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The Rev. Patrick Wheeler poses in front of the eight-burner stove in the new kitchen that is the pride and joy of the Church of the Epiphany in Verdun. The kitchen was put to good use at a dinner January 31 that marked the fifth anniversary of the parish – and Father Wheeler's departure for another parish. See Page 6.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



*“There’s a river we must share...
The spring is Jesus the Lord
It flows so deep down inside
To revive a faith that has died.”*

The vocal group Aeternal Ministry, directed by Daniel Garvin, led the congregation in singing his song *There’s a River* (music: Dieter Ferworn) at the annual inter-church service January 28 marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year’s service was at the Roman Catholic Portuguese Mission in the Plateau Mont Royal district. In the photo, Norman Lévesque, assistant director of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, which organized the event, carries a symbolic beaker of water, followed by Emeritus Bishop Gérard Tremblay, 96, of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal, on the arm of the Rev. François Sarrazin, chancellor of the archdiocese. You can see Bishop Barry Clarke, the Anglican bishop of Montreal, behind them and, behind him, the Rev. John Walsh, the Roman Catholic broadcaster and ecumenist. For more, see Page 7.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



BISHOP IOAN CASIAN

There is a thirst and hunger for God and his grace among people regardless of whether or not they are believers, Bishop Ioan Casian, based largely in the Lachute area as vicar bishop for the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas, said at an annual service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. See Page 7.



JOHN BOWEN

One of the leading, if not the leading, Canadian Anglican specialists on evangelism admits he is sometimes hesitant to talk about the subject. Still, he’s leading two workshops on the subject in Montreal in May. See Page 8.



ROB VOYLE

An Episcopalian priest, psychologist, executive coach and head of the Clergy Leadership Institute, based in Hillsboro, Oregon, will discuss forgiveness at this year’s Diocese of Montreal clergy workshop March 22-24. See Page 8.



ROBERT F. JONES

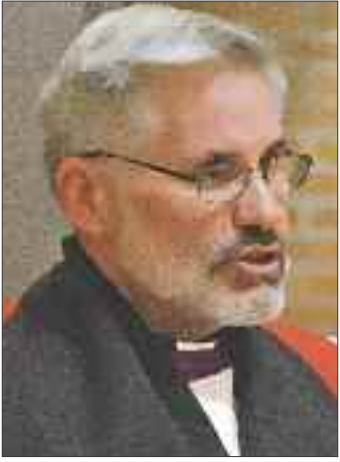
The choir of the Church of St. James the Apostle and organist Scott Bradford will participate in a special concert Saturday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m. in the series *l’Oasis Musicale* at Christ Church Cathedral. It will pay homage to Robert Frederick Jones, a Montreal composer who died in 2012. See Page 8.



CONTEMPLATION

Experience Ignatian-style meditation with scripture on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. Dean Paul Kennington or spiritual director Vivian Lewin will guide the prayer. On the second and fourth Tuesdays, experienced meditator Beth Adams offers a brief talk introducing 20-40 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. See the Spiritual Calendar, Page 11.

(Photo: Jonathan Sa'adah)



Bishop's Message



In this month's issue of our paper I want to share with you passages of the Bible that inspire, nurture and challenge me in my faith and discipleship.

The Bible is the Church's sacred text. I am reminded in one of the

prayers of our church: "Eternal God, who has caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them..."

The Bible, our Scriptures, our sacred texts are given to us for our growth in the faith as we read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them. St. John writes, "But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and that through believing, you may have life in his name." (JOHN 20: 31)

BIBLE PASSAGES

(DEUTERONOMY 30: 19-20)

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

(PSALM 103 VS 1-5)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits – who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live – so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

(ISAIAH 42: 1-5)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it.

(MICAH 6: 6-8)

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

(MATTHEW 11: 28-30)

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(JOHN 15: 12-17)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

(PHILIPPIANS 3: 10-11)

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

(PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I learned Bible stories in Sunday school. I received a New Testament as a confirmation gift. It was in my teenage years that I began to read the Gospels and through reading of the Gospels, it was then that I was convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

The Bible is one of the most sought-after books, outselling many other books. If you have not discovered its benefits for living a life of faith, may you begin the adventure now.

In Christ,

+ Barry

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News in brief

Aboriginal community minister starts work

The new Aboriginal Community Minister for the Diocese, the Rev. Annie Ittoshat, arrived in Montreal from Kuu-juarapik, in the north of Quebec, at the end of January.

She is accompanied by her family – husband Noah and three children, Minnie Ittoshat, Peter Ittoshat and Peter Kasudluak – and is based at St. Paul's Church in Lachine, where the parish of that name closed in November 2012.

(Bishop Barry Clarke said in a recent conversation that the diocese is not currently planning to sell the premises. Among current tenants are the Seventh-day Adventists' Oasis Worship Centre.)

An Inuit from the Diocese of the Arctic, she has studied at John Abbott College and more recently Wycliffe College, where in May she became the first Inuk to receive a master of divinity degree.



Rev. Annie Ittoshat

Janet Marshall has a new job

Janet Marshall, who served the Diocese of Montreal as congregational development consultant from the spring of 2010 until the end of last year, is now doing similar work in Toronto. It was announced in January that she is the new director of the Centre for Church Development and Leadership, which is a ministry of the Toronto United Church Council. The council established the centre in 2004 to manage program activities, develop program resources and gather educators and others to create and guide programs. It continues to focus on critical challenges facing congregations and mission units.

G.U.M. Grants deadline is March 29

The Synod office has sent out a reminder that March 29 is this year's application deadline for applications by parishes and related bodies for "G.U.M. Grants" for projects to promote "Growth, Understanding and Mission" and low-interest loans for mission-oriented capital projects. The grants would be paid out of a fund made up 10 per cent of the proceeds of the sale of properties no longer required by parishes, the loans out of a revolving fund created with 20 per cent of these proceeds.

For the G.U.M. grants, the diocese is looking for projects that will help it promote relationships with people and relationship with God. It is looking for projects that will help it understand how God is at work in neighbourhoods and communities and spiritual questions of people who are not connecting with traditional churches. "We are looking for projects that will help us be more active in God's mission for the world... We encourage applications for seed money and for projects that can attract other funding." G.U.M. Grants will not fund projects that have already begun, or projects that have no connection to an Anglican parish.

The low-interest loans are for parishes improving, renovating, repurposing and redeveloping church buildings, and especially for projects that will help the parish expand its mission and ministry, new and imaginative projects and projects that can be replicated and shared with others. The parish or congregation must demonstrate that the project is mission-oriented (with particular reference to the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion and is consistent with the diocesan Ministry Action Plan. There are also financial and other criteria. The parish should show how the project will enable it to flourish and how the project will eventually be self-sustaining.

For details and application forms, get in touch with Sophie Bertrand, human relations manager, at 514-8453-6577, extension 232, or sophieb@montreal.anglican.ca.

March 17 deadline for streamlined vestry forms

The Diocese of Montreal has streamlined the forms it uses annually to collect data from all the parishes in the diocese and is asking that they be returned by March 17.

Jennifer James-Phillips, assistant controller, notes that the information from these documents is used in several ways. For example in the parochial statistics form requests the total attendance figures for several specific days during the year. These statistics are sent to the General Synod office and are used in determining the number of votes the diocese will have during the General Synod.

The information in the financial information form is used to determine the amount of the annual assessment for each church in the following year.

"As you can imagine, accuracy and the timely return of these documents can and do have an impact on our diocese."

Forms for parochial returns, parochial statistics and financial information can be found on the diocesan website at www.montreal.anglican.ca/en/Serve/Administration/Vestry>Returns Anyone who has problems with the link or wants an email or paper copy of the forms or other information can call Ms James-Phillips at 514-843-6577, extension 249, or send an email to JPhillips@montreal.anglican.ca.

Marriage preparation weekends offered in March, October

Marriage education workshops administered through the Diocese of Montreal Centre for Lay Education will be offered Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21 and again October 23 and 24.

This is an interactive learning weekend. Couples hear short presentations and then discuss topics that have been raised, between the partners and in a group, to the degree that they feel comfortable. These courses are sponsored by the Centre for Lay Education, and the leadership teams are from the Anglican and United Churches of Canada. Sessions will be 7-10 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at St. Andrew and St. Mark's Parish, 865 Lakeshore Drive, Dorval. The fee is \$150 a couple.

For more information and to download a registration form visit <http://diomdtc.ca/marriage-preparation-2015/> on the Web or get in touch with the Rev. Tim Smart at 514-849-4437.

Obituary

Mark Gudwin was pioneer in French worship

STAFF

A funeral service took place in Christ Church Cathedral January 13 for the Rev. Mark Alan Gudwin, who was once vicar of the Cathedral and went on to lead a pioneering effort to launch French-language ministry in the Diocese of Montreal in the 1980s.

Father Gudwin, 69, died at his home near the U.S. border on January 7. Bishop Barry Clarke officiated at the funeral.

Father Gudwin was educated in Michigan, Toronto and England, and was ordained as a deacon and priest in Toronto in 1975 and 1976. He was on the Cathedral staff with the title of vicar for about three years from 1978. Then he led the Communauté Chrétienne du Rédempteur, a small group that worshipped, for much of the time he led it, at his home in Outremont.

He left that post in 1988 to study art history for about a year in Holland. Before and after that he devoted himself largely to teaching – at Centennial College in Montreal, Dawson College and particularly Champlain College, where he occupied a leading post at the Lennoxville campus.

He also served St. Paul's Church in Mansonville from 1989 until his final illness. He is survived by his husband, Conrad Graham, and sisters Carol Brod and Jane.



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HOSTS and READERS

Here is the text of the report of Shirley Dempster, convenor of hosts and readers, to the annual general meeting of the vestry of St. Simeon's Lachute February 1:

HOSTS AND READERS

Of our readers we are proud, who weekly lessons read aloud with pleasant voices and gentle speed so we can grasp the text they read.

Of our hosts we are just as proud, but they are not a great big crowd. I call them frequently and they have not yet told me NAY!

Why don't YOU become a host? Hosts are what we need the most. You'd be greeting all the people, you would ring the bell in the steeple, and you would pass the offering plate and then take it to the altar gate.

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If a host you would like to be, please give your name to Shirley D.

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Mile End Notebook

Carlos: A life impacted by the help of the Mission

Lori Olson is administrative assistant at the Mile End Mission.

Carlos walked through our doors a bit over a year ago, after the apartment he was living in was condemned and he was forced to leave and all his belongings were thrown out.

Carlos moved into a rooming house in the area and came to the Mission. He held a job at a local garage but had an accident that left him with broken ribs and unable to work.

So the process began. I helped Carlos apply for welfare, and after three months he received his first cheque. But without ID or a bank account, the hardships began.

We went to the bank, but because his welfare cheque covered a three-month period – it was retroactive for the three months Carlos had been without an income – the bank refused to cash it. So we made an appointment at the welfare office explaining the situation and the welfare officer signed a sworn statement with Carlos stating that the signature he produced was his. With that, we were off to the bank again but “No” was what we were

told again. This left Carlos in such a hopeless state – at risk of losing his room, with no money for food or anything – he had a meltdown at the bank. He began to cry and to punch himself; he bit his lip so hard it was bleeding. I turned away from the counter at the bank to calm Carlos and give him back hope, saying, “It isn’t the end, we will find a way.”

At the next bank, I told his story again: “He was put out of a condemned apartment losing all his belongings; for three months he has been receiving what help and food the Mission could provide for him; he is at risk of being homeless; he can’t work because he has broken ribs; he is unable to seek medical attention because he doesn’t have a Medicare card either. No luck!

We went on to yet another bank, despite the pain from his sore ribs. I kept his spirits up and let him hold onto hope that we would find a way. We pretended we were horses and set out to the next bank, singing a song: “I saw the sign.” And yes, it was another “No” there too!

The next day we gave Carlos a few Provigo gift cards to buy a bit of food. When we were at the store,

I wanted to retry the bank where I had initially told his story to the teller. What happened was a breakthrough! The teller told me she had thought about Carlos’ hardships when she went home and felt really bad. So on that day, she put her title and rules aside and saw a human like herself, a person. Saying to me that she could lose her job, she did finally cash his cheque!

Without ID or a Medicare card, Carlos hadn’t seen a doctor in years. He was complaining that he was losing feeling in his feet and this was becoming a serious situation. So we braced ourselves to tackle getting a Medicare card....

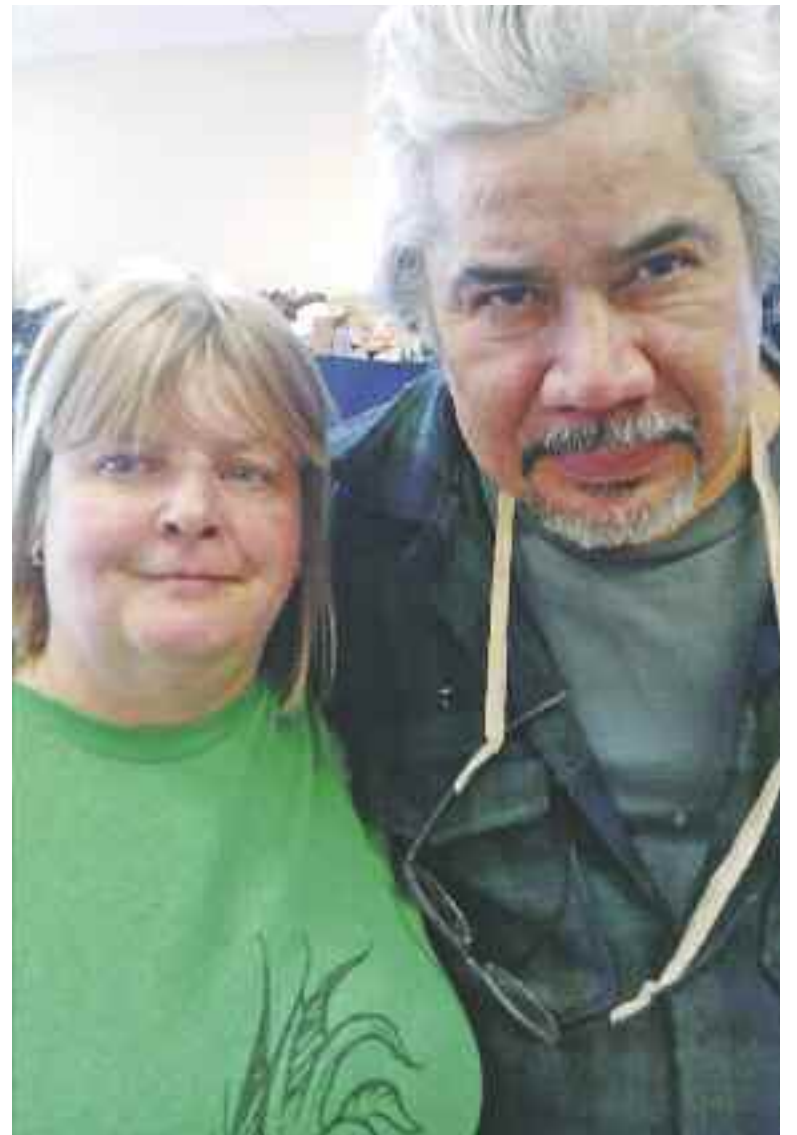
Again I was able to cut through the red tape and have the Medicare officer feel compassion and empathy towards the needs of Carlos... She accepted his application and told us what we needed to do. She even took the time to look up the information we needed about having his Spanish birth certificate translated by an accredited translator and having his landlord sign a sworn statement with a lawyer in order to prove his place of residence. When all that was finally done, wow! His Medicare card was mailed to him!

UPDATE

Carlos is now being followed by a doctor; he has a glucose meter to test his blood sugar levels; he has medication to control the diabetes and has even had dental work done!

We are now in the process of making an appointment to open a bank account!

All these things we helped Carlos attain are what he is entitled to have. It’s just that many people seem to disregard others that are different or are not up to society’s standards.



Lori Olson and Carlos Vilalobos

But by reaching into the heart and helping people see that *everyone* deserves to be treated as a human being with respect, compassion, and empathy.

We can make a difference, one person at a time. We must not judge by what the eyes see on the outside.

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The simple need for food, water, and health workers

SIMON CHAMBERS

Simon Chambers is communications co-ordinator for the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund. This article is one of four circulated by the PWRDF to launch the second year of the “Fred Says” food security campaign for which Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada and president of the PWRDF board, is the spokesman. The Dioceses of Masasi and Montreal have a partnership covenant. For more on the “Fred Says” campaign, visit fredsays.ca on the web.

When the PWRDF began its current project with the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania, preliminary research showed that most illnesses and deaths in the area were linked to the lack of three simple things: enough healthy food, drinkable water, and trained health workers. The PWRDF, in collaboration with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD), has been working to address these three basic needs.

The Diocese of Masasi began training farmers in sustainable farming methods, including building up local farmers as certified seed producers. To date, over 2100 farmers have been trained in techniques that reduce their costs and produce a wider variety of crops to feed themselves and their families. Farmers in the seed production program give



Kizito is a person living with AIDS in Mkumba village who was given a dairy goat to help supplement his nutrition.

(Photo: Sheilagh McGlynn)

20 per cent of their crop back to the local seed bank each year, enabling more of their neighbours to benefit from the program the following year.

Water sources in the villages are now maintained by village water committees. People are being educated about the importance of keeping water sources clean to mitigate water borne diseases. Over 20,000 people now have access to potable water at 26 wells in nine villages. Now people only have to walk an average of two kilometres to get water compared to eight before the project started.

Finally, then PWRDF, through the Diocese of Masasi, has been

training over 600 community health workers, traditional birth attendants, HIV/AIDS educators and caregivers. Having trained medical workers like these in the villages means that people are learning more about nutrition, hygiene, disease prevention, and care. Pregnant women are accompanied through the course of their pregnancy and beyond, helping to keep mothers and their babies alive. People living with HIV are learning to take their medications properly, and how to fight the disease through proper nutrition.

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Church archivists hit milestone in submission of residential school records



General Synod Archivists Nancy Hurn (left) and Laurel Parson review records.

(Photo: Matt Gardner)

Montreal staff, volunteer involved

MATT GARDNER
AND HARVEY SHEPHERD

Archivists at the Anglican Church of Canada have completed the task of putting paper records related to Indian residential schools into digital form for the federal government's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Diocese of Montreal was among dioceses across Canada that co-operated in this task by processing files from its own archives, and

faced an additional challenge in that a changeover in the diocesan archives staff came as a deadline from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission approached.

Sandra Koukou, recently appointed administrative assistant to the archives, said she worked on the project for two months, largely completing work that a volunteer, retired Christ Church Cathedral financial officer Barbara Hall, had well under way before the changeover.

Canada-wide, nearly 300,000 digitized pages held by the church

have been submitted to the commission for transfer to a centre at the University of Manitoba, established under the commission mandate to serve as a permanent resource for Canadians to learn the history of the residential schools.

Of the scanned pages, about half were held in the archives of General Synod, which also held records from the Diocese of the Arctic and the Diocese of Keewatin. The remainder were taken from the archives of 30 Anglican dioceses across Canada.

General Synod archivist Nancy Hurn, who co-ordinated the digitiza-

tion, noted the importance of making records available for survivors to understand the church's role in this part of Canadian history and to promote reconciliation and the self-determination of indigenous peoples.

"It's what the church needed to do to at least give the indigenous people a piece of their history because we took so much of it away," Ms Hurn said.

Between 1820 and 1969, the Anglican Church of Canada operated roughly three dozen residential schools for aboriginal children across the country.

None of them was in the Diocese of Montreal, but parishes were involved in a number of ways. The schools had quite a positive image on earlier years, for example, and parishes organized campaigns to donate clothing and supplies.

In collecting paper records from the period, archivists and researchers spent five years combing through records held by all national church organizations that contributed to work at the residential schools.

Matt Gardner writes for the news and information services of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The intern experience

MTL Youth intern finds hope, community

ANDRE PARRIS

In September 2014, Andre Parris began his journey as the first Diocese of Montreal youth ministry intern under the auspices of the MTL Youth project to developing leaders for youth and young adult ministry. His internship is being funded by the Bishop's Action Appeal. The focus of Andre's work is to embed himself in two Diocesan missions: St. Michael's Mission and Mile End Mission, in order to uncover and develop opportunities to engage youth and young people in the work of the missions.

Here are some of my experiences at two missions:

THE RED ROOF

My first visit to St Michael's Mission was intense but fun. I met with George Greene, the director, who gave me a tour of the mission. I also had the opportunity to meet the other workers, who were always busy serving in some capacity. I was allowed to sit in on an evaluation where a seemingly anxious person needed help but wasn't sure how to find it. I watched as he was given a chance to speak and I could tell he

wasn't seen as just a number, lost in the crowds, but that he really felt heard. After the evaluation was complete his anxiety seemed to melt away, and he walked away with possibly more hope and direction than he had before.

What I believe St Michael's Mission offers to anyone who enters their doors is hope. Over time, as I continue to visit the mission, I see that men and women from all walks of life, who for whatever reason need some type of assistance, are welcomed with open arms. Every time I speak to someone who works at the mission I feel a very strong conviction that everyone is seen as valuable, regardless of their gender, age, or orientation.

If you or someone you know needs a warm meal or somewhere to stay warm during the harsh winter days, St Michael's Mission is open and ready to serve with a warm meal and Christ's love for all.

Upcoming plans: We will be working on revamping our social media, including website, twitter and Facebook.

MILE END MISSION

As I walked through the door of the Mile End Mission, I was greeted with the smell of breakfast, which

seemed to fill the air. The air was also filled with laughter as everyone was chatting away. One thing I noticed right away was that it was hard to tell who was leading an activity because everyone was participating and sharing equally. Eventually I was introduced to Lou (Linda Lou Hachey), whose smile was captivating and welcoming.

I had a tour of the mission and was told that most of the people who use the mission are from the community and the workers see themselves as people who like to spend time with their large family, instead of workers just doing their job. I forgot to refill the meter because of how much fun I was having learning everything about the history the mission and meeting everyone.

As I continue to visit the Mile End Mission, I am reminded of the need for community in our lives – the need to have people we can trust and depend on. I think if you are in need of a community like that, Mile End is the perfect location.

Upcoming plans: We will be working on continuing to strengthen our relationships with surrounding parishes. We will also be developing a fitness program for all who wish to partake.



Andre Parris

Patrick Wheeler moves on: a tale of two cities

Used to challenges, he goes from Verdun to Westmount

HARVEY SHEPHERD

If there are two local communities in Montreal that have special emotional resonance for many English-speaking Montrealers – despite the real diversity of both communities today – perhaps they are Westmount and Verdun.

Still, the Rev. Patrick Wheeler didn't particularly dwell on that as he prepared to leave what is now the only Anglican parish in Verdun to become the incumbent of what is almost the only Anglican parish in Westmount.

"The Spirit's just calling me to another parish," Father Wheeler, 50, said in a recent interview at the Church of the Epiphany on Wellington Street in Verdun – more specifically and perhaps symbolically in its state-of-the-art kitchen, which he described as almost the heart of the church these days. The new kitchen is the hub of many dinners and other functions serving the parish and the surrounding community. In particular there are monthly community lunches offered free (donations accepted) to a diverse group of local residents varying widely in ethnic and religious background, age and economic status.

The conversation took place shortly before the Church of the Epiphany made use of its kitchen and renovated hall to celebrate the fifth anniversary of its creation under that name January 31, 2010, by a merger of three parishes that had made up the Parish of Verdun-Ville Émard since 2008, worshipping in their separate buildings.

Father Wheeler led the parish through and after that merger, a deeply emotional one for many from the three parishes.

But he had already faced challenges as a priest.

Raised in Montreal, he was ordained in 1999 and found himself assigned to Christ Church Sorel, where the English-speaking congregation had collapsed along with that community's shipbuilding industry. In about two years there, he oversaw the beginnings of the parish's transformation into a French-language one with a strong emphasis on social outreach, a process that continued under the late Rev. Louis-Marie Gallant and through the "wonderful work," in Father Wheeler's phrase, of the Rev. Holly Ratcliffe and goes

on now under the Rev. Yves Samson.

Back in Montreal, he became priest at St. George's Châteauguay and All Saints Verdun.

A few changes later, by 2008 he was the priest at All Saints, which had served the Crawford Park district of Verdun since 1949 and St. Aidan's with the Redeemer, which had served the Ville Émard district of southwest Montreal since the early 20th century. That year, he became rector of the new parish of Verdun-Ville Émard, which included All Saints, St. Aidan's and St. Clement's Belcher Memorial Church, which in 2007 had marked 110 years' service, almost all at the Wellington Street site, and the Rev. Fred Tiplady's retirement after 16 years as rector.

After some intense reflection in the three parishes, St. Aidan's closed at the end of 2009 and, on January 31, 2010, at the last service at All Saints, the Church of the Epiphany was launched with Father Wheeler, already priest at St. Aidan's and All Saints, as the rector.

The creation of the Church of the Epiphany, and therefore the fifth-anniversary dinner this year, took place a few weeks after the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus 12 days after his birth), and for which the new parish was named.

Father Wheeler said the three predecessor parishes were healthy in important ways but "the need to merge was there," with resources dwindling and buildings crumbling." Proceeds from the sale of the other two properties covered much of the cost of improvements to the former St. Clement's Church. These were a new roof, a new lighting system in the worship area and lifts making both it and the hall wheelchair-accessible. And there were a new kitchen and renovated hall.

Father Wheeler is not the only person to think the merger has been carried through pretty successfully on the human level too.

"I'm really proud of the parishioners," Wendy McCullough, rector's warden, said at the anniversary dinner, attended by a number of people from the broader Verdun-Ville Émard community as well as Anglicans. "We really did meld."

"People made some rather difficult decisions," Bishop Barry Clarke said at a worship service before the dinner.

"The adventure continues in a new way. We walk into God's future."



Three clerics somehow got icing from the anniversary cake on their fingers and respond appropriately. Wardens Gail Gollan and Wendy McCullough enjoy the levity of the bishop, Father Wheeler and territorial Archdeacon James Bennett.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

In Father Wheeler's view, the parish is in a good position to continue to build an integrated community among themselves and reach out into the broader community.

He's not talking about serving just the poor and isolated, although certainly them among others. "It's a diverse demographic. People with money. People without money." Verdun is "becoming very popular" as a result of condominium and other development, he said, and this could mean "there is tremendous potential for development" in meeting the needs of the community.

He said the purpose of community outreach is not to bring people into the church as new members.

"You do it because you're called to do it."

"I feel I'm leaving on a high note," he said. "It's time for someone else to pick up the paintbrush and continue the work."

ST. MATTHIAS' FACES CHALLENGES TOO

On March 8, Father Wheeler will be inducted as the new incumbent of St. Matthias' Church, in the limestone church on the southern slopes of Mount Royal, near West-

mount City Hall, that the church has occupied since 1912.

In his view, St. Matthias' is facing challenges much like other churches – which means faith and courage will be required to meet them.

Since the Church of the Advent closed a decade ago, St. Matthias has been the main church of the Diocese of Montreal that serves a largely Westmount congregation, although a number of Westmount residents worship at Anglican churches in the City of Montreal. (St. Stephen's Church is also in Westmount but members of its small congregation are attracted from a wide geographical area, largely by its style of belief and worship.)

Once a thriving church actively engaged in supporting missions elsewhere, St. Matthias' has more recently been coping with declining attendance that began in the 1980s amid the threat of Quebec separation.

"Many families left the province, and of those who stayed more and retreated to weekend homes," says a profile prepared by the parish during the search for a new priest.

However, parish leaders think there is still affection in the community that goes far beyond the numbers who show up in the pews. Typical attendance on a Sunday runs around 50 (Epiphany in Verdun has somewhat more) but something like six times that many turn out for the liturgically rich Christmas and Easter services at St. Matthias' and a phenomenal 869 names were on the church rolls in 2013.

Despite the challenges it faces, the parish retains a deep commitment to what the profile describes as "a challenging and elite" music program, regarded as one of the best in the province.

The parish has been running an annual deficit since the 1990s but has been able to cover these so far from income on its investments, the parish profile says. There are major problems with the roof and a capital campaign is to be undertaken "with in the next year."

In Father Wheeler's view, "We

need to find ways that we can be purveyors of beauty, both in service to the community and in worship.

"I look forward to making new relationships and helping the parish finds ways we might join God in God's work in the world."

Reporting to St. Matthias' parishioners, Jane Needles-Bradley, rector's warden, noted that Father Patrick is married to Janet Kendall and has three adult daughters in university. Janet works with special-needs and troubled children in an inner-city elementary school.

"Father Patrick grew up in Montreal and was ordained 15 years ago. He is fully bilingual and passionate about his calling to the ministry."

His interview with parish representatives focused on trust, community, outreach and teamwork, she reported.

"These concepts registered very strongly with the committee and reflected the values and characteristics we had identified.... We feel strongly that we have chosen well, and we are supported in our decision by the Bishop."



Joined by the bishop and others, the Rev. Deacon Seymour Smith sends the congregation out into the world (including the anniversary dinner for many of them) after the service.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



Young parishioner Natasha McCullough reads scripture as Tristan Rouchdy looks on.

(Photo: Jim Shepherd)

‘Satisfy the thirst’

HARVEY SHEPHERD

There is a thirst and hunger for God and his grace among people regardless of denomination and whether or not they are even believers and Christians have a responsibility to try to help satisfy it, an Orthodox bishop told an inter-church gathering in Montreal January 18.

Bishop Ioan Casian, based largely in the Lachute area as vicar bishop for the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas, was preaching at the annual service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, organized by the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Ecumenism

and one of many such services in many countries around the world.

This year’s service was in the Roman Catholic Santa Cruz Portuguese Mission in the Plateau Mont Royal district. (Last year’s was in Christ Church Cathedral; before that they were in St. Joseph’s Oratory.)

“The world wants to be inspired,” Bishop Casian said. “Let’s spend some time with the Lord and listen to God’s word, not because the faith was handed down to us but because we have it in our hearts.”

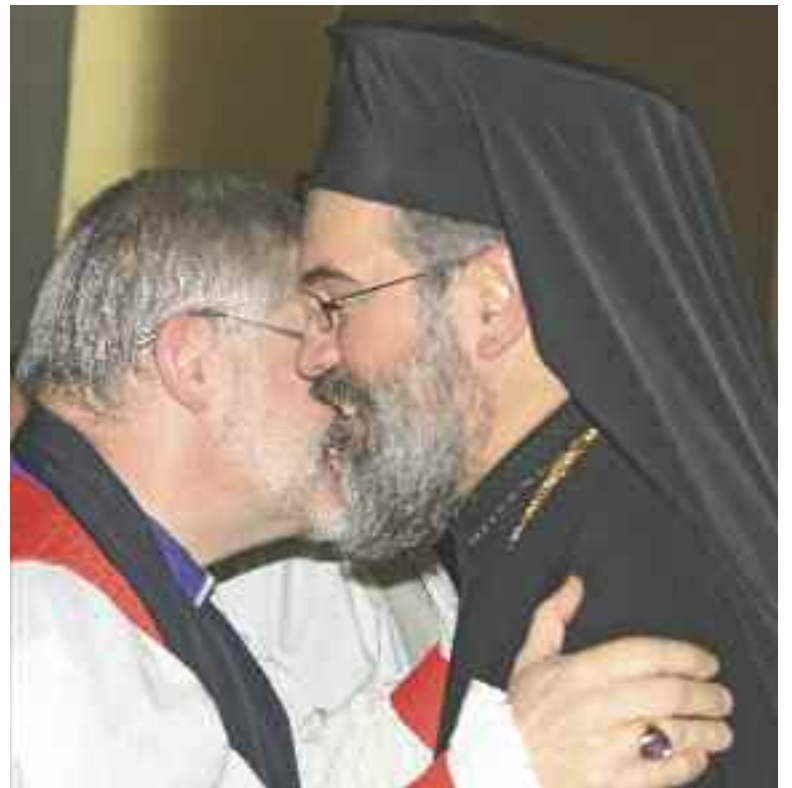
This year’s services were based on materials prepared by an ecumenical team called together by the National Council of Christian Churches of

Brazil and urging Christians to strive for greater respect for religious and cultural diversity. It takes as its theme the verse from John (4:7), “Jesus said to her: “Give me a drink” and takes inspiration from the biblical gesture of sharing water with whoever arrives.

Participants in the Montreal service included Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Romanian Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic faithful, Ukrainian Orthodox, United Church people, Pentecostals, Presbyterians, Baptists and representatives of the Salvation Army.



The Imani Family and Full Gospel Church choir, in photo in yellow robes, participated in the service, as did a folk choir from the host church and the Aeternal Ministry. (Photos: Harvey Shepherd)



Anglican Bishop Barry Clarke embraces Romanian Orthodox Bishop Ioan Casian.



Archdeacon Peter Hannen, an Anglican representative on the organizing committee, waits to participate in an intercessory prayer. Behind him is Father José Maria Cardoso of the host parish.

The go-to man on evangelism who hesitates to talk about it

Wycliffe College specialist to lead two workshops

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Among Canadian Anglicans, John Bowen is the man who wrote the book, or a few of them, on evangelism.

But these days, Dr. Bowen, director of the Institute of Evangelism at Wycliffe College in Toronto, who will be leading two workshops on the subject in Montreal Friday evening and Saturday, May 8 and 9, is almost reluctant to discuss evangelism, at least without preparing

the ground.

He said in a telephone interview that he doesn’t see evangelism as a strategy or program for getting more people into church pews. He also sees people interested in spirituality, if not religion, as among prime audiences for today’s evangelists.

“At the heart of it, unless we are enthusiastic about our faith we are just trying to get bums into pews. And people are instinctively resistant to that kind of approach.”

Or, as he put it in one of his posts on the Wycliffe website, “These days, I am reluctant to say anything about evangelism until we have talked about the Gospel. Until there is passion for the Gospel – the evangel – there will be no healthy evangelism.”

Dr. Bowen has credentials to talk about evangelism.

He was educated at Oxford and Trinity College in Bristol, England, and spent 24 years in Canada with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, much of it as a campus evangelist. He earned a doctor of ministry degree from McMaster University in Hamilton in 1999 and taught evangelism at Wycliffe between 1997 and 2013.

He now directs its Institute of

Evangelism, which tries to help churches across the country with congregational vitality and evangelism. (The Rev. Nick Brotherhood, based in Montreal, is assistant director and in charge of the Fresh Expressions program.)

Dr. Bowen is the author of three books and he and his wife Deborah, an English professor, have two children and four grandchildren

In his Montreal workshops, perhaps particularly the Friday evening one May 8, at St. Peter’s in the Town of Mount Royal, he will look at how the church can reach out to people who are interested in spirituality but have no idea what the Christian faith has to say on the subject.

But the approach has to be congruent with the loving nature of the Christian message and respect the integrity to the people the church is talking.

“Evangelism is in the first place not program-driven but relational.”

In another Web post, he writes, “Evangelism, whether in conversation or in preaching, is not in the first place about trying to prove the existence of God, or wrestling with the problem of evil. In the first place, it is helping people see what

Jesus is like....

“Evangelism is not talking about the forgiveness of sins, or discovering meaning in life, or finding hope beyond the grave, in isolation from the telling of the whole story. Sin only makes sense if this is God’s good world which we have messed up. Meaning in life can’t be divorced from the purposes of God in the world. And the resurrection is not just a guarantee of life after death, but the turning point in God’s bringing about a whole new creation.”

The workshop Saturday morning and afternoon, May 9, at the diocese’s Fulford Hall downtown, with the title, “Roots and Wings,” will be variant of one he has given about 10 times in Anglican dioceses and for other audiences. The morning will focus on how he thinks evangelism should be rooted in passion for the Gospel, the afternoon on how it should “fly” with two “wings”: innovative activities in churches and “fresh expressions” of the faith outside churches (of which the “Fresh Expressions” promoted by the Institute are an example).



Time to register!

514-843-6577 ext 244

Two Workshops with John Bowen

Fri, May 8: Evangelism in a Post-Christian World
10am-3pm at St Peter’s, TMR.

Sat, May 9: Roots and Wings
10am - 3pm at Fulford Hall
1444 Union Ave, Montreal.



Spiritual notebook

FORGIVENESS IS THEME OF CLERGY RETREAT

Teaching people how to forgive will be the theme of this year's Montreal diocesan Lenten Clergy retreat Sunday evening-Tuesday March 22-24 at the Manoir d'Youville in



Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle

Châteauguay. It will be presented by the Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle, an Episcopalian priest, psychologist, executive coach and head of the Clergy Leadership Institute, based in Hillsboro, Oregon. He led a one-day session for the Diocese of Montreal in May 2013 on an approach known as appreciative inquiry. Born in New Zealand, Dr. Voyle has a doctorate in psychology and degrees in mechanical engineering and theology. He is an internationally recognized leader in the use of appreciative inquiry in church related settings. The retreat is designed to lead participants through a series of processes to enable them to forgive others and themselves. The registration deadline is March 10; get in touch with the Synod office for details.

WEBCAST CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON INEQUALITY

The Trinity Institute 2015 conference at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York, which is focusing on economic inequality under the title "Creating

Common Good" in four Wednesday afternoon sessions between late January and early April, is being webcast to gatherings at 1:30 p.m. at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

The session on January 28 featured a keynote talk by U.S. intellectual Cornel West on the theme of his book *The Rich and the Rest of Us*, along with a talk titled "Is Inequality Sinful?" by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

The other three sessions, also be at 1:30 p.m. and preceded in Montreal by a Eucharist at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:30, will be followed by a webcast panel discussion.

February 25, at 1:30 pm. Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Nickel and Dimed* will discuss "class matters."

March 18, Juliet Schor, professor and author will ask, "What can we do about economic inequality?"

April 8, at 1:30 pm. "The Agape Community: The church's call to action" will be the topic of Episcopalian Bishop Julio Murray of Panama.

Anyone who would like to attend lunch should contact Beth Reed the Monday before the event at bethreed@dio-mdtc.ca. The Diocesan College is at 3475 University, St., 514-849-3004 or www.dio-mdtc.ca.

VT ENVIRONMENTALIST TO SPEAK AT GREEN CONFERENCE

Alan K. Betts, a leading climate scientist from Vermont, will be the keynote speaker at the Green Church Conference 2015, organized by a branch of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism April 14 at St-Ignace-de-Loyola Church in Quebec City.

The theme of the conference, which organizers hope will attract members of various churches from all over Quebec, will be "Creating a Climate of Hope." Norman Lévesque, Director of the Green Church Program at the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, notes that the conference will occur as many international observers await an encyclical letter on the environment Pope Francis is to publish this summer, a few months before the World Climate Summit in Paris in December.



Alan Betts

On January 15, Pope Francis spoke about the climate: "For the most part, it is human beings who abuse nature, constantly. God always forgives, we men and women sometimes forgive, but nature never forgives." Last September 1, the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew, spoke about the Church's involvement in the protection of environment: "We cannot remain silent about the fact that humanity does not properly honor this divine gift and instead destroys the environment through greed and other selfish ambitions."

About 200 participants from the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox, evangelical and Reformed Churches, including the Catholic archbishop of Quebec, Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, and the Anglican bishop of Quebec, the Right Rev. Dennis Drainville, are expected.

Mr. Lévesque says, "Churches everywhere in Quebec are involved in the environmental movement and showing their commitment in concrete ways: using recycling bins, serving fair trade coffee in reusable cups, improving their lighting systems and even opting for geothermal heating! The most amazing thing is that their actions are motivated by a Christian spirituality."

For more information visit the conference Web page at conference.greenchurch.ca.

Notable

Montreal Diocesan Lay Pastoral Visitors Retreat

Saturday, May 30,
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Ermitage Sainte-Croix,
21269 Gouin Blvd W. Pierrefonds

Speaker: The Ven. Archdeacon
Michael Johnson

Theme: Do you know Jesus?

Fee: \$30.00 (no refund). Meal included. Pay no later than April 7.

To register:

Bev Jarvis at 514-626-7689 at home or cell 514-898-0853



Anglican music duo nominated for East Coast award

The Christian music duo *Infinitely More* have been nominated for an East Coast Music Award.

Their latest CD, *How The Light Gets In* is nominated for the 2015 Gospel Recording of the Year. Based in Burlington, Ont., Allison Lynn and Gerald Flemming offer a fusion of folk, pop, jazz, hymns and worship. Last year, *Infinitely More* performed at almost 100 events in churches and other venues central and eastern Canada. They plan their first tour of the Prairie Provinces this fall.

Infinitely More will attend an East Coast award gala April 9, 2015 and continue with an East Coast tour, which could include some appearances in Quebec.

For information, visit www.infinitelymore.ca, send an email to Allison@InfinitelyMore.ca or call Allison Lynn at 416-821-6863.

Notable

L'OASIS MUSICALE

CONCERTS at

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

635 Ste. Catherine Ouest, Métro McGill
Samedis 16h30/Saturdays 4:30 p.m.

*Freewill offering to support the artists/
Contribution pour soutenir les artistes*

Saturday 7 March, 4:30 p.m./Samedi 7 mars, 16h30

Musique de Chambre Sans Frontières présente Chamber Music Without Borders presents

Classics to contemporaries: Featuring Students from the Schulich School of Music performing chamber music from beloved classics to new discoveries in both classical and jazz repertoire.

Saturday 14 March, 4:30 p.m./Samedi 14 mars, 16h30

Trois Sonates des Six / Three from Les Six

Kainé Newton, violin and Saki Uchida, piano, interpret works by Darius Milhaud, Francis Poulenc and Georges Auric.

Saturday 21 March, 4:30 p.m./ Samedi 21 mars, 16h30

Hommage à/homage to Robert Frederick Jones

Performers including the choir of the Church of St. James the Apostle and Scott Bradford, organ, Philip Crozier, piano, Victor Fournelle-Blain, viola, Daniel Anez Garcia, piano, Lucie Mayer, dramatic soprano, and Meg Sheppard, mezzo-soprano, with Rosemary Cass-Beggs as stage director, will present works by the composer who taught at McGill University and Vanier College and continued composing up to his death at age 65 in 2012.

Saturday 28 March, 4:30 p.m./ Samedi 21 mars, 16h30

Recital for Trumpet and Piano

Alex Szasz, trumpet, and Christopher Kusuvara, piano, will interpret works by Halsey Stevens, Oskar Bohme and Modest Mussorgsky.

For more fine music, come to the choral evensong services at the Cathedral every Sunday at 4 p.m.

Information: 514 843 6577 x236, loasismusicale@gmail.com, www.oasismusicale.blogspot.ca, L'Oasis Musicale at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal on Facebook, www.montrealcathedral.ca

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer – Canada Praying through the five facets of prayer with the Diocesan Representatives



"As The Christian I Pray"

Prayer is the contrite sinners' voice,
Returning from their way,
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, "Behold, they pray!"*

C is for **C**onfession.

When communicating with God
who is Holy, it is normal that we would
want to confess our sins and
ask for His forgiveness.

Heavenly Father, as we take our Lenten journey in preparation for the celebration of Easter, we humbly confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. We know that you are faithful and just, and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. As a diocese, we reach out to others and pray together in your Name, sincerely believing that prayer unites. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**For more information on AFP-C, contact
Valerie Bennett and Stacey Neale
at valstacey@bell.net**

*Hymn 438 from the *The Book of Common Praise* (revised 1938, words by James Montgomery) will be our guide through this sharing of the Five Facets of the Prayer.

Notable

MTL Youth presents a CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT

with SHARED INSIGHTS AND REFLECTIONS

for Anglicans and Lutherans
involved in ministry to children
and youth

Friday-Sunday March 20 – 22
Manoir d'Youville, Châteauguay

Speaker:

SYLVIA KEESMAAT

New Testament scholar, organic
farmer in Cameron, ON and
Sunday school co-ordinator at
St James Fenelon Falls, Ont.

For details and to register:
www.mtyouth.com/get-involved

Equipping the Saints

2015: 60 and retired?

(Or a refocus toward new beginnings?)

This is one of a series of columns by students, graduates and friends of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. The Rev. Brian Perron, one of the 2013 graduating class of the Dio, is a curate at St. Peter's TMR in the Town of Mount Royal.

BRIAN PERRON

To ponder during moments in our lives and wonder what will be!

I remember reflecting one day while in my 20s about the year I would turn 60 – and in what year I might be retired. Now, over 35 years later, I have reached the 60-year mark but somehow skipped over the notion of retirement in order to fulfill a dream and a calling.

It was in 2008 that I applied to McGill and Montreal Diocesan Theological College – and, although I was very young at being an Anglican at the time, I felt quite old to become a student. It had been some 40 years since I struggled as a teen through our provincial CEGEP program with no diploma to show for it. It was a big step of faith to leave a good career that I was comfortable with. However, in retrospect, through the encouragement of friends, associates (and especially my wife) this calling that had been building in my life for some years was answered within a few short months.

My wife Joyce and I were introduced to college life at the college retreat in late August 2008. It was a great time to get to know one an-

other in preparation for the many semesters to follow. I quickly met my fellow students as I used Principal Simons' camera to take selfies with everyone. John Simons would exclaim later as he looked at his camera, "Who is this guy in all of my pictures?" It was during these formative years at Dio that I began to realize and uncover what it was about "me" being called to ordination in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. It was a time of sharpening the focus and recognizing how God was developing me in his picture, his story.

Still, it wasn't until just before my final year of training that I began to discover my innermost particular distinctiveness and how these unique characteristics and gifts would become an integral part of my ministry.

One of the prerequisites for ordinands is to take one unit of CPE (clinical pastoral education). Due to schedules of the Master of Divinity program, CPE is generally taken as an 11-week intensive course during the summer in Kingston, Ont., or in my case, Burlington Vermont. I chose Fletcher Allen Health Care (in the University of Vermont Health Care Centre) because of due to the cost, the quality of the program, and the shorter travelling distance. I was quite anxious in the first few weeks crossing the border because the course does not allow for many missed days and I had an unwarranted concern about its logistics. One

morning the customs officer asked me, in a very professional tone, what I was doing in the United States that required me to travel back and forth so often. After I explained, he revealed to me that he too had studied in the Faculty of Religious Studies at McGill. From then on my travel over the border was in peace as God specifically and tangibly affirmed his presence; he would most certainly not leave me abandoned at a border crossing! God was coaxing and developing within me the characteristic of relying on him; one that would comfort me as I would walk into rooms feeling so unprepared in visiting a stranger with needs greater than mine. I soon understood that God's plan was definitely greater than the pleasantries of a visit. It was me – with all my baggage of life experiences – who was being specifically called into rooms where patients, people with great needs would reach out through our commonalities and affirm that God had created a bond of trust and friendship within which a wonderful peace and healing would develop. This began to unfold and reveal itself to me as I worked through the CPE program along with 12 other chaplains and fellow students led by Father Jack Crabb. I soon realized through each visit, sometimes with great fear, that I had been called into specific situations designed for me and my calling by God into this ministry.

I came to realize that many of the low points, and the thorns of my life, had become the very cornerstone that God would use to bless my ministry. I was able to minister to the divorced, the widows and widowers, the churched from all denominations and to the unchurched, the turned-off-from-church, the homeless, and to those grieving the loss of parents, or of children taken too soon. In these struggles, I developed from within my own self and being the strengths and the potential that had become dormant or unexercised. It was through counseling others (carefully guided, enhanced and accompanied by the Fletcher



Brian Perron and Father Jack Crabb

Allen Health Care CPE team with constant reflection and prayer) that I became a better pastor, listener, and husband. The program was developing more than just a good bedside manner. It was a tangible vehicle that edified and coached within me a healthier attitude of

prayer, leaning deeper into and submitting my life and vocation to God. My times crossing the border, living and being developed for pastoral care by the CPE team walks with me every day. Pastoral care remains in focus in all my selfies now!

Sales & Events

St. Paul's Greenfield Park
321 Empire St.

BOOK SALE

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

Many books, CDs, DVDs, games, puzzles and much more. Unbeatable prices. Bring a friend. Snack bar with home-made soup, coffee cake. Info: 450-678-2460 or 450-671-6000.

St Thomas' Church

6897 Somerled Ave. (Please use green door entrance off Rosedale Ave.)

Bake, Book & Gently Used Clothing Sale

Sat., March 7, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

A light lunch will be served: soup, bread and cheese for \$4. Free coffee throughout the sale. Info: 514-484-2750, st.thomas.ndg@gmail.com

St. Paul's Greenfield Park Epiphany, Parish of Verdun-Ville Émard
4322 Wellington St.

St. Patrick's Irish Stew Dinner

Sat., March 14, 6 p.m.

Tickets \$12, 514-363-0825. Info: 514-769-5373, epiphany.verdun@gmail.com, www.epiphanyverdun.com

321 Empire St.
Breakfast/Brunch

Sat., March 14, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Men's Group with proceeds going to "VETS Canada", a group that helps rehabilitate soldiers coming back from war. There will be someone from VETS Canada to answer questions. Tickets \$8. Info: 514-497-2441 or 450-671-6000.

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

Parish Pot Luck

Sat., March 21, 6 p.m.

Information: Eileen Agle at 450-658-1027 or 450-658-5882

Epiphany, Parish of Verdun-Ville Émard
4322 Wellington St.

Garage Sale

Sat., April 11, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Information: 514-769-5373, epiphany.verdun@gmail.com, www.epiphanyverdun.com

St. Paul's Greenfield Park

321 Empire St.

Sat., April 11, 2-4 p.m.

English Tea: "Remember When"

The theme of this year's English Tea will be "Yesteryears Of England" Bring a friend and listen to music of by gone days from the 1930s to the 1970s, while enjoying hors d'œuvres, hot scones with clotted cream and jam, fancy sandwiches and special fancy English desserts. Raffles, door prizes, games and a sing along. Also seeking donations of hygienic products for women and children to be donated to a local women's shelter, but this is not compulsory. Information: 450-671-6000 or 450-678-2460.

Epiphany, Parish of Verdun-Ville Émard

4322 Wellington St.

Bowling & Spaghetti Social

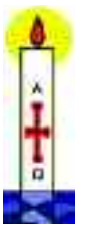
Sat., April 18

Bowling 3 p.m., Shevchenko Lanes, \$15. Dinner 6 p.m., Parish Hall, \$10. To reserve call 514-363-0825. Indicate bowling, dinner or both. Information: 514-769-5373, epiphany.verdun@gmail.com, www.epiphanyverdun.com

VIGILE de PAQUES

19h00

7:00pm



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Register online at www.mtyouth.com/get-involved

With Special Guest Sylvia Keesmaat

Spiritual Calendar

Paws & Pray

Christ Church Beaufort
455 Church St., Beaufort
Sun., March 1, 1 p.m.

Paws & Pray is a service of the Holy Eucharist where canine companions and their guardians are always welcome. Services are offered in collaboration with the Companion Animal Adoption Centers of Quebec a non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare. Services are usually on the first Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. Next ones are April 12 and May 3. Info: 514-697-2204.

Contemplation

Christ Church Cathedral
635 St. Catherine St. W. (Métro McGill)
Every Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. (Come for sung Evensong at 5:15 first, if you wish.)

Experience Ignatian-style meditation with scripture on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Dean Paul Kennington or spiritual director Vivian Lewin will guide the prayer, providing silent periods to dwell on a selected passage. On the second and fourth Tuesdays, experienced mediator Beth Adams offers a brief talk introducing 20 or 40 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. (On a fifth Tuesday, such as March 31, another practice will be explored.) All welcome. (Anglican Montreal apologizes for an editing error that

identified the meditator as Beth Reed rather than Beth Adams in a front-page note last month.)

SPiritual Direction

Individual spiritual direction is available in this diocese. For more information or a confidential interview with one of the matchers, write to sdgroupmontreal@yahoo.ca or telephone 514 768 7807.

Still Presence Spirituality Center
Christ Church Beaufort
455 Church St., Beaufort
Meditation circle every Monday in March in the Chapel at 7 p.m.

Alternately led by Cedric Cobb, Michael Johnson and Andrea Pinto. All of our circles take place in an atmosphere of quiet and tranquility, with times of silent meditation, movement and guided visualizations. All welcome. To learn more visit www.stillpresence.com or call Father Michael at 514-697-2204.

World Day Of Prayer
St. James The Apostle

1439 St. Catherine St. W.
Friday, March 6, 12 noon
Ecumenical service, all welcome

World Day Of Prayer
St. Stephen's Lachine

25 12th Avenue
Friday, March 6, 11 a.m.
Ecumenical service

World Day Of Prayer
Christ Church Rawdon

3537 Metcalfe St.
Friday, March 6, 2 p.m.

Mothering Sunday
St. Paul's Côte des Neiges

3970 Côte Ste Catherine Road
Sun., March 15, 11 a.m.
This ancient tradition will be observed at the regular service.

Confirmation

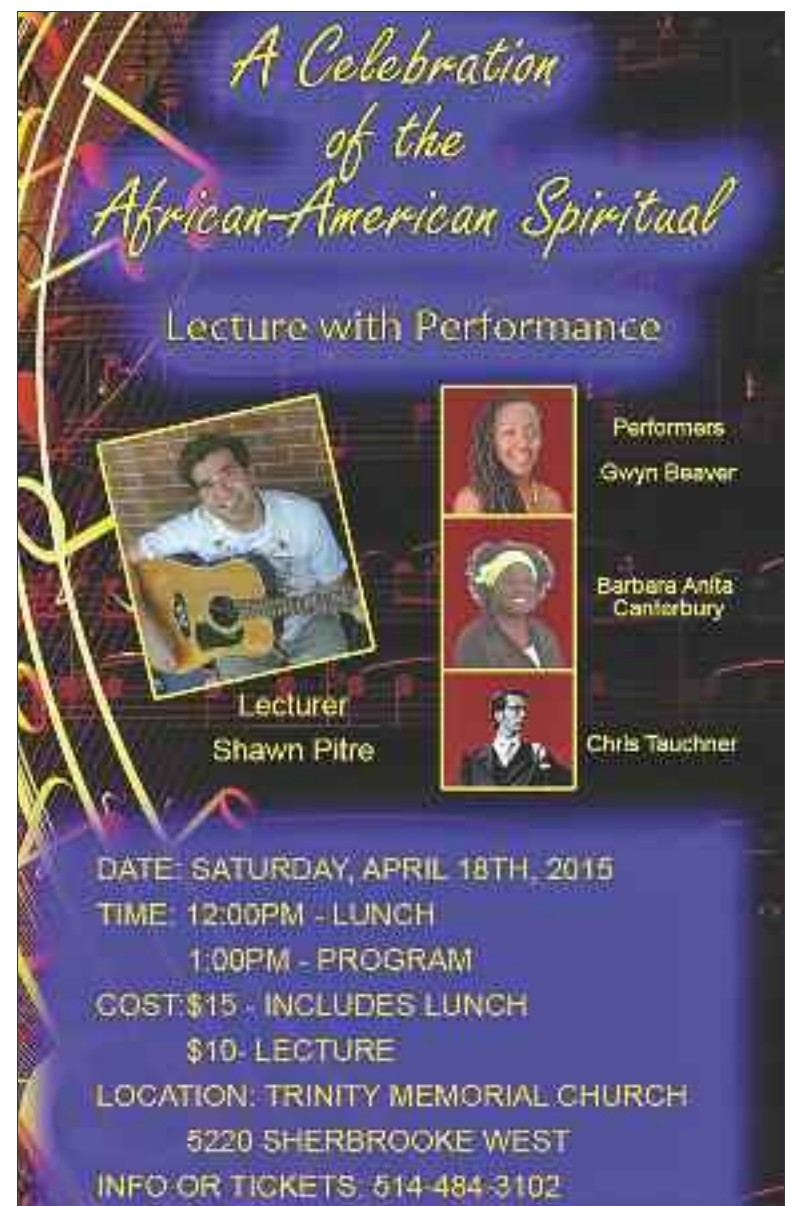
St. Paul's Côte des Neiges

3970 Côte Ste Catherine Road
Sun., March 22, 11 a.m.
Bishop Barry Clarke will be on hand to confirm candidates.

Diocesan Lay Pastoral
Visitors Retreat

Ermitage Sainte-Croix
21269 Gouin Blvd W., Pierrefonds
Sat., May 30, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Speaker: The Ven. Archdeacon Michael Johnson; theme: "Do you know Jesus?" Fee: \$30 (no refund). Meal included. Pay by April 7. To register: Bev Jarvis 514-626-7689 home, or 514-898-0853 cell.

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Lecture with Performance



Performers
Gwyn Beaver
Barbara Anita Canterbury
Chris Tauchner

Lecturer
Shawn Pitre

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2015
TIME: 12:00PM - LUNCH
1:00PM - PROGRAM
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Books

Alan Hustak: *Faith Under Fire: Frederick G. Scott, Canada's Extraordinary Chaplain of the Great War.* Véhicule Press, 2014, 144 pages

High-Church chaplain survived Great War and kept his faith

REVIEWED BY COLIN MCGREGOR

Veteran journalist Alan Hustak has come up with a gem about Montreal-born Frederick G. Scott (1861-1944): poet, High Church Anglican priest, and dean of Canada's 440 World War I chaplains.

In 1914, ministering in Quebec City, he enlists before war is even declared. He feels a strong sense of

duty to the British Empire. Forbidden to go near the front, he heads straight there anyway. For the next four years this self-deprecating, joking prelate crisscrosses battlefields on horseback, braving the dangers of trench life to pray and encourage.

He is "more foolish than fearless," say the troops who come to love him. Three of his sons fight. At the Somme, he digs his second son's body out of the mud.

Yet Canon Scott stays the course, and stays alive – through incredible luck. Despite the horrors he remains convinced that all who died "had surrendered their lives to a loving God." On his return he becomes a socialist, like his illustrious son F.R. Scott. His guiding principle: "Be angry and sin not" (*Ephesians 4:26-27*).

A highly readable, compelling little book.



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Lenten worship

Lenten Worship Verdun-Ville Emard Church of the Epiphany

4322 Wellington St.
Holy Week and Easter services at this parish, will be led largely by the Rev. Canon John Simons, principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, who was celebrant and preacher February 22, and Rev. Dr. Karen Egan director of pastoral studies at the college. The Sunday services are generally at 10 a.m.

Sun. March 1: Celebrant and preacher, Dr. Egan.
Sun. March 8: Celebrant, Dr. Egan; preacher: in-ministry-year student: Josée Lemoine.
Sun. March 15: Celebrant and preacher: Canon Simons.
Sun. March 22: Celebrant and preacher, Dr. Egan.
Sun. March 29: The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday. Celebrant and preacher: Canon Simons.
Wed., April 1, 12 noon and 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Officiant: Josée Lemoine
Thur., April 2, 4:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday. Celebrant, Dr. Egan, preacher, Josée Lemoine

Fri., April 3, 11 a.m. Good Friday, The Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Celebrant and preacher, the Right Rev. Barry Clarke
Sun., April 5, 10 a.m. The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day. Celebrant and preacher, Dr. Egan

Lenten Prayer Breakfast

St. Paul's Côte des Neiges
3970 Côte Ste Catherine Road
Sat. March 7, 9 a.m.-12 noon
Organized by the Men's Fellowship. Cost \$12.

Lenten Lunches Parish hall of Christ Church Beaurepaire

455 Church St., Beaconsfield
Every Wednesday through March 25, 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Enjoy a hearty homemade soup, along with bread, cheese, squares and tea/coffee. All for just \$7/person. Everyone welcome! Info: 514-697-2204 or christchurch@qc.aibn.com.

Children's Easter Outreach

St. Paul's Church
321 Empire St., Greenfield Park
Sat., March 28, 10 a.m.-noon
"Follow the Way." Games, mazes, crafts, face painting, music, treats, prizes and lunch. Bring a friend or even your parents; it's all free! Info: 450-678-2460 or 450-671-6000.

Palm Sunday Service Christ Church Rawdon

3537 Metcalfe St.
March 29, 10 a.m.
Eucharistic services will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 30-April 1.

Palm Sunday Service All Saints Deux Montagnes

248-18th Ave.
Sunday, March 29, 11 a.m.
Information: 450-473-9541, info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca, www.allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

Canada briefs

Toronto church to sponsor Syrian refugees

St. Matthew, First Avenue, diocese of Toronto, has launched a fund-raising and awareness campaign in the hopes of sponsoring a refugee family from Syria, where continuing violence has displaced millions of people. "Jesus would do it immediately and would want his people to do it," said the Rev. Ajit John, incumbent.

An estimated 6.5 million Syrians have been displaced within Syria and another 3 million have sought refuge in Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey, according to the UN. The church, which formed a small group to handle the goal of sponsorship, has learned from a representative of AURA (Anglican United Refugee Alliance) that sponsoring a family with three children would require about \$27,000. "For a small, growing parish, it's a stretch," said John. Parishioners were also made aware of other facts about sponsorship: the process could take months or years and sponsors would need to help a refugee family get settled once they arrive in Canada.

St. Matthew's decided to step up to the challenge. It has held craft and bake sales, secured Advent pledges and contacted nearby churches for contributions. The goal of sponsoring a family has had a positive effect on the church, said John. "It's the sort of issue that brings people together tremendously. They see the news clips of children being gassed and shot, and realize [helping to sponsor a family] is something they can do," he said. "It moves people beyond being silent observers. That's turned out to be very energizing. We've noticed in the intercession that people are praying for refugees and the homeless more often." *The Anglican*

'Sharing Bread' in Cuba

Two representatives from the diocese of Ottawa will take part this month in "Sharing Bread," a visit to Cuba organized by the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), which will focus on food security.

The tour, scheduled March 14 to 21, will look at how the Cuban Council of Churches, a long-time PWRDF partner, is responding to the challenges of people's access to healthy, sufficient and nutritious food. PWRDF is the relief and development arm of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Rosemary Parker and Valerie Maier will represent the diocese and share their experiences on their return. Parker is a member of the PWRDF Youth Council, a postulant for the diocese of Ottawa and a theology student at Huron College. Maier is a member of Epiphany Church and diocesan PWRDF representative for Ottawa.

More information about the visit at fredsays.ca/fredism/lets-jam. *Crosstalk*

Anglican youth to spend summer in Burundi

Young Anglicans from the diocese of Edmonton have accepted the invitation to join the annual youth camp this summer of the diocese of Buye in Burundi. The two dioceses are in a companion relationship. The camp will take place August 3 to 10. Participants will see firsthand how the diocese of Edmonton has been assisting with the ministry in Buye, which includes the Buye Bible College. The college, which suffered a blow when financial support from the Church Mission Society ended several years ago, has become operational again with financial assistance from the Edmonton diocese.

"...The college was able to open at full capacity this fall for the first time in many years," said John Gee, community development facilitator for the diocese of Edmonton. "Our hope is that, in time, the severe shortage of clergy and catechists in the diocese and throughout northern Burundi will be alleviated."

The group is also planning to visit a new HIV Centre, which was funded by the diocese and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), the relief and development arm of the Anglican Church of Canada.

"The centre is now the jewel of the Buye hospital complex and serves many hundreds of clients each year with HIV testing and treatment and pastoral counselling," said Gee. *The Messenger*

A growing partnership

The partnership that began over the past year between the Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany, Surrey, B.C., and a group of Chaldean Christians has been bearing fruit.

The Chaldeans – some of them recent immigrants to Canada from Iraq, many who came to North America via Syria and elsewhere – have been sharing the space and worshipping together with the Epiphany congregation.

In January, the Patronal Feast Day of the Church, more than 180 worshippers from both communities gathered for a Chaldean Rite of Baptism in the context of an Anglican Church of Canada eucharist. Chaldean congregation leader, Fr. Ayoub Adwar, baptized three infants, while Archdeacon Stephen Rowe, Church of the Epiphany rector, helped administer the sacrament.

Topic

Mission accomplished

The diocese of Saskatoon's External Mission Project announced that it has completed its 2014 goal of building three houses in and around the community of Vicente Guerrero, Mexico. These homes are in addition to two others completed during the diocese's 2012 project. A team of 26 workers from every corner of the diocese – ages 15 to 76 – completed the project in June. Participants later spoke about how the experience offered them opportunities for fellowship, as well as spiritual and personal growth. Members of the team included diocesan bishop David Irving and his spouse, Joan.

For more information about the project, visit www.anglicandiocesesaskatoon.com. Planning is underway for the next project. *Saskatchewan Anglican*

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Trinity Memorial: Sunday School is back



Trinity Memorial Church in West-End Montreal has tentatively revived its Sunday school, largely thanks to a G.U.M (Growth, Understanding and Mission) Grant from the Diocese of Montreal and the efforts of the Rev. Deacon Jessica Bickford, who initiated a Family Life Ministries program. Deacon Bickford is at left in the photo, which also shows the rector, Rev. Canon Joyce Sanchez, chatting with some of the youngsters. "We didn't have any kids at Trinity before because we didn't have a Sunday School... and we didn't have any Sunday School because we didn't have any kids. We were supposed to initiate a once a month Sunday school program to start, but we've had kids every Sunday, so we ended up having Sunday School every week," says parishioner René Sanchez, who took the picture.


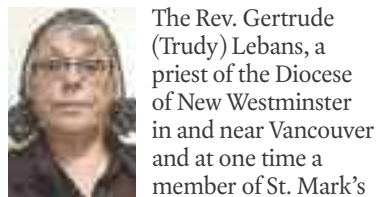
St. Mark's Longueuil memorabilia sought

St. Mark's Anglican Church Longueuil
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A Celebration of Ministry
St. Mark's Day
25 April, 2015
2:00pm

Preacher:
The Rev'd Trudy Lebens
a former parishioner

The Rev. Gertrude (Trudy) Lebens, a priest of the Diocese of New Westminster in and near Vancouver and at one time a member of St. Mark's Church in Longueuil, will preach at a homecoming service at St. Mark's Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m.

The Diocese of Montreal and the Rev. Richard Gauthier, priest at St. Mark's until the end of last year, are exploring way of using the Longueuil church as a centre of francophone and community outreach. The St. Mark's congregation has been sharing the building of St. Barnabas Church in St. Lambert since July and the two congregations began worshipping jointly at the beginning of this year.

Organizers of the April 25 homecoming have invited those with past connections of the church to the event and to contribute memorabilia. The Rev. Roslyn Macgregor, who remembers the church from her girlhood, has urged anyone expecting to come to let the organizing group know.

Also, anyone, coming or not, is urged to send identified photos, stories or other memorabilia to: St. Mark's Celebration, c/o 791 LaSalle St., Longueuil J4K 3G6 or send an email to stmarkschurch25@gmail.com.

Love in Motion



Love in Motion, a children's program at St. CHL Church (St. Hilda, St. Cuthbert and St. Luke) in the Rosemont district, organized a service for Epiphany. Children prepared drawings of love to go in their gift boxes for Baby Jesus and sang *Silent Night* by a crèche with gifts "for Baby Jesus born into poverty today," reports the Rev. Roslyn Macgregor. They were sent to newborns connected with the Mile End Mission or other needy infants.



Helping out at West End Church



Jhon Steeker Saint-Clair, a student at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, is assisting at Trinity Memorial Church in West-End Montreal on a student placement. In photo, he and Verna Dottin, a parishioner and sometimes chalice ministrant, assist the rector, the Rev. Canon Joyce Sanchez toward the close of a regular service.

(Photo: René Sanchez)

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