shared but we are gathering with a desire to learn from one another and grow in community together.

We won't, however, be all alone in this process. Janet Marshall, Montre-



RHONDA WATERS joins other graduating students in a hymn at the 2011 Diocesan College convocation.

al's own diocesan congregational development officer, will help us hear one another more clearly and Eileen Scully, director of Faith, Worship, and Ministry, will help us communicate our thoughts to the broader church. Many conversations will begin at Conversation 2014 and we are committed to ensuring they don't end there.

The biggest reason, however, for a conference of young clergy is the

promise of collegiality. This cohort has an opportunity to begin building a network of colleagues now that extends across the country and will sustain its members, their ministries, and the church for the decades to come. We will not be younger clergy forever but, God willing, we will be working in this beloved church of ours for a long time. I, for one, would rather do that work together.

Kidstuff wants advice from families

The Kidstuff Committee on Children and Families of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal hopes to find out more about the spiritual needs and practices of families, whether in faith communities or not, through an email and online survey. Kidstuff hopes the survey will help the diocese provide care and support for the families around it.

Initially being sent to clergy and other contacts across the diocese and various others, Kidstuff hopes the survey will snowball as people not only fill it out but pass it on to their acquaintances.

Rev. Rhonda Waters of the committee writes:

"We all know that the world has changed. People's ideas about reli-

gion and spirituality have changed. Families have changed and what they need and are looking for has changed, too. One thing hasn't changed, though, and that is the desire of our church communities to provide care and support to the families around us. In many cases, the things we used to offer don't seem to be working very well – which means we need to change, too. The question is: How?

"Before we can even begin to answer that question, we need to listen to the families around us. To help us do that, the Kidstuff Committee is conducting a survey to learn about the spiritual and religious lives of families.

"We hope to hear from families

who are members of faith communities (Christian and other) and from families who have never set foot in a place of worship. We want to hear about how people are meeting the spiritual needs of their families and what kinds of questions they may be asking – not because we have answers but because we have questions, too. We want to hear about what kinds of help people in our communities need that we might be able to offer – whether it has to do with 'church' or not. And we want to let people know that we are interested, that we care.

"For the survey to be effective, we need everyone's help to spread it around. Share it with anyone you know who has children living at

home – people in your church, in your family, in your workplace, in your neighbourhood – and encourage them to do the same. You may find that the survey is a wonderful conversation starter about matters of faith and spirituality – although please assure people that no one will contact them or try to get them to come to church if they complete the survey!"

Copies of the survey in English or French are available at www.montreal.anglican.ca/en/Grow/Children-and-Families or Rhonda Waters can be reached at 514-843-6577, extension 239 or rwaters@montreal.anglican.ca.



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MTL Youth Notes

Youth Ambassadors looking for young leaders

By the MTL Youth team

It's easy to say we want more young people involved in the church. We all feel better when there are young bums on seats on Sunday morning. It's a sign that the church is alive and growing and we can all relax. Plus, they're cute.

What's not so easy, however, is to give those young people a voice in the church. Not only that, but to entrust them with the responsibility of our voice – to give them the opportunity to represent our church.

That was the idea behind the creation of the Youth Ambassadors program in 2011. It was a diocesan initiative, developed in partnership with the Partners in Mission Committee and PWRDF's Montreal chapter. It started small: seven youth from four parishes across the Diocese partici-

pated in workshops that assisted them with their leadership and communication skills.

Then in August 2012, those Youth Ambassadors were sent out into the world. They visited our partners in the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior in Kamloops, British Columbia and participated in the Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth Conference in Saskatoon.

In the Fall of 2013 the Youth Ambassadors program went international. Fifteen of our young people travelled to New York City, where they participated in a very basic and wonderful form of mission work: feeding the hungry. They pitched in at two different soup kitchens and discovered first-hand a side of New York that's very different from the glittery, sexy metropolis we all see on

TV.

We are incredibly thankful to everyone who made these first years of the program possible through their time, financial support and prayers: the members of the committee, the parishes, the parents, and our partners. The warmth and support with which you've welcomed these initiatives is truly appreciated.

We want to continue to create ministry opportunities for youth who have demonstrated leadership qualities in their parish. We also want to take it one step further. We want to include young people in the shaping of future of the Youth Ambassadors' program. We want to find out where they think the program should go next.

In August, another Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth Conference is being held, this time in Kamloops. We're in the process of gathering a team of Youth Ambassadors to attend. This time, we'd like them to use the conference as a place to gather ideas, to find out what kind of initiatives are happening in the rest of the country, and make connections so that when they come back, they can use this knowledge to develop the next phase of the Youth Ambassadors program. We'd like the program to become youth-designed and youth-led.

What can you do to help? Parishes and individuals can get involved by: Encouraging youth aged 14-21 to be Youth Ambassadors. (The dead-



IN KAMLOOPS in 2012.



YOUTH AMBASSADORS and friends pause for a photo in a New York City soup kitchen last year.

line to register for the C.L.A.Y. conference will have passed by the time you read this. But young people can still sign up to be part of future initiatives and next-stage planning.)

Sponsoring a Youth Ambassador for \$150, who would visit your parish after the C.L.A.Y. conference to make a presentation

Providing prayers, publicity and

financial support to the program

We look forward to receiving new youth to embark on this journey with us. If you're young and you're interested, or if you'd like to support the program in any way, please contact us at mtlyouth@montreal.anglican.ca

Retreat for Anglican Women

Every year since 1989, the Anglican Women Alive, Renewed and Enriched (AWARE) organization has held spiritual retreats to help encourage and deepen spiritual growth. This year, AWARE will hold its one-day retreat on 20 September, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, Pointe-Claire.

Anglican women will come together to participate in Bible teaching sessions and discussion groups on the theme "God is the Potter and we are the clay." The guest speaker and chaplain is Executive Archdeacon Janet Griffith, Diocese of Montreal. Worship leader is Victoria Swift, organist at All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham.

AWARE retreats have become a 'must have' for many Anglican women who always come away feeling refreshed and renewed from the inspirational teaching, vibrant discussion groups and moving testimonies shared by others about God's goodness in their lives. A prayer team is always on hand to pray with those requesting personal prayer.

Registration is \$70, payable by 1 September, 2014. Spaces are limited so interested persons are encouraged to register early. Registration forms are available at church offices throughout the Diocese and from the A.W.A.R.E. website www.mtlaware.wordpress.com Bursaries are available – Call Susan Childs at 514.620.3496 for more information.

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Ecumenical notebook

Focus on Egypt at inter-church service

A few recent and coming events bear witness to the keen interest of St. George's Church, Place du Canada, in inter-church and intercultural affairs.

The focus was on Egypt, including relations between Coptic Christians and Muslims, when St. George's Church was host to members of several other downtown churches of different denominations at a service Saturday, March 7 marking the World Day of Prayer. Texts for the service, prepared by Copts, dealt with the account in John's Gospel of the encounter between Jesus and the woman of Samaria. Diana Angelo, a Copt now living in Montreal, spoke on the history of tensions between Muslims and Copts in Egypt. The Egyptian consul-general for Montreal, Amin Meleika, the deputy consul, Mostafa Khamis, and the director of Egyptian tourism for Canada, Mostafam Sallam, were among the guests.

Return visit to Temple

Archdeacon Bill Gray, rector of St. George's Church, Place du Canada, was guest speaker at the Shabbat Service on Friday evening, April 11, at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Westmount. He was invited by Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, senior rabbi at the Temple, who was a guest speaker at the morning service at St. George's on Sunday, March 9. A number of parishioners from St. George's attended the Friday evening service, including youth from the church's confirmation-preparation program, conducted by Rev. Nick Pang, assistant curate at St. George's. On the eve

of Passover, Father Bill talked about the importance of the Jewish Passover to Christian Faith. He also referred to the common challenges facing diverse faith communities and religions in a secular society.

A day of Caribbean celebration

St. George's Place du Canada Sunday is inviting those who would like to honour the late Richard Lord and George Daley to a Caribbean Lunch with entertainment Sunday, June 15. For many years, this was a yearly event, spearheaded by George Daley with the help of the Caribbean community. After a brief pause, the parish is reinstating it this year.

"The Caribbean community of

Montreal has long been an anchor of faith and devotion of the Christian people in Montreal," Archdeacon Gray says. "This is particularly true for the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Montreal and equally for St. George's Church. Come help us celebrate with this proud community in our Diocese."

Tickets are only \$10 and are available at the St. Georges Church office 514-866-7113. Note that none will be sold on the day of the event.

Leading ecumenists to speak on West Island

Two leading U.S. advocates of church unity, one of them formerly based in Montreal, will speak at an

ecumenical mission on the West Island Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26.

Rev. Thomas Ryan, CSP, based in Washington, D.C., as head of the Paulist North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, was director of the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Ecumenism for 14 years and founding director of the Montreal spiritual centre Unitas for another five before returning to the United States in 2000. Rev. John Armstrong is the founding president of ACT3 Network, which seeks to empowering leaders and churches for unity, a minister in the Reformed Church in America and the author or editor of 13 books, including *Your Church Is Too Small: Why Unity in Christ's Mission Is Vital to the Future of the Church*, published in 2010

Titled "Gospel call – Experiencing afresh our unity in Christ: bringing Christians together for worship, community, and mission," the mission will take place Saturday, October 25 between 7:30 and 9 p.m. and Sunday, October 26, between 4 and 6 p.m., followed by a social gathering, in St. Luke's (Roman Catholic) Church, 106A Anselme Lavigne Ave., Dollard des Ormeaux.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Christian Lépine will be in attendance and Anglican Bishop Barry Clarke will be there on the Sunday evening.

More details will be forthcoming but those with questions in the mean time can contact Deacon Brian Cordeiro at BCordeiro@diocese-montreal.org or 514-545-8709.

Return visit to Temple



GUEST SPEAKER at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Westmount at the Shabbat service April 11, Archdeacon Bill Gray, rector of St. George's Church, Place du Canada, talks to Lily Kaplan, a member of Temple Emanu-El for over 60 years since she converted to Judaism after her marriage. Born to a Christian family she was baptized at St. George's Church in 1929. She and Father Bill share the name Gray in their ancestry.

THE STILLNESS WITHIN

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



That First Day of Summer

*Dusk –
Bird song entering through
my open window,
this new song through
my sad heart.
I enter the stillness
listening.*

– Cedric Cobb

It was dusk. The first day of summer two years ago. I was at home, sitting by an open window, lost in thought. Responding to that “still small voice within,” I had come to the realization that there were things I had to let go of in my life. Now, as I sat there reflecting on the path before me, I began grieving for all the things I was about to give up. The seasons were changing. I was changing, too, and I was not sure what the future would bring.

It was at this point a bird began to sing. Its song came wafting in

through my window. It was so persistent that I had to stop thinking. I do not know for how long, but I sat there transfixed by the repetition of the same gentle notes that seemed to be directed to me. An incredible feeling of joy welled up in me, and the sudden realization that the world was full of new possibilities.

Insistently, I felt the bird's song encouraging me to let go and allow Life to unfold freely within me. With a sense of relief, I just sat there listening. As I relaxed, I felt myself letting go of the fear of not knowing what the future held. I realized, then, that all I needed to know was in *this* moment. The Divine was fulfilling my life – and all life – and this would continue through all the moments to come. I sat their enveloped in a profound sense of peace.

After that summer moment, I tried to open even more to it through meditative writing. This is a practice I highly recommend, and it can be one of the joys of summertime or any time. You can keep a journal, write poetry or prose. For that matter, you can draw or paint in a meditative way. You do not have to be a great writer, poet, or sage to engage in this practice; it is not about being scholarly, informed or gifted. It is about being you. You are the “expert” on your own experience, and all you have to do is trust your inner wisdom. Or, in the words of Mary Oliver: “You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.”

Here are a few practical guidelines to get you started. Feel free, however, to develop your practice in ways that work best for you.

Meditative Writing

*Find a quiet place, and sit comfortably.
Close your eyes, and spend a few moments becoming still and quiet.
One way of doing this is to first take a few letting-go breaths (like deep sighs). Then just breathe naturally, focusing on the rise and fall of your stomach.
When you feel relaxed, slowly count your breaths to ten.
Then open your eyes and all of your senses, and simply be present in the moment.
In this state of presence, begin listening to your heart. Connect with whatever wants to be present in the moment.*

*What are your first impressions?
Write them down as simply as possible – in your own words, in your own language – without getting caught up in critical thinking.
Now sit quietly, reading the words, and recalling the feelings the first impression evoked.
Close your eyes again, and listen.
Again, write down any deeper impressions.
Now allow these notes to guide your writing.
Until next time, may your summer be a time of relaxed attentiveness to the possibilities unfolding moment by moment.
Love and Blessings,
Cedric*

Theologian offers guide for greening your church

Norman Lévesque: *Greening your church: A Practical Guide to Creation Care Ministry for Parishes, Dioceses and Religious Communities*. Novalis, 2014, \$11.95, 104 pages

Churches in Canada are taking the ecological crisis seriously, in the view of Norman Lévesque, a theologian and environmentalist and author of a practical guide called *Greening Your Church*, just published by Novalis 2014.

“This new guide allows the faithful to reduce the environmental footprint of their church and to rediscover the mine of ecological references found in the Christian tradition, Mr. Lévesque says in an announcement from the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism. He is associate director of the centre and director of its Green Church Program.

“The Bible is full of stories with ecological content, such as the story of Adam and Eve, with Adam as keeper of the garden, the story of Noah's concern for biodiversity, the laws of Moses about animal protection and the prophet Jeremiah denunciation of environmental degradation. Even Jesus prayed in nature

and the plants and animals inspired his parables”

Greening Your Church also contains a list of saints who lived inspiring relationships with nature. After the well known Francis of Assisi, there were Hildegard of Bingen, Anthony the Great, Kateri Tekakwitha and many more.

“The book demonstrates that the history of the Church offers a rich ecological dimension to be rediscovered,” Mr. Lévesque says.

The second half of the guide offers several examples of churches that have reduced their ecological footprint. For example, St. Charles Brébeuf in Montreal switched to greener cleaning products and reusable dishes; Beaconsfield United Church changed all the lightbulbs; and the Norbertine Fathers (or Prémontrés) in St. Constant, on the South Shore, organized an evening of prayer for the Earth.

Published in both French and English, the book is being distributed across Canada and the United States. Copies have been sent to Pope Francis and to Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI.



Canada Briefs

Licensing lay readers

The Diocese of Qu'Appelle in southern Saskatchewan plans to re-introduce a licensed lay reader program by the beginning of September, possibly commissioning the first lay readers in the fall.

The diocese of Ottawa recently amended its lay reader program and shared its materials with Qu'Appelle.

Drawing from those materials, Qu'Appelle has produced its second draft of a manual for the program.

“This is a ministry that will compliment and enrich the ministries of the diocese offered by clergy and laity alike,” said Bishop Rob Hardwick.

Saskatchewan Anglican

Huron to be a companion diocese with Amazonia

In March, Bishop Bob Bennett of the Diocese of Huron in southwestern Ontario and his wife, Kathie, as well as Stephanie Donaldson of St. John's Paris in Grand Bend, travelled to the Diocese of Amazonia, in the heart of the Amazon River delta, to attend its synod, where the bish-

op signed covenant to create a companion relationship between the dioceses of Huron and Amazonia.

Huron Church News

Climate change workshop calls for faith-based response

Though many feel paralyzed by the enormity of the global environmental crisis, about 75 people gathered at Toronto's Cathedral Church of St. James on March 8 to discuss the challenges and ways that faith communities are called to respond in a workshop called “The Earth is the Lord's.”

Journalist Alanna Mitchell, author of *Seasick*, described the dangers for the world's oceans, the chemistry of which she said is “changing faster than at any time in the history of the planet.”

But professor and environmental advocate Stephen Scharper held up the example of changes in the use of the chemical DDT that followed publication of Rachel Carson's 1962 book, *Silent Spring*. “Never think that our little actions cannot lead to stronger actions,” he said.

The Anglican

SPIRITUAL CALENDAR

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Christ Church Beaurepaire
455, Church St., Beaconsfield

Monday meditation circles are ongoing through June 9.

Everyone gathers at 7 p.m. in the chapel for this time of quiet and reflection. To learn more visit www.stillpresence.com or contact the Christ Church office at 514-697-2204. All are welcome!

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455, Church St., Beaconsfield

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'The first years last forever' – for the church as well

John Serjeantson

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"I Am Your Child: The First Years Last Forever" is the title of a documentary. It tells of the new research in brain development about the vital importance of the relationship between caregiver and child in the critical first years of life. This is also true of the critical first years of the Christian Church. Whatever the challenges that meet the Church in the future, we need to be consciously aware of, connected with our roots, with the rock from which we are hewn. This means Jesus in first-century Judaism; and also means that the first disciples of Jesus were all Jews.

The shift

From nearly the beginning, there was a shift from that culture. This is shown even in the New Testament itself. It was written in Greek. There was a shift from Yeshua to the Greek form Jesus; and, from Messiah to the Greek form Christ, both meaning anointed one.

Even the New Testament, including the Gospels, sometimes reflects the anti-Jewish biases of the communities to which it was addressed. This becomes more pronounced as the Church becomes increasingly non-Jewish. Also, what is not anti-Jewish becomes so when it is said not by Jews, but by Gentiles about Jews. Throughout the history of the Church there has been plenty which has distorted, stereotyped and misrepresented about first-century Judaism, which is the root from which the present Church and Judaism

come. We are, so to speak, siblings from the same matrix.

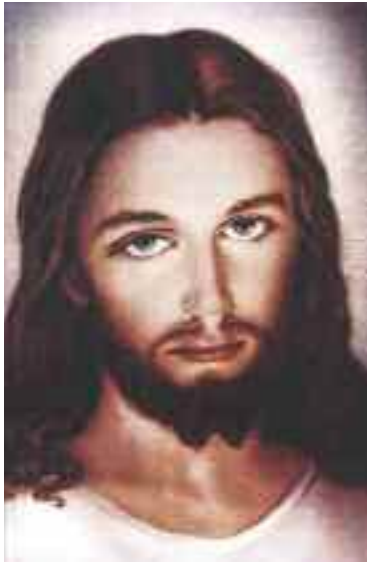
The importance of historical research

We can never get an exact record of what happened in the past, because much of it is an approximation coloured by interpretation and impact. Yet so far as the historical Jewish Jesus is concerned, and the first-century Judaism of which he was a part, it is important to persevere. If not, we will more and more make a Jesus in our own image. We do this enough as it is. We need to keep misrepresentation to a minimum. Jesus was unique. There is no need to denigrate the culture from which he came, especially when what we say is not true. So ongoing historical research into first century Judaism, and Jesus within it, is *sine qua non*. It is not negotiable. We need to get as close as possible to the historical Jesus, while remembering that the impact he made and people's response to him is important.

Misrepresentations

Here are some examples of misrepresentation. It is a misrepresentation of Judaism to say that only through Jesus is there forgiveness of sins. Also, in first-century Judaism forgiveness of sins was not a function just of the sacrificial system. It is included in other parts of the Jewish scriptures we call the Old Testament (Psalms 32:5, 78:38, 85:2, 103:3 and Isaiah 43:24). Jesus personified forgiveness, but forgiveness was experienced before Jesus.

Different convictions can sometimes lead to misrepresentation. It is a Christian conviction that Jesus was, is, the Messiah (Christ). Most Jews who believe that the Messiah will come do not believe that Jesus was the Messiah. For them, the messianic age is not here, because there are still wars, illness, disasters and so



JESUS? Beware of stereotypes

on. God's reign of peace is not here. For Christians the life, death and resurrection of Jesus initiated the messianic age; yet it is not here in all its fullness. So we call him Christ (the Anointed One, Messiah). Christ is not a name; it is a title. This understanding was, is, the initial belief that has separated Jews and Christians. Misrepresentation of Judaism has come from this conviction.

Stereotyping is another form of misrepresentation that has come from this conviction. An example is the way in which Christians have throughout history accused *all* Jews of killing Jesus, of being "Christ-killers." This is not true. It was the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, who ordered the execution of Jesus. It was only a small group of Jewish leaders who handed Jesus over to the Romans. It was not the whole Jewish people. It is a misrepresentation of Judaism to say all Jews this or that. Judaism is as diverse as Christianity was then, at the beginning, and is today. We have many denominations, and even groups within them. Anglicanism is an example of this.

Each tradition within Christianity, be it Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Church, Orthodox, Pentecostal, or other, in some ways misrepresents Jesus. So we can only approach God humbly. The interpretation of who/what Jesus was/is that was accepted by the Church in the time of the emperor Constantine, and became the official religion of the Roman Empire, misrepresented Jesus and Judaism.

The Church has, and still does, misrepresent Judaism when it sets off a good Jesus against a bad Judaism. Jesus took various aspects of Judaism and made them part of his renewal movement with Judaism. It is easy enough to take parts of the Old Testament, and set them off against what Jesus was promoting – legalism, purity, downgrading women, misogyny, social injustice, to name a few. So we misrepresent Judaism. It has many strands. We don't have to misrepresent Judaism to enhance the greatness of Jesus. "A greater than Solomon, Jonah ... is here (Matthew 12:30-42, Luke 11:29-32). We no longer, like teenagers, need to downgrade the parent to establish our identity.

Misrepresentation and conviction

Paul and others, in different ways, interpreted this first-century Jew to the peoples of the Greco-Roman world in which they lived. One group said that it was necessary to become a Jew to follow Jesus. They considered that Paul had got it wrong. Paul said it was not necessary to become a Jew to accept the Gospel. Both groups considered the other was misrepresenting Jesus. Eventually most followed Paul's interpretation (Acts, Chapter 15 tells of a conference that considered this matter). Paul's was a way of continuity with the Jewish past. It was a way of being true to creational, covenan-

tal monotheism. It was also a way of discontinuity with some aspects of the Jewish heritage. This included circumcision of males. Paul walked a tightrope between remaining true to conviction and misrepresentation. Paul wrote about this in his letter to the Christians in Rome, Chapters 9 to 11. Does belief in Jesus supersede Judaism? It can be argued that God led the Church in its future interpretations of Jesus (John, Chapter 16:12-14). It was not misrepresentation but Spirit-led. Is the Church the new Israel? Or, are Judaism and Christianity like two trains travelling on parallel railway tracks? Are they both responding to the Creator, redeeming God of Israel, in different ways?

Ending this article I would encourage us to consider the ways in which we misrepresent Judaism and the Jewish Jesus today. See if we notice it in any of the hymns we sing. Is it present in any devotional readings, theologies, books, T.V. shows, or sermons? Is it present in the ways we talk about Judaism? We don't need to misrepresent Judaism to enhance the true greatness of Jesus. We don't need to misrepresent Judaism to enhance our identity as Christians. We need to remember that no matter what challenges meet us in the future, what cultures with which we communicate, Jesus the Jew is our Founder. We say to the God of Israel: "I am you child – the first years last forever."

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Oasis Musicale concerts continue at Cathedral

The free concert series L'Oasis Musicale is continuing this summer at Christ Church Cathedral, 635 St. Catherine St. W. (Métro McGill)

The concerts are on Saturdays, usually 4:30 p.m. There is a freewill offering to support the artists.

For information, call 514-843-6577, extension 236 or send an email to loasismusicale@gmail.com or visit www.oasismusicale.blogspot.ca or the Facebook page L'Oasis Musicale at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal.

Here are the artists for June and July:

• Sat., June 7, 4:30 p.m.

Accords du monde with Ingrid Boussaroque, voice, and Myriam Reid, harp: Songs from different times and places, including *Come again*, J. Dowland, *Si le bon Dieu l'avait voulu*, G. Brassens and traditional selections from Scotland, Quebec, Iceland, Norway and Arabic and Sepharic traditions.

• Sat., June 14, 4:30 p.m.

Adrian Foster, organ: Selections from Olivier Messiaen's *Livre d'orgue*.

• Sat., June 21, 4:30 p.m.

Summers of Love with Kateri Gormley, soprano, Amanda Hall, piano: Selections by Samuel Barber and Franz Liszt, songs of Victor Hugo.

• Sat., June 28, 4:30 p.m.

Les flûtes enchantées with singers



KATERI GORMLEY featured June 21

Gabrielle Émard, Marina Rahal and Barbara Heath. Polina Minatcheva, piano. Selections from a range of composers.

• Saturday July 5, 4:30 p.m.

Piano Recital by Rebecca Qiuluan Feng. Selections by Johann Sebastian Bach and Joseph Haydn, Frederic Chopin, Maurice Ravel.

• Sat., July 12, 4:30 p.m.

The creative brilliance of Nicolaus Bruhns with Paul Stubbings at the organ

• Sat., July 19, 4:30 p.m.

Recital of Music for soprano and piano: soprano Kripa Nageshwa, Chad Heltzel on the piano

• Sat., July 26, 4:30 p.m.

Jonathan Wilson: Piano recital. *Sonata in C minor D958* by Franz Schubert, *Humoreske Op. 20* by Robert Schumann.

Dioceses rally to Sorrento centre

Josh Keller

Josh Keller is active in the Sorrento Centre capital campaign

The message is simple, and it's one that individuals and diocesan leaders across Western Canada are starting to embrace and support with significant financial commitments: the future of the church depends on nurturing young people today, so that they will grow into taking a leadership role tomorrow.

At Sorrento Centre, one of the few remaining retreat facilities in Canada where programs and registrations are expanding, youth leadership development has become a major theme in the multi-million dollar "Next 50" Capital Campaign launched last year.

A new Winter Youth Leadership Program, a five-year pilot program proposed as part of the three-year campaign to rejuvenate both the facilities and programs at Sorrento, has been the focus of two recent major donations, including one from the Diocese of New Westminster (in and around Vancouver).

At the national level, the Ministry Investment Fund, a program of General Synod, recently announce the awarding of a \$250,000 grant to support the launch of the proposed winter program at Sorrento.

Taking a leadership role, the Diocese of New Westminster has matched this with a commitment of another \$250,000 for the winter pro-

gram. In addition, they have given an indication that they will be doing more to support the critical issue of youth leadership.

Over the next year, the diocese will look at how it wants to move forward in developing its own future leaders, and may make a significant gift to the Sorrento Centre Campaign in 2015.

Similar consideration is also taking place within the leadership of the Diocese of Calgary, where the executive council warmly received Sorrento's presentation at its March meeting.

Rather than simply agree to match the quarter-million dollar donations from the MIF and New Westminster, the council expressed a desire to exceed this request and was working on a funding plan to provide Sorrento Centre with a \$1 million dollar gift, paid out over time.

With this potential gift, the \$6.4 million dollar campaign objective has reached the one-third mark. Individual donations have already exceeded \$600,000 during the first year of the campaign, and many more gifts are expected as the impor-



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM participants harvest produce on the Sorrento Centre farm on Shuswap Lake. Youth leadership development and a unique Farming for Creation initiative are both part of the "Next 50" campaign.

tance of the future of the Sorrento facility become more widely appreciated.

To learn more about the Sorrento Centre Campaign, including the different options available to make both current and future legacy donations through estate planning, check out the website at www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca and click on The "Next 50" Campaign link. This website is also where you will find details on all the 2014 Summer Programs available at Sorrento Centre.



Diocesan Clippings (and Snapshots)



Five generations!



FIVE GENERATIONS of the same family linked to St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke Parish in the Rosemont district got together recently. Seated, 103-year-old parishioner Bertha Patterson holds her month-old great-great-grandson, Malik. Standing are her daughter, Barbara Fournier, treasurer of St. CHL, and Barbara's son Alan and grandson Kevin.

VENTE DE GARAGE POUR QUILTER'S/GARAGE SALE

JUNE 28, 2014 – 10:00 – 2:00

TISSUES / FABRICS – NOTIONS / PROJECTS
ARTICLES D'ARTISANAT HANDICRAFTS

LUNCH/11:30 – 1:00 – \$7.00

ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL / SALLE D'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE
INFO: SUE-ELLEN 450-834-2235 sueellenj@decolin.com

'The quality of mercy is not strained'



THE FOLKS AT THE OPEN DOOR, a weekly gathering at the Anglican diocese's Fulford Hall, were once again wooed – and wowed – by Tony's melodic voice on April 29 in celebration of the 450th birthday of William Shakespeare, born April 23, 1564. Tony led the former prisoners, prisoners on leave and their friends us through such speeches such as "To be or not to be, that is the question," and "The quality of mercy is not strained." The evening brought to life this Elizabethan master's concern with contemporary issues such as power, responsibility, justice and compassion. Tony (only given names are used at the Open Door) had previously introduced the Open Door to Dickens and Kipling.

Anniversary: 192 years in Lachine!

St Stephen's Anglican Church, Lachine, will celebrate the 192nd of anniversary its founding and the 183rd of its building on Sunday, June 8, at 11:00 a.m. (It's the oldest Anglican church on Montreal Island still using its original building.) The guest Speaker will be long-time Lachine City councillor (now retired) Jane Cowell-Poitras, a member of Summerlea United Church, Lachine. A reception at the back of the church (which is at 25 12th Avenue will follow the Eucharist. All are welcome.

A.C.W. SOLSTICE LUNCHEON

JUNE 21, 2014 – 10:30 – 1:00

\$10.00

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LEGER – SALLE DE THE

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JEUX – GAMES

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2014 Country Homes Tour

Thursday, June 5, 2014

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Highlighting Hudson & Area Homes

Presented by St. James' Church Women, Hudson

TOUR TICKETS \$25 – ON SALE AT

Source Aliments Santé, 448 Main Rd., Hudson (450) 458-7547
Décor & Tissus Serenity, 67 Cameron, Hudson (450) 853-0635
Re-vive Décor Maison, 15E Cartier Ave. Pte Claire (514) 695-9512
Or email Marilyn Pound at HUDSONCOUNTRYHOMESTOUR@gmail.com

St. James' Church Hall
642 Main Road, Hudson
Lunch: \$15

Two Sittings: 11:30 and 1:00 p.m.

Please purchase St. James' lunch tickets in advance at the above ticket outlets.

St. Mary's Church Hall
261 Main Road, Hudson
Coffee & muffin \$3, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Lunch: \$12

From 11:30 to 1:30

St. Mary's lunch tickets can be purchased at the door.

SALES and EVENTS

All Saints Deux Montagnes

248-18th Ave.

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Sat., June 7, starting at 8:00 am

In the church parking lot, or in church hall, depending on the weather. Table rental \$15.00. Call 450-473-9541 to reserve a table or for information info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca, www.allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

Robin des Bois Restaurant

4653, St. Lawrence Blvd.

LOGIFEM FUNDRAISING SUPPER 2014

Thur. June 12 From 6 pm

Logifem, a shelter for women in difficulty, will mark 25 years of transforming lives. Tickets are \$100, with a \$60 tax receipt. For information, or to reserve a table, call 514-510-7772 or email info@logifem.org or visit www.logifem.org/fundraising-supper-2014 on the Web.

St. George's Place du Canada

1101 Stanley St.

A DAY OF CARIBBEAN CELEBRATION

Sun., June 15, 12:45 p.m.

George Daley and the late Richard Lord will be honoured at a Caribbean lunch with entertainment. For many years, this was a yearly event spearheaded by Mr. Daley with the help of the Caribbean community. After a brief pause, the parish is reinstating it this year. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the St. George's Church office, 514-866-7113. None will be sold on the day of the event.

Christ Church Rawdon

Parish Hall, 3569 Metcalfe St.

ACW SOLSTICE LUNCHEON

Sat., June 21, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Ventes d'artisanat et d'occasion, pâtisserie/Bake sale, handicrafts, nearly new: Admission \$10. Fundraiser for the Anglican Church of Rawdon. Information: Lillian 450-834-4217, Sue-Ellen Jones 450-834-2235

St. Lawrence LaSalle

520 – 75th Avenue, LaSalle

SUMMERFEST

Sat., June 21, 12 noon–6 p.m.

A little Caribbean in LaSalle/Un peu des Caraïbes à LaSalle. Fish fry, baked goods, fine Caribbean delicacies, bingo, games for the kids/Repas de poisson frit, pâtisserie, délicatesses des Caraïbes, bingo, jeux pour les enfants. Information: 514-366-4652 or stlawrence520@gmail.com

All Saints Deux Montagnes

248-18th Ave.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Sat., July 5, 2 p.m.

Quebec strawberries, REAL cream, lemon fruit scones, coffee or tea. Price: \$7 (ages 5-12: \$4). Information: 450-473-9541 or info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

Christ Church Rawdon

3360 rue Rectory Garden St., Rawdon

RAWDON FAMILY FAIR 2014 FOIRE FAMILIALE RAWDON

Sat. July 12, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m./9h-15h30

Handicrafts, entertainment, bake sale, snack bar, tea room, games. Small entrance charge. Artisanat, pâtisserie, repas léger, salle de thé, jeux, spectacles. Petit prix d'entrée. Fundraiser for the Anglican and United Churches of Rawdon/Levée de fonds pour les églises anglicane et unie de Rawdon. Information: Merle 450-834-3535, Al 450-834-6368

Christ Church Rawdon

Salle paroissiale/Parish Hall

3569 Metcalfe St.

EXPOSITION DES COURTEPOINTES 2014 QUILT SHOW 2014

PATCHWORK GUILD RAWDON

Fri. Aug. 15, 1-9 p.m., Sat. Aug. 16, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Sun. Aug. 17, 1-9 p.m.

Plus que/More Than 60 pieces/pièces. Vente de tissus at d'accessoires. Sales Tables. Admission \$3, rafraichissements inclus, refreshments included. Fundraiser for the Anglican Church of Rawdon. Info / Submissions Sue-Ellen 450- 834- 2235, Sueellenj@Decolin.com.

After almost 11 years in Sorel, Holly Ratcliffe to 'take a different direction'

After almost 11 years of leading a pioneering French-language ministry based in the historic Christ Church Sorel and the community and worship centre in its former rectory, Rev. Holly Ratcliffe has resigned as priest-in-charge, effective May 1.

She had been on a sabbath leave since December.

In an announcement in early May, Bishop Barry Clarke said "after prayer, discernment and important work on her health and well-being," she and the bishop "came to the conclusion that her future ministry take a different direction."

He thanked her both for her leadership in Christ Church Sorel and her part-time work since 2010 as a prison chaplain in the Drummondville Institution.

A priest of the Diocese of Montre-

al since 1992 and known for her deep interest in Christian spiritual traditions, she came to Sorel in 2003 after serving for seven years as rector of St. Stephen's Church in Lachine and two as director of the Centre Unitas, a bilingual, ecumenical centre for Christian meditation and spirituality in Montreal.

At Christ Church, she took charge of what the Montreal Diocese had in 1999 designated as a pilot project in French-language ministry in what is now Sorel-Tracy, about 83 kilometres downstream from Montreal. The parish, founded in 1784, celebrated its 225th anniversary in 2009 and is the second oldest Anglican parish in Canada; the present church building dates from 1842.

However, a once-flourishing English-language parish lost most of its

members because largely of the closing of the local shipbuilding industry in the 1980s.

Under her leadership, Christ Church was the focus of a numerically modest but committed congregation made up largely of people who still consider themselves Roman Catholics. Between 2005 and 2010 the parish, with major support from the Diocese of Montreal, re-acquired the former rectory and refurbished it as a worship and community centre and the home of an outreach ministry called Café Christ Church that had operated since 1999.

During Dr. Ratcliffe's sabbatical, liturgical ministry has been provided by Rev. Yves Samson of St. James Anglican Church in Trois Rivières and a lay reader from the same parish, Denis Gévry.



CELEBRATING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY of Christ Church Sorel in 2010, Jocelyn Gavel of the parish, Bishop Barry Clarke and Rev. Holly Ratcliffe stand in front of the refurbished former rectory.

St. Paul's celebrates 82 years – 30 of them with James Bennett



IVOR BENNETT receives some flowers.



JAMES BENNETT makes a point.

(Photos: Janet Griffith)

St. Paul's Côte des Neiges celebrated 82 years of ministry on May 3 – and the rector, Archdeacon James W. Bennett – was also honoured for 30 years of service at St. Paul's, as was his wife, Ivor. Bishop Barry Clarke was among over 200 parishioners and well-wishers on hand.

There were also tributes to a number of others: Arthur and Ruby Collin, Osbourne and Rona Alleyne, Dalton and Pearl Callender and the church's executive assistant, Dercella (Nancy) Henville.



NANCY HENVILLE was among those honoured.



NOT EXACTLY a vestment for the rector.



Diocesan Clippings (and Snapshots)



Elizabeth (Mowll) Capon was diocesan secretary

Bishop Barry Clarke extended prayers and sympathy to Rev. Canon Tony Capon and his family following the recent death of Elizabeth (Mowll) Capon, his wife of many years. Elizabeth was a former secretary at the Diocese of Montreal. Canon Capon was principal at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and was made a diocesan canon in 1978. He retired in 1991 and moved with Elizabeth to Ontario where he was made honorary assistant, St. John's, Kingston, in the Diocese of Ontario.

Resurrection Valois is looking for you!

As part of the celebrations this year of its 90th anniversary, the Church of the Resurrection Valois plans a "Family Fair Day" with pony rides and a barbecue on Saturday June 7 and a catered dinner on Saturday, September 20th. The parish would love to have past parishioners join present ones in the celebrations. Former parishioners, family, or friends who would like to know more can contact the parish at office@cotres.ca; 514-697-1910; or 99 Mount Pleasant, Ave., Pointe-Claire H9R 2T7 and find out about reminiscing and perhaps breaking bread together.

Hartropp rides again!



For the 15th time, Simon Hartropp will be riding in his 15th MS Bike Tour 140 kilometres over hills and along the valley of the Kennebecasis River in southern New Brunswick this month raise funds for research into multiple sclerosis. He writes: "Drug treatments for Multiple Sclerosis have greatly improved in the last few years, and people diagnosed with the condition can now look forward to a much better quality of life than before. Stories about new treatments based on bone stem-cell transplant offer hope to those for whom drug treatments have not arrested the MS conditions. Research at Montreal centres such as the Neurological Institute and McGill University continue to unearth the underlying biology which could refine this transplant approach and make it less risky." He'll be riding with the Pscows Team, the captain of which, Bruce Mitham, and his wife, Sarah, were at one

A pastoral visit



BISHOP BARRY CLARKE poses with Rev. Samuel King-Kabu, pastor of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church in the N.D.G. district of Montreal, where the bishop was guest preacher May 11. A number of former parishioners of St. Columba Anglican Church in N.D.G. have been attending St. Ansgar's since just after the Anglican parish closed in 2012.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

time members of Church of the Resurrection. She has wrestled with MS for many years. Last year Simon's sponsors raised \$3,500; he's aiming for \$4,000 this year. To see his progress, please visit his MS Bike Tour website (Google "ms bike tour Sussex" and follow the links.) You can join the ranks of his sponsors on that page or mail a cheque payable to "MSS Canada" to Simon at 169 Sunnyside Ave., Pointe-Claire, H9R 3V2, or phone the MS Society Atlantic Office at 902-468-8230 and mention "Simon Hartropp Bike Tour sponsorship." If you donate before June 20, your contribution will be included in the amount announced during the tour dinner on the 28th.

The Venerable Michael Johnson

Archdeacon Michael Johnson is to return to Christ Church Beaurepaire August 10 from a sabbatical leave that began April 28. Bishop Barry Clarke says he approved the request for leave for personal spiritual growth and renewal "and ask that you join me in support and prayer through Michael's journey toward spiritual fulfillment."

Arundel parish small but active

The Parish of Arundel and Weir in the Laurentians, which has the welcome mat out for anyone vacationing in the Mont Tremblant area, is tiny but its outreach is wide and gratifying, reports parishioner Bevin Boyd. One example was a cheque for an "amazing" \$495 delivered to St. Michael's Mission in downtown Montreal April 9. "Our Lord works in mysterious ways, showing us to trust. The congregation is small at this time of year because of snowbirds, people moving and so on, but yet the amount donated each year increases." Every year for almost 30 years the parish has had a special monetary collection during Lent for meat for the mission. For some time the parish would use the funds collected to actually buy meat for the mission from a grocer in St. Jovite. Now the funds are given to the mission, earmarked for meat, but this year the parish also delivered boxes of non-perishable food. The parish remains busy in other ways. The hall is used by a group of volunteers make beautiful quilts for people receiving chemotherapy. Each month the parish donates \$100 to the Arundel Elementary School; for its breakfast program. Along with bake and rummage sales, the Anglican Church Women help every fall with staff and refreshments for the annual flu



vaccine clinic in the church hall for everyone. "These may seem small ways to many but they are just the tip of what the parish is able to do for Our Lord." All are welcome at Sunday services with Rev. Canon David Sinclair at 10 a.m. at Grace Church Arundel, followed by refreshments.