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Let us be glad and rejoice...

The Diocese of Pembroke welcomes a new permanent deacon

"We ordain what God has chosen." Bishop Mulhall

Adrien Milton Chaput of Our Lady of Sorrow's Parish, Petawawa, was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Pembroke at St. Columbkille's Cathedral, Pembroke on Saturday, May 10, 2008. For Deacon Chaput it was a joyous occasion to be celebrated with Bernadette, his wife of 26 years, his daughter Melanie and his parents, Dorice and Rebecca Chaput.

Deacon Chaput, when asked to describe his feelings said, "It's so moving that it's hard to describe it in words." A bit nervous before the ceremony, he spent the morning in prayer, and as the ceremony began he said, "I felt peace and joy come over me, I knew in my heart that this was where God called me to be."

It was a celebration for the whole church of the Catholic Diocese of Pembroke.

The cantor proclaimed it in song and Bishop Michael Mulhall set it as an antiphon throughout his homily - "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice." Just a few moments earlier the bishop had announced to the congregation "We rely on the help of the Lord God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and choose this man, our brother, for the order of deacon."

"Sometimes we have difficulty recognizing how much power God gives to his Church" Bishop Mulhall stated during his homily. "Christ gives to his church a power to choose those He has already chosen from before their conception... He gives to his church the power to choose and to sanctify a choice which God has already made; and that is part of the beautiful liturgy we celebrate now".

At this liturgy, only hours away from the great feast of Pentecost, "we beg the Spirit to come to the church and make pure instruments so that we can go out to all the nations to preach the experience and preach the mystery of the resurrection of the Lord."

"This is the day that the Lord has made" the bishop said emphatically. "It is not only "the day" because Adrien is ordained today. That is a source of enormous joy for us... it is "the day"

because this is the day the church proclaims, as it does every day, the mystery of salvation, the mystery of mercy which is God's greatest instrument of power which he gives to his church to dispense as his church designs."

Bishop Mulhall urged prayer for Adrien "that the ministry of his service will excel in all purposes with love, with a generous heart, in concern for the sick and the poor; to accept in an unassuming way the authority given to him in the midst of the very heart of the church in his prayer and in his service of those in need."

During four years of in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, and in various supervised ministries, Deacon Chaput prepared for this day of ordination and future service to the church. It was in 1996 that he first indicated to Bishop Brendan O'Brien his interest in the permanent

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Right: Bishop Mulhall ordains Deacon Adrien Chaput at St. Columbkille's Cathedral in Pembroke on May 10. Left: Fr. Howard Chabot, Adrien's spiritual director, presents him with the deacon's vestments of stole and dalmatic.



The Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Pembroke

On May 10, 2008, Adrien Chaput, a layman in our diocese, received the Sacrament of Holy Orders unto the Order of Diaconate. What is this Order of Diaconate? Who are deacons and what part do they play in the Church, in our diocese, and in society?

In February 2007 *Ecclesia* published "The Call and the Beginning of His Journey", the first of two articles on the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Pembroke. In this article we answer the questions above and refer to the experiences of Adrien and some of the other permanent deacons in Pembroke Diocese.

The motto for the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Pembroke is "*Ego in medio vestrum sum, sicut qui ministrat*" ("*I am in your midst as one who serves*" [Luke 22:27]). These words of our Lord to his beloved disciples at the Last Supper are a motto for permanent deacons, to *be* a sacrament of service to the Church and to the world. Of course, all the baptized, whether lay or ordained, are called to *do* service for others. In addition, the permanent deacon serves directly under the bishop, and in collaboration with him and the priests he is called to *be* a living sign of the care of Christ and his Church.

As an example, before his ordination, Adrien Chaput served the people of God as a lay person in music ministry, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, lector of the first or second reading, in baptismal preparation, and youth ministry, and served the community as a volunteer for the Salvation Army soup kitchen. As a candidate in formation for the permanent diaconate, he was assigned to field work with the organizational team for St. Vincent de Paul at Cathedral Parish in Pembroke.

Now, as a deacon, he will minister in the Mass as an ordinary minister of the Eucharist, as the one who proclaims the Gospel at Mass and sometimes preaches the homily, and, with a delegation from his pastor, officiates at baptisms. This is part of his service of the Word and of the altar. A deacon also has a commitment to a service of charity, which is assigned by the Bishop and may involve assignment of duties at the diocesan level, rather than at the parish level. For

example, Deacon Adrien and his wife Bernadette are active in youth and music ministry and Deacon Chaput will be part of the diocesan delegation to World Youth Day in Australia in July, 2008. In some cases, the deacon may be asked to carry out service activities at both the diocesan and parish level; however, it is important that the three aspects of diaconal service (Word, altar and charity) be well balanced. As well, since a deacon must carry out his family responsibilities and work to provide for his family, his time to serve the Church is necessarily limited. It takes wisdom and prudence to balance family life, work responsibilities, and diaconal service.

During the Rite of Ordination, before Adrien was ordained, Bishop Michael Mulhall asked Mgr. Douglas Bridge, the Chancellor, about Adrien's worthiness, after his four-year program of formation and discernment. Next, the Bishop chose him for the order of deacons. Then Bishop Mulhall asked Adrien if he is resolved to:

- discharge the office of deacon with humility and love in order to assist the bishop and the priests and to serve the people of God
- proclaim the mystery of faith with a clear conscience, in word and action according to the Gospel and the Church's tradition
- deepen a spirit of prayer and celebrate the liturgy of the hours for the Church and for all people
- conform his life to Christ, whose Body and Blood he gives to the people,
- obey our bishop and all his successor bishops

After praying the Litany of the Saints, the bishop laid his hands on Adrien's head, in silence. Then the bishop extended his hands over Adrien, and prayed the prayer of consecration:

"May he excel in every virtue: in love that is sincere, in concern for the sick and the poor, in unassuming authority, in self-discipline, and in holiness of life. May he in this life imitate your Son, who came not to be served but to serve, and one day reign with him in heaven."

Church in the diocese.

"This was a most beautiful celebration," observed one lady leaving the cathedral. "Did you see the radiant joy on Adrien's face?" she asked. The music also lifted the spirit of the congregation at prayer. It was provided by the combined choirs of Cathedral, Ste Jean Baptiste, and Our Lady of Sorrows. The psalm was chanted by Anna Grace Wilson and the readings were proclaimed by Jacqueline McHugh, Adrien's long-time friend who was his teacher in second grade. Friends Gabe Tosello and Deacon Robert Probert also proclaimed Scriptures. Deacon Chaput emphasized how proud and honoured he was to have the support and participation of so many important friends and family, most of all, his wife Bernadette, who he says has been "so

Then, Fr. Chabot, Adrien's spiritual director, who on Adrien the deacon's vestments of stole and dalmatic, which are proper to the order.

Finally, the Deacon of the Word brought the Book of the Gospels to the Bishop and Adrien knelt before the bishop. Bishop Mulhall placed the Book of the Gospels in Adrien's hands and instructed him: "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach."

To conclude the Rite of Ordination, Adrien, the new deacon, was given the kiss of peace by our Bishop, and then by all 20 or so of his brother deacons.

From this point on, Adrien began his diaconal service as the Deacon of the Altar, assisting the bishop in the rest of the Mass.

The permanent deacon is not a 'priest in training'; his true and ultimate vocation is 'permanent deacon', not 'priest'. The permanent deacon is part of the three-fold Hierarchy of Holy Orders, after bishops and priests. In the beginning of the Church, when there were only Apostles (a role now played by the bishops), and disciples, Peter, James and the rest of the apostles needed help [Acts 6]. Details and problems in daily life in the Christian community were taking their attention away from their primary roles as overseers in the light of God's word. They asked the disciples to select seven good men, filled with the Holy Spirit and with wisdom. Over time, deacons who served bishops and were trusted by them, were appointed to be bishops and priests to serve the many new Christian communities. As a result of often choosing permanent deacons to become priests and bishops the diaconate became mainly a stepping-stone to priesthood. In general, we do not read much about permanent deacons after the eighth century. The Second Vatican Council (1963-66), however, declared that the diaconate must be restored as a "proper and permanent order of the ordained hierarchy". In 1967, Pope Paul VI enacted this decision. Now there are over 1000 permanent deacons in Canada.

Deacon Adrien Chaput - continued from page 1...

diaconate. He credits Bishop Richard Smith with encouraging him to pursue the course, which involved weekly travel to Ottawa, often in challenging driving conditions. He has worked in music ministry and has been a member of the baptismal preparation team in his home parish. He was a regular volunteer at both the Salvation Army and the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchens in Pembroke. Latterly he has served as spiritual advisor to the Saint Vincent de Paul group and has promoted its work in parishes throughout the diocese. Although Deacon Chaput will operate his business as usual, he will soon receive from the bishop an assignment to an appropriate liturgical or pastoral ministry where he will give voluntary service to the

supportive." A dozen priests and many deacons and diaconal candidates from the Diocese of Pembroke and the Archdiocese of Ottawa, a Knights of Columbus Honour Guard, and family, friends and members of other Christian communities were guests in the large congregation that almost filled the cathedral. Deacon Chaput said the participation of his fellow diaconal candidates, "touched my heart, because we were on the journey together." He also expressed his gratitude to Bishop Mulhall for choosing to accept him in his call to the Permanent Diaconate.

A reception was held following the Liturgy for all who had participated and almost 200 guests gathered at Our Lady of Lourdes Hall for an evening meal and family entertainment.

There have been permanent deacons in this diocese for over 20 years! Presently there are seven active permanent deacons who are ‘incardinated’ in the Pembroke diocese. Like priests, deacons ‘belong’ to one diocese only, and are under the authority and supervision of the bishop of that diocese.

Each deacon is married and works (or receives a pension) in order to support his family. Deacons are not usually paid salaries by the Church. All have made the promises described above to a bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. Finally, all have a fundamental desire to be “in your midst as one who serves”. These men come from a variety of backgrounds.

Deacon Albert Benoit (ordained 1982) participated as an OR technician in the very first open-heart surgery in Canada at Toronto General Hospital in 1974. Under Rev. J.-M. Raymond, he is administrative and pastoral co-ordinator of Paroisse Ste-Bernadette, Bonfield, Ontario. He has served on the Multifaith Council on Religious and Spiritual Care, and Chaplaincy Services for Ontario, winning two Provincial awards. He worked to assist those with alcohol and drug addictions with the St. Joseph Treatment Centre, and was recognized by Ontario for his work with needy and abusive family situations.

Deacon Adrien Chaput (ordained 2008) has worked in the hospital care field for several years, and now owns and operates Adrien’s Cleaning and Maintenance Ltd. He is a gifted musician and singer, and with his wife has provided music ministry and youth ministry for many years at Our Lady of Sorrows.

He serves as a spiritual advisor to the St. Vincent de Paul community and was involved with the founding

group from the beginning as his field work assignment in his formation program for the Diocese of Pembroke.

Deacon Neil Kuisma (ordained 2004) works as a certified health and safety professional. He is currently on assignment, working in Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet, and is involved in marriage preparation there.

Deacon Frank Martel (ordained 1992) worked as a supervisor at Ontario Hydro, and in the mining sector. He worked for many years in the Apprenticeship Branch of the Government of Ontario. Under Rev. J.-M. Raymond, he is the administrative and pastoral co-ordinator of Paroisse Sacre-Coeur, Corbeil.

Deacon Michael McFarlane (ordained 2003) is a former security corporal at AECL, and worked as a professional fire fighter. He has served in pastoral care ministry at a residence for the elderly. He and his wife Brenda have developed an outreach to separated and divorced couples.

Deacon Bob Probert (ordained 1990) taught Computer Science at universities in Ontario and Saskatchewan, and was the founding Director of the School of Information Technology and Engineering at the University of Ottawa. He has served on the community clergy team for pastoral care in hospitals and on the chaplaincy team at a university. He is presently the bishop’s liaison for the Permanent Diaconate and chairs the committee for the permanent diaconate. He is president of the Ontario Catholic Association of Diaconate Leaders, and an associate deacon of Madonna House.

Deacon Don Smith (ordained 2004) is retired from high school teaching (French and English). He has a

specialist’s certificate in counseling, and experience assisting individuals struggling with alcoholism in the family. Presently, he leads a parish support group for the bereaved, and does marriage preparation courses with his wife Nancy, as well as pre-nuptial investigations. He is very active in palliative care at Hospice Renfrew.

Permanent deacons can officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, as delegated by the bishop, chancellor, or pastor of the parish. They cannot preside at Mass or absolve sins as priests can. They proclaim the Gospel at Mass, and may preach regularly as scheduled by the pastor. Deacons are ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Communion to the sick, and Viaticum to the dying. They are involved in many forms of ministry to those in need, and serve all the faithful who, in turn, participate in the Church’s life and mission. “By word and example, they should work so that all the faithful may imitate Christ, and place themselves at the constant service of their brothers and sisters”.

In this way, we see, as Pope John Paul II stated, “the three areas of ministry traditionally associated with the diaconate, are the ministry of the word, the ministry of the altar, and the ministry of charity.”

All Christians have been called to love and serve the Lord, the people of God and all those in need. All Christians receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism to give them grace to know, love and serve the Lord, and to love their neighbour. The permanent diaconate is a specific additional calling from God, to serve Him in a particular way. Some men will experience or recognize an interior prompting or sense that God wishes him to serve the Church and the world in this particular way. This awareness needs to be discerned, or tested to ensure that it is real, true and lasting, and not merely a passing idea or feeling (something that you want for yourself without considering carefully what God wants first). In fact, this discernment process will continue even after an applicant has been accepted as a candidate for the formation program, right up to the time of ordination.

If you (and your wife) discern that you may have a vocation to the permanent diaconate, please send a letter of intent to the Diocese of Pembroke stating why you believe you are being called to this vocation. You will receive an application packet and instructions on how to complete and submit material for your application.

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Deacon Adrien Chaput participates in the Doxology during his first mass as a permanent deacon.



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Our Lady of Sorrows - Petawawa



The late Pope John Paul II has stated that: "Evangelization... must touch people's minds and hearts, stir their consciences, and engage all their energies." The Alpha program which the above parishioners and others of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Petawawa attended, from January to April, has done just that, according to the many participants. In the words of one participant, "I now feel renewed, committed and more enthusiastic about my faith." Others have stated that now "They can't wait to learn more in order to deepen their faith and be able to share it with family and friends." "The small groups allowed me to overcome my shyness and to learn to speak about my faith," said another. A follow up to Alpha will begin in the Fall of 2008.

Below, children from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish gather around the altar with Fr. Joe O'Malley and catechists Connie Payton, Barb Burke and Sheila Recoskie on the day of their first reconciliation. The children were excited to view the altar stone and discuss the purpose of the tabernacle.



"Ask the Religious Expert" – An invitation goes out to all the faithful of the diocese to send in questions about any aspect of the Catholic faith. Whether it is liturgy, morality, sexuality, theology or any other, your questions will be answered by "The Religious Expert". This column will likely run in each issue. To send in your questions, please e-mail info@diocesepembroke.ca or write to "The Religious Expert" 188 Renfrew St. Pembroke ON K8A 6X1.

Fr. Thomas George Klatt

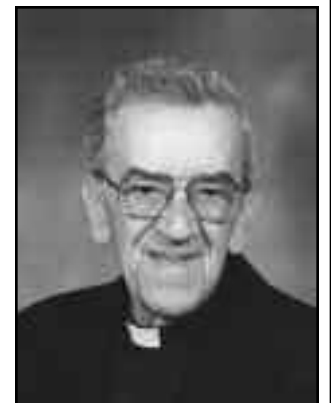


Surrounded with prayer at the Pembroke Regional Hospital on Thursday evening, January 10, Fr. Thomas Klatt died in his 85th year. He is mourned by the clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Pembroke. Father Klatt was the son of the late Alexander Klatt and Marcella Hanniman. He is lovingly remembered by his sisters, Helen Antonucci and Sister Mary Jean, CSJ, both of London, Ontario and by his nieces and nephews. Father Klatt was predeceased by his brothers Francis, Arthur and Emmett and his sisters Anna Mae, Vera, Estelle, and Lois.

Father Klatt was born on April 5, 1923 and educated in St. John the Baptist elementary school and Pembroke Collegiate Institute. Following his studies at St. Patrick's College, Ottawa and The Grand Seminary, Montreal, Father Klatt was ordained a priest by His Excellency, Most Reverend W.J. Smith, in the Cathedral of Saint Columbkille on June 10, 1949. Father Klatt served as an assistant priest in the parishes of St. Martin, Whitney, St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew, St-Pierre, Fort-Coulonge, Ste-Anne, Mattawa, and Ste. Thérèse, Témiscaming. He served as pastor of the parishes of Our Lady of Snows, Stonecliffe, 1949, St. Mary, Quyon, 1961-1971, St. Patrick, Mount Saint Patrick, 1972-1983, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Deep River, 1971-1972, and St. Michael, Douglas, 1983-1988. Following his retirement from parish ministry, Father Klatt resided in Pembroke and later at Marianhill. At the time of his death, this generous priest was the most senior priest (dean) of the Diocese of Pembroke.

The Solemn Rite of Reception took place at the Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Pembroke, on Sunday, January 13 at 4:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus on Monday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m., with His Excellency, Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Bishop of Pembroke, presiding.

Fr. Marc Loric Gauthier



Father Gauthier died peacefully, at the Pembroke Regional Hospital, on Saturday, April 5, 2008 in his 82nd year. He was the son of the late Alfred Gauthier and Marie Soucy. Following his studies at Saint Paul Seminary, Ottawa and Saint Augustine Seminary, Toronto, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1952. He served as assistant at Saint Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke, St. Peter Parish, Fort-Coulonge, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Parish, Pembroke, and Saint Alphonsus Parish, Chapeau. Father Gauthier served as parish priest of Saint Anne Parish, Rapides-des-Joachims, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Parish, Pembroke, Saint Bernadette Parish, Bonfield, and Saint Anne Parish, Ile-du-Grand-Calumet. In addition to his parochial duties, Father Gauthier served as principal of École Normale Saint-Michel in Fort-Coulonge from 1959-1965.

In September 2000, Father Gauthier retired from parish ministry, but continued to stay connected to the many people he served in both Ontario and Quebec. He has recently been in residence at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, where he continued his own ministry among many cherished friends. He is mourned by his sisters Annie (the late Wilf Bimm), Jacqueline Taylor, and his brother Leo "Smokey". Predeceased by his siblings Alexander "Lou", Emery, Ernest, Connie, Andre, Doris and Patricia. He will be remembered in a special way by his many nieces, nephews, brother priests and friends.

Visitation was at St. Joseph's Motherhouse, Pembroke on Monday, April 7. After solemn translation to Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church, Pembroke on Tuesday, April 8, where the Rite of Reception was held at 2:00 p.m. the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint-Jean-Baptiste on Wednesday, April 9, with the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Bishop of Pembroke, presiding.

Mattawa food bank opens

Only a handful of people braved freezing rain to attend the grand opening of the Mattawa and Area Food Bank on February 18, 2008, photo below. This did not daunt the spirits of Lise Reid, president of the food bank, or the volunteers who were there to celebrate their new home at 450 Hurdman Street.

"We thought it was a great idea to celebrate the new holiday of Family Day in a family way," said Reid, "We just couldn't account for the weather." "We are very happy to be in our new home," said Sr. Carmelle.

The food bank had served the residents of Mattawa for more than a decade from the old Mattawa General Hospital. Recently they had to move out into a trailer

until a permanent location could be found. "We had to move out of the old hospital building due to structural problems. The trailer that the Mattawa General Hospital provided for us was only a temporary solution. We knew we had to find a new permanent location once and for all," said Reid. "The hospital was very generous with us!"

The Mattawa and Area Food Bank's permanent home is now a grey portable beside the Mike Rodden Arena. "After more than a year of continuous searching, the town finally obtained a classroom portable for us. Once we got our portable, there were many time-consuming repairs to undergo before we could move in. Both the town and the food bank have

undergone many expenses to renovate this portable and we are truly grateful to Mayor Dean and Mattawa Town Council for their support," she continued. "The Mattawa and Area Food Bank is an outstanding example of the powerful results we can achieve when Municipal Government and a strong volunteer base like the Food Bank organization work together to make a difference in the community. The Town of Mattawa is proud to be a partner in this project and we look forward to the long term commitment," said Mayor Dean Backer.

The Mattawa and Area Food Bank serves about 60 families and more than 40 single low income individuals on a regular basis. "This number increases around Christmas," Reid said. "That's why we were so grateful for all the Christmas fund-raising events. They were fabulous and very overwhelming for us. We cannot express our thanks enough to all those that helped: the Sisters of Charity in Ottawa, the churches, schools, merchants, grocery stores, the banks, post-office, restaurants, as well as the many individuals who support us. We were so very fortunate for all these events to raise food and funds for us to help with our Christmas baskets, and to help restock our shelves once again."

The shelves of the food bank are well currently well stocked "The need for food is always there and the shelves never stay stocked for very long. The food bank is open every second Wednesday of the month and clients have a calendar. Donations can also be dropped off at those times.

"Furthermore, thanks to all the volunteers for their continuous help and support. Without them, we wouldn't be this far today and now that we have our permanent home, we can only look forward to a better tomorrow," said Reid.



Bishop's Message - A Prayer Intention at Pentecost

My dear Faithful of the Diocese of Pembroke:

At the time of my writing, six months have already passed since I was ordained last September on the Feast of St. Matthew. Even with the difficulties that have confronted us, these first months have been filled with great joy and constant novelty. Each visit to a parish has been a new experience and has allowed me to meet so many of the parishioners and to see the Lord's grace manifest in so many lives. For these many blessings I am continually thankful and the knowledge that a good number of parishes remain unvisited is a source of pleasant anticipation.

With such an early Lent and Easter in 2008, I want to take this opportunity to reflect briefly on the mystery of Pentecost. Already by the time you will have received this paper, the Easter Season will have been completed, however, it would seem unfitting to allow our celebration to pass without a word of reflection.

The gift of the Holy Spirit, renewed with each of us each Pentecost, is the enduring Divine presence which forms the basis of our relationship with Christ. How many times in the coming years will I speak with you

about our relationship and communion with Christ? Hopefully, every time that the Lord calls us together. What more important reality is there to speak of? For this reason, it is so important for us to appreciate the role of the Holy Spirit to maintain this ardent awareness of Christ's presence in our lives. Present to us, yet invisible except through His fruits, the Holy Spirit sends promptings throughout our day to call to mind the Risen Lord.

Unfortunately, our human weakness has the tendency to segregate parts of our lives and to limit God's presence in this or that area. The tragedy is that God is already present in all parts of our lives and we, in fact, are trying to remove Him, not just exclude Him. In removing God we never fail to replace Him with something else which only leads to unhappiness and emptiness. How easily we fall into this trap.

How prevalent, also, is this tendency in so many areas in so many areas of our contemporary world, whether it is an exclusion of God from science, education, public service or the laws and constitutions which govern our common good.

God does have a place in our lives. In creating humanity and in saving fallen humanity, God has no need to justify His presence.

It is my prayer for all of us that the renewed gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost may be a moment of grace which defines and strengthens our determination to recognize the Risen Lord in all parts of our lives.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the summer months during my visits to the parishes. Please keep in your prayers the intentions of those attending the Eucharistic Congress in June and World Youth Day in July.

† Michael Mulhall,
Bishop of Pembroke



St. Ann's, Cormac prepares to host the 70th annual pilgrimage

As one travels down Foymount Hill, the stately gray stone Church of St. Ann's, with its steeple reaching for the heavens, rests serenely at the foothill. Visible are not only the principal buildings, but the well-maintained sheds that sheltered horses and carriages in earlier days. The beautiful Shrine of St. Ann, nestled among the pines, where the first pilgrimage took place in 1938, finds tourists frequently praying at Her steps or kneeling before the nearby monument to the newborn.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the great pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann. In 1937, Pembroke Bishop C.L. Nelligan, announced to Father J.N. George, his approval of a Shrine to St. Ann in Cormac, as it was centrally located in the diocese. On Tuesday, July 26, 1938, the Feast of St. Ann, the first pilgrimage was held at St. Ann's, Cormac. Hourly masses were held from 6 am. To 10 am., when a Pontifical Mass was celebrated and a sermon given by Bishop Nelligan at the main altar, which was removed from the church and erected on the grounds. Additional priests offered the Masses and in the afternoon there was a veneration of the Relic of St. Ann to the sick.

The shrine that graces our grounds today was erected after the first Pilgrimage. Natural stone was used for the archway with a wooden platform for the altar. The blessing of the shrine took place on July 16, 1939 by Bishop Nelligan. The only physical change to the shrine was made in 1950 when the wooden platform was replaced by stonework, a circular railing erected around the shrine, and steps built leading to the altar.

After World War II, the number of pilgrims increased steadily, reaching a peak of 10-12,000 visitors in the early 1950s. Current attendance is in the 4-5,000 range.

Local resident and organizer Tom Holly credits much of the early success of the pilgrimage to the devotion of the valley's Polish population to St. Ann.

In the early years, many weeks of prayer were offered for the spiritual success and preparation of the pilgrimage. A nine-day novena commenced on July 20, 1940 before the pilgrimage. There was solemn benediction and a sermon in the evening for the spiritual success of the pilgrimage. This was changed in 1941 to a Triduum, started with morning Mass, evening benediction and a sermon. There was usually a guest preacher invited to preach the sermon. The Triduum was not part of the pilgrimage from 1946-1956 but was reintroduced again in 1957 with evening Mass and sermon. A candlelight procession to the shrine on Saturday night was started by Father Grant Neville and continued

for a number of years. For nearly three decades, there was a solemn benediction at 3 p.m. at the shrine. In 1967 when Father Bernard Hunt replaced this with the 3 p.m. Mass, later known as the "Mass for the Sick", which still concludes the pilgrimage today.

Today, the Pontifical Mass is the only morning Mass at 11 a.m. Generally, the Bishop of the Pembroke Diocese is the presider who preaches the sermon. As the procession proceeds to the shrine, St. Ann's choir, accompanied by other parishes, and pilgrims raise their voices in song, praising and imploring St. Ann to listen to their prayers. Anointing with Holy Oil is administered at one of the Triduum Masses and also at the 3 p.m. Mass, giving strength and hope to the pilgrims as they journey home. With the presence of many priests, confessions and veneration of the relic takes place in the afternoon.

The organization of the pilgrimage is a huge task for a small local congregation, requiring the service of about 50 volunteers.

In 1891, when the cemetery was moved to its present site from the Opeongo Road, Father James McCormac said, "there will be a larger procession of the living to this centre than the dead we are interring today". These words were probably related to his firm belief, that the devotion to St. Ann would bring large crowds of people to Cormac. Father Grant Neville once said, "**the greatest miracle of all, is the faith of the people**". Tom Holly comments, "The testimony is that people keep coming back generation after generation."

Father McCormac was responsible for the building of the first church in Cormac in 1891. This location was chosen because it was the centre through which most traffic flowed, and so named because of Father McCormac's deep devotion to St. Ann. The church was built of clapboards, with steps leading up to the entrance, and located on land donated by John Gibbons and Thomas Kelly. This church served the parishioners until it burned on January 8, 1916 in a fire thought to be caused by a faulty wood furnace.

Parishioners immediately began building a new cement block church under the guidance of Father

J.N. George. Fifty-five families donated lumber and worked diligently to build a church that would serve its people. The first Mass in the new church was celebrated by Father George on July 23, 1916. The shell was up but the inside was incomplete. In 1917, the church was blessed by Bishop John Ryan.

St. Ann's was blessed by each pastor, who continually gave dedicated service to the church and community, not only to improve physical appearance and ambiance of the church, but to keep it vibrant as a living centre of worship. St. Ann's lost its resident pastor August 1, 1999 with the reorganization of priests. Father Richard Starks moved to St. Michael's, Douglas, but continued to serve as our pastor. Then on September 1, 2004, Bishop Richard W. Smith, at an organizational meeting at St. Ann's, announced that St. Ann's Church would no longer have a weekend liturgy. Deep heartfelt sorrow and disturbed feelings filled the hearts of the people. Msgr. Robert Borne of Eganville, volunteered, with the bishop's permission, to continue to care for the spiritual needs of the parish.

St. Ann's continues to flourish as a parish community with Wednesday evening Mass and Monsignor's presence for liturgies for special celebrations, funerals and weddings. Thanks to the dedication of Msgr. Robert Borne, a few faithful families and summer residents, the faithful of St. Ann's continue to serve the thousands of pilgrims who attend the annual pilgrimage. The spiritual devotion to St. Ann and the faith of the people are still evident in Cormac, through the participation, financial support, and devotion of the people and community.



St. Anne's, Cormac The 70th Annual Pilgrimage

**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,
July 24-26**

7 p.m. – The Triduum

*Homilist Deacon Bob Willinston from the
Redemptorist's mission team.*

Theme: Eucharist Unfolding

Sunday, July 27

11 a.m. – Outdoor Mass at the Shrine
Celebrated by +Bishop Michael Mulhall

2 p.m. – Outdoor Mass for the sick

Please bring your own lawn chair

The CWL Ontario Provincial Annual Convention

Love One Another - Celebrate One Another

Arnprior, Ontario will be the site of the 2008 Provincial Catholic Women's League convention. This 61st annual convention will be held July 5-9 at St. John Chrysostom Parish. The theme for the convention is "Called to be Living Stones". Only once before has the diocese played host to this annual provincial event.

The provincial CWL council meets annually for the purpose of promoting the objects and policies of the league, planning future programs, receiving annual reports and electing officers if applicable.

Valley tours and special events are planned on Saturday and Sunday. The faith-enriching experiences begin with the opening mass on Sunday July 6. The Kelly family will provide entertainment following the buffet dinner.

The convention allows members and guest the opportunity to get involved, study issues and develop meaningful resolutions with specific action plans to implement. This year's resolutions for debate include creating a strategy to end poverty in Ontario, protecting the unborn victims of violence and video game laws and protection solutions.

Monday evening will see return to the '50s and '60s entertainment with a fun "Prom Night" that follows an interesting day of meetings and a presentation by Sister Jocelyn Monette of the Canadian Bible Society.

On Tuesday Bishop Peter Joseph Hundt, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, will address the assembly on the theme: "Called to be Living Stones" and Father Phillip Kennedy will promote the work of the Catholic Missions in Canada. In the evening Blues entertainer Maria Hawkins, "The Blues Lady", will leave the group with an entertaining inspiring message to uplift the spirit and soul. Opportunities to hear and speak to CWL provincial executive will available.

Members and guest from all parts of Ontario will attend this spiritual event which will close with the Eucharist on Wednesday, July 9.

Co-conveners Suzanne Mullins and Carmel Rumleskie invite those interested to register with Bev Drouin (613) 589-2373, bbdrouin@sympatico.ca.

A Canadian view of Rome and the International Conference of the Pontifical Academy of Life

By Miriam Westen,
Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Bancroft

Amid the majestic art and sacred edifices of the Vatican the Pontifical Academy of Life's February 2008 conference took place. Its focus was the "Incurable sick and dying".

It was wonderful to meet some of the attendees of the conference concerned with the preservation of human life. Some of us toured the churches of Rome together. From Canada, Jakki Jeffs of Alliance for life, Dr. John Scott, Alex Schadenberg (Euthanasia prevention), Robert Schindler (Terry Schiavo foundation), Nicole Campbell (CLC), and John-Henry Westen (lifesitenews.com) travelled in the group (see photo below left).

The conference hall was filled with dignitaries, doctors, and religious from around the world. Here is a brief selection of the insights provided by some of the speakers.

Dr. William Sullivan, Associate Professor, University of Toronto, highlighted the importance of the "dialogical nature of the doctor-patient relationship".

Dr. T.H.R. de Jong, a neurosurgeon from the Netherlands, discussed the shameful life-termination of newborns with spina bifida. He showed that these children are not "terminally ill" and have "prospects for a future." He furthermore demonstrated that palliative care was necessary and helpful.

Professor R. Schaerer, a retired professor from University Hospital in Grenoble, France emphasized "a total respect of intimacy, privacy and confidentiality of patients; a respect of their desire to know or to ignore about their impending death; the respect and support of families as the natural support of patients; a mutual respect of professional carers and of volunteers..."

The highlight of the program was the meeting with Pope Benedict in the Clementine Hall. It was beauti-

ful to see the devotion of the people to the Holy Father as they ran to meet him. He addressed the conference members on the subject. Here are some pertinent points from his speech:

"For the community of believers, this encounter of the dying person with the Source of Life and Love is a gift that has value for all, that enriches the communion of all the faithful. As such, it deserves the attention and participation of the community, not only of the family of close relatives but, within the limits and forms possible, of the whole community that was bound to the dying person. No believer should die in loneliness and neglect.

When a life is extinguished by unforeseen causes at an advanced age, on the threshold of earthly life or in its prime, we should not only see this as a biological factor which is exhausted or a biography which is ending, but indeed as a new birth and a renewed existence offered by the Risen One to those who did not deliberately oppose his Love. The earthly experience concludes with death, but through death full and definitive life beyond time unfolds for each one of us. The Lord of life is present beside the sick person as the One who lives and gives life, the One who said: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10: 10).

In my own circumstances I have witnessed the compassion of nurses, doctors, medical personnel, community members and religious during my father's illness. Without this care my father would not be alive today. Personally I have come to realize that prayer, patience, respect, and sacrifice are necessary when taking care of the dying. This might mean arranging the anointing of the sick, changing a diaper of one's grandparent, and smiling at a sad face. Over all it seems that we should keep in mind that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and give each human the dignity it deserves as a child of God.



The Madonna House summer program

Here at Madonna House, as in the rest of the Valley, we are welcoming spring with open arms. The longer days, warmer rays of the sun and the serenade of the robins cheer our hearts and help us thaw out. It's been quite a winter! We also move into more outdoor activities with yard work and gardens, and that of course brings thoughts of summer. During the summer we have some special programs, which bring people to stay with us from near and far. For six weeks we run our summer program with this year's theme being 'Preach the Gospel With Your Life'. Each week we explore how we can do this in a deeper way, zeroing in on certain topics such as conversion, prayer, global awareness, vocation discernment, and Mary and the saints. Young men and women, ages 18 – 35, are welcome to come and take part in our daily life, for one week or all six weeks, and explore Gospel living. Daily prayer, Mass, communal meals and spiritual reading, simple manual work, recreation, teachings and seminars are all a part of our journey together to discover the truth of who God created us to be as his beloved children and our call to fullness of life in him. The desire for this truth is so deep in each human heart and to live the 'freedom of the children of God.' Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, said in his

address to the young people and seminarians in New York City recently, "The manipulation of truth distorts our perception of reality, and tarnishes our imagination and aspirations... The fundamental importance of freedom must be religiously safeguarded... Have you noticed how often the call for freedom is made without ever referring to the truth of the human person? Some today argue that respect for freedom of the individual makes it wrong to seek truth, including the truth about what is good. In some circles, to speak of truth is seen as controversial or divisive, and consequently best kept in the private sphere. And in truth's place – or better said, its absence – an idea has spread which, in giving value to everything indiscriminately, claims to assure freedom

and liberate conscience. This we call relativism. But what purpose has a "freedom" which, in disregarding truth, pursues what is false or wrong? How many young people have been offered a hand, which in the name of freedom or experience, has led them to addiction, to moral or intellectual confusion, to hurt, to a loss of self-respect, even to despair and, so tragically and sadly, the taking of their own life? Dear Friends, truth is not an imposition. Nor is it simply a set of rules. It is a discovery of the One who never fails us; the One whom we can always trust. In seeking truth we come to live by belief because ultimately truth is a person: Jesus Christ. That is why authentic freedom is not an opting out. It is an opting in; nothing less than letting go of self and allowing oneself to be drawn into Christ's very being for others (cf. Spe Salvi, 28)."

Spending time at Madonna House is an opportunity to meet other people from around the world who are seeking freedom in truth, and to bring into our world a truly Christian culture which recognizes the face of Jesus Christ in every person. If you or someone you know is searching in this way or desiring to deepen daily Gospel living, think about spending some time at Madonna House.

For more information on our summer program or about Madonna House in general check out our website www.madonnahouse.org, or better yet visit us in Combermere for a tour. We offer tours Monday – Saturday 11am and 2pm and our gift shops are open Thursday – Saturday 2pm-5pm. In the summer they are open 9am-5pm Tuesday – Saturday.



Societe Saint-Jean Baptiste of Pembroke

With the arrival of summer, our thoughts turn to the end of classes, vacations and particularly, to our celebration of St. Jean Baptiste Day on June 24.

Since time immemorial pagans celebrated the summer solstice with a great "fire of joy", symbolizing the sun's light at its apex. In Catholic areas of France, the tradition continued with the celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus, precursor of Christ, the "Light of the World". This Christian feast was imported from Europe with the colonists of New France. Over time, St. Jean Baptiste Day has evolved into an opportunity to celebrate French Canadian culture.

Joseph LaPlante established the Societe Saint-Jean Baptiste of Pembroke in 1938 to serve the large Francophone community in Pembroke. Its purpose was to enshrine the language, tradition and culture of French Canadians in Pembroke. Today we celebrate St. Jean Baptiste Day with pride in remembrance of the traditions of our ancestors. To underscore the religious nature of this feast, a mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2008, with Monsignor Douglas Bridge, of the Parish of St. Jean Baptiste, presiding. The mass will be celebrated at the outdoor chapel of the Pembroke Marina.

A music festival featuring the group "Mauvaiz Herbe" will follow the mass at the amphitheatre from 7 to 9 p.m. In case of rain, mass will be celebrated at the St. Jean Baptiste Church located at 500 Isabella Street, Pembroke. The "Mauvaiz Herbe" will perform at Festival Hall, 401 Isabella Street, Pembroke.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our rich French Canadian culture here in Pembroke.

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Brudenell, will mark its 150th anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, June 29, 2008. You are cordially invited to join Fr. Grant Neville and the parishioners for:

- 1:00 p.m. Blessing and dedication service in the old cemetery. A memorial plaque honouring the pioneering families of the parish will be blessed, and a project launched to make some repairs in the cemetery.
- 2:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by His Excellency, Michael Mulhall, Bishop of pembroke, concelebrating with visiting priests.
- 4:00 p.m. Buffet meal in the parish hall and grounds, catered by Schmidt's Catering of Pembroke. Please contact Carol van Massenhoven as soon as possible if you will be attending the meal, as they must be pre-ordered.



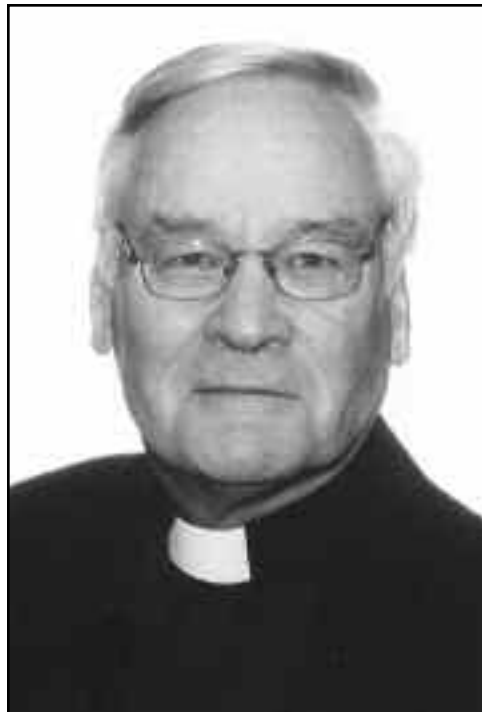
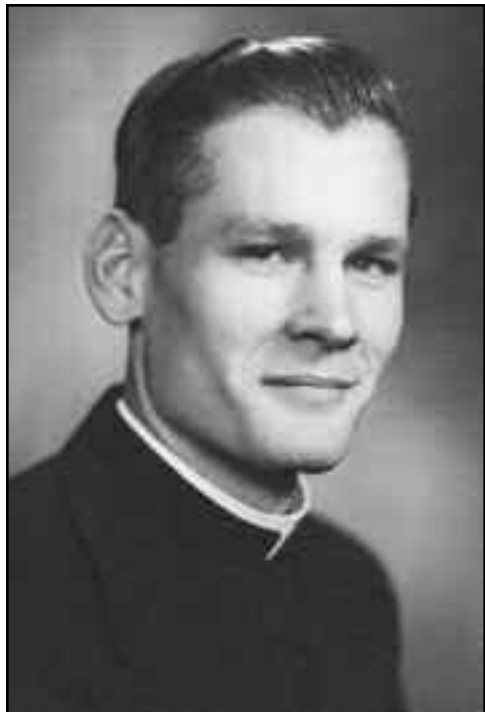
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Celebrating 50 years in the priesthood!

Fr. Roch J. Gagnon

Fr. Roch Gagnon was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 1958, at St. Louis de France Roman Catholic Church in Chiswick by His Excellency, the Most Reverend William J. Smith, Bishop of Pembroke. He studied philosophy at Collège Sacré-Coeur, Sudbury with the Jesuits and theology at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto.



Fr. Gagnon has served as curate in the following parishes: St. Thérèse, Témiscaming from 1958-1964 and 1970-1971 and St.-Pierre, Fort-Coulonge from 1964-1970. He has served as pastor in the following parishes: Ste-Anne, Ile-du-Grand-Calumet from 1971-1974, Ste.-Bernadette, Bonfield from 1974-1983, St.-Jean-Baptiste, Pembroke from 1983-1996 and St. Thérèse, Témiscaming from 1996-2005.

When interviewed by *Ecclesia*, Fr Gagnon shared that the desire to be a priest has been with him since

he was a child although he kept it to himself. When asked about the joys and challenges of his priesthood, Fr. Gagnon had this to say: "The greatest joy of my ministry has been to see that my efforts have not been useless and that some spiritual good has come out of my hard work. The greatest challenges have been to reach out to the young people, especially in these last years."

Taking the time to reflect on his priesthood, Fr. Gagnon shared that

there have been a lot of changes during this time, one of the most important being the liturgical changes in the 1960's. These changes included the shift from the Mass being celebrated in Latin to the vernacular, the priest facing the people instead of the back wall, and receiving Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. Fr. Gagnon added that "My support and energy has come from the Eucharist and prayer and also by seeing other priests at work".

"I cannot predict the future of the priesthood" continued Fr. Gagnon, "but it seems that more young people are entering the seminary which is a good omen for the future. A young person trying to discern a religious vocation should get in touch with his or her pastor and the diocesan director for vocations and also pray to God to discern his or her vocation".

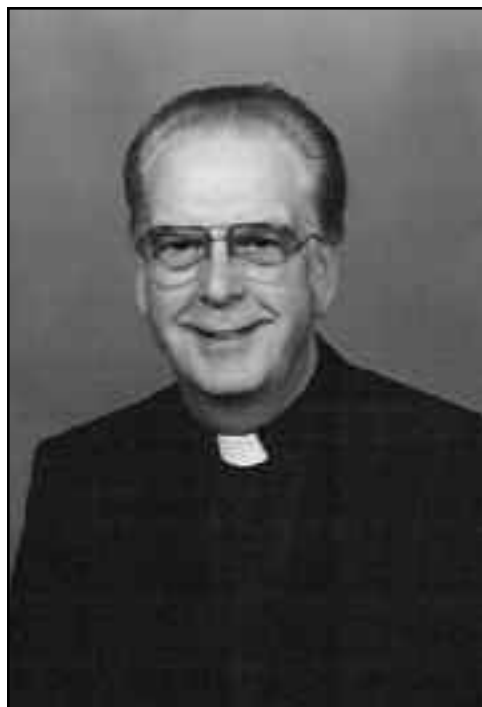
In September 2005, Fr. Gagnon retired to his home in North Bay. It is close to where he was born and he has six brothers and sisters in the area. He often replaces priests in the North Bay area as well as in the Pembroke Diocese.

There is an anniversary celebration planned for Fr. Gagnon at St. Bernadette Church in Bonfield, where he was a pastor for 10 years, on June 1, 2008. Fr. Gagnon will concelebrate the 9:00 a.m. Mass after which a brunch will follow in the parish hall.

We wish Fr. Gagnon all the best as he continues to enjoy retirement.

Fr. R. Murray Tardiff

Fr. Murray Tardiff was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1958, at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church in Pembroke, by His Excellency, the Most Reverend William J. Smith, Bishop of Pembroke. Fr. Tardiff was born, raised and educated in Pembroke. He studied philosophy at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto and theology at the Grand Seminary in Montreal.



During his 50 years of priesthood, Fr. Tardiff has been involved in a variety of ministries serving both the Church and society. Fr. Tardiff served as Assistant Parish Priest twice at St. Anne's Parish, Mattawa (1958-1961, 1976), and at St. John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior (1961-1963). He has served as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Campbell's Bay (1970), St. John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior (1977-1982), St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew (1987-1998) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lapasse and Our Lady of Grace Mission in Westmeath (1998-2004).

In 1965, Fr. Tardiff obtained a Master's Degree in Social Work (M.S.W.) from the University of Ottawa. Following this degree, he initiated and directed for the Diocese of Pembroke Catholic Social Services, the Office of the Lay Apostolate, and the Diocesan Vocation Association. During these years, he also served on the Board of Directors of the Renfrew County Children's Aid Society, the Pembroke

Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses and organized, on an ecumenical basis, family life education programs.

Fr. Tardiff was the founding chairman of the Social Planning Council of the County of Renfrew. In January 1971, he was appointed to two concurrent positions in Ottawa – as Director of the Social Welfare Bureau, Canadian Catholic Conference and Executive Secretary of the Catholic Charities Council of Canada. In May 1974, he was appointed Director of a newly-created Family Life Department at Catholic Community Services of Montreal to establish marriage and family life education services and programs for the English-speaking population of Montreal. From 1982-1987, he was appointed Director of Chaplaincy by the Correctional Service of Canada and was charged with administering the chaplaincy services to all faith groups in federal penitentiaries in ecumenical collaboration with Canadian churches.

In 2004, Fr. Tardiff retired from full-time parish ministry to reside in Pembroke. Since his retirement, he has been a wonderful asset to parish priests who are sick or away and need someone to fill in for them. He has become a familiar face all over the Diocese. On Saturday, May 31, 2008 there was a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Tardiff's 50 years in the priesthood at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Pembroke followed by a reception in the parish hall.

We wish Fr. Tardiff continued blessings as he enjoys his retirement.

Christ is at the heart of the 49th International Eucharistic Congress

The Archbishop of Quebec and primate of Canada, +Marc Cardinal Ouellet, extends an invitation to all to come to Quebec and share in celebrating the roots of the Catholic Faith in North America and learn from some of the most learned teachers in the Catholic Church. The weeklong celebration being held from June 15 – 22, will be packed with a wide variety of liturgical, catechetical and cultural events for the Congress participants as well as public, youth and young adult events. Registration will be open until the opening day of the Congress.

Spiritual and catechetical formation has been underway for the pilgrims of the diocese of Pembroke since last fall. Over 90 pilgrims from the diocese will make the pilgrimage to Quebec City for this historic event coinciding with the city's 400th anniversary. This is an international event which will draw thousands of Catholics and others from all over the world to deepen their knowledge and faith in the Eucharist.

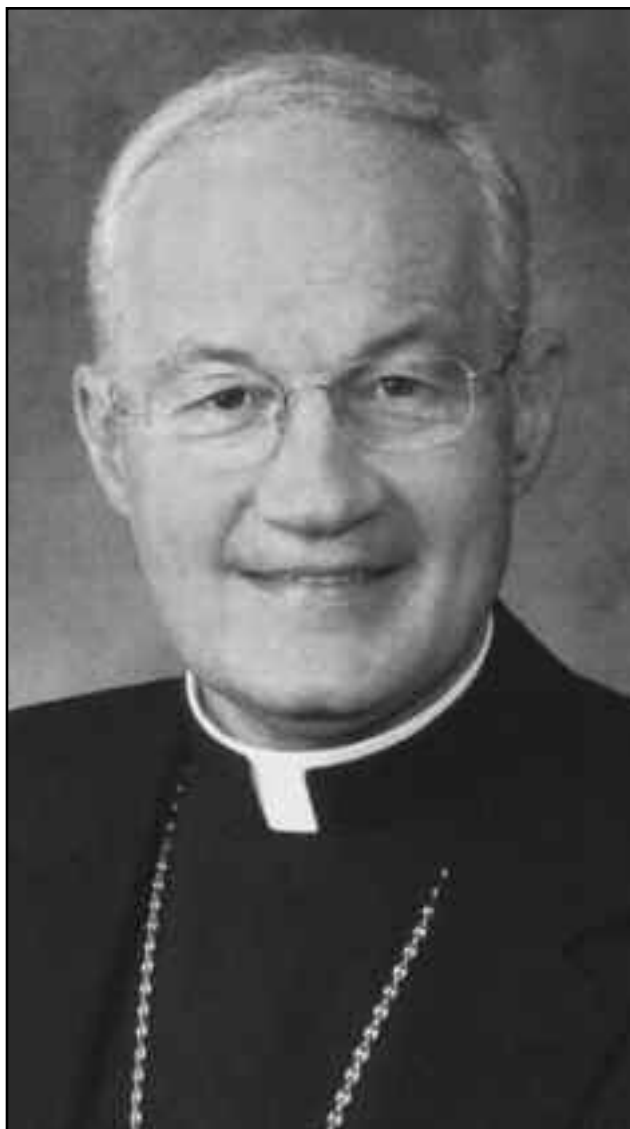
Quebec is rich in Catholic history – Quebec is the oldest diocese in North America, apart from Mexico. The early days of the Church in New France officially go back to 1615, when the Récollet Fathers, followed by the Jesuits in 1625, settled permanently in Quebec City to minister to the fledgling colony and evangelize the aboriginal peoples. Over the years, many brave and faithful men and women travelled by ship from France to “New France” taking months to arrive at their destination solely to assist the people in daily life and to bring the good news of Jesus Christ. Two of these brave souls were Catherine de Saint-Augustine who travelled for three months from France to Quebec at the age of 16 and Marguerite Bourgeoys who is named as co-foundress of Montreal and who became the first female saint of the Canadian Church when she was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Bishop Laval of Quebec was the first Bishop of Canada and is buried in the Crypt of the Notre-Dame de Quebec Basilica.

Participants of the Congress will enjoy the following Keynote speakers over the course of the week:

Jean Vanier, Founder of L'Arche

Jean Vanier was born in Geneva, Switzerland, where his father was serving at the League of Nations. He studied primarily in England and went on to join the Royal Naval College as a cadet. At the time he was too young to join the fighting, but spent much time helping his mother after the war with concentration camp survivors for the Red Cross. Later, he joined the Canadian Navy and served onboard the aircraft carrier *HMCS Magnificent*. Jean left this promising military career and began studies at the Catholic Institute of Paris where he became director of *Eau Vive*, a lay community near Paris. Finally he received his doctorate in philosophy and began teaching at St. Michael's College in Toronto. Still thirsting to answer

God's call, he returned to Paris to join his former teacher and spiritual mentor Father Thomas Philippe, a Dominican chaplain at an institution for the mentally disabled in Trosly-Breuil. Feeling called by God to give his life to “the least of these,” Jean bought a dilapidated house in Trosly and moved in together with Philippe Seux and Raphaël Simi, who had previously been living in a psychiatric institution — L'Arche was born. This experience transformed Jean's life from one of action to one of listening. “By touching the fragility and suffering of the mentally disabled, by receiving their confidence, I discovered a new source of tenderness in myself. They awakened a part of my being that until then had been underdeveloped. It opened me up to another world — the world of the heart, vulnerability, and communion,” he says. As Jean began speaking publicly about his experiences, other L'Arche communities sprang up around the world. In the 1970s there were 131 communities in 34 countries. He also founded various movements and had written several books related to human fragility, compassion, reconciliation and the importance of celebrating our humanity together. Since the 80s, Jean has stepped down from his leadership role of L'Arche and the International Federation of L'Arche Communities and now spends his time giving talks and retreats around the world.



Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl is the sixth Archbishop of Washington, which includes the District of Columbia and five Maryland counties.

He is chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and chairman of the board of the National Catholic Educational Association. He was involved in developing the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* and is the author of numerous articles and books, including the best-selling *Teaching of Christ*. The archbishop was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and received graduate degrees from The Catholic University of America, the Gregorian University, while attending the North American College, and a doctorate in theology from the University of St. Thomas in Rome in 1974. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1966, and ordained a bishop by Pope John Paul II on January 6, 1986 in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. He served as Bishop of Pittsburgh for 18 years until his appointment to Washington.

His Eminence Cardinal Philippe Barbarin Archbishop of Lyon and Primate of the Gauls

Philippe Barbarin, the Archbishop of Lyon and primate of the Gauls, as well as one of the Church's youngest cardinals, was born in Rabat, Morocco in 1950. He hails from a family of 11 children: six girls, of whom three are religious, and five boys, including the cardinal and a doctor.

Cardinal Barbarin was educated at the Sorbonne and the Catholic Institute of Paris before entering Séminaire des Carmes, and holds masters degrees in philosophy and theology. He was ordained a priest on December 17, 1977, and then served as priest and school chaplain in Vincennes (1978–1985); school chaplain and parish priest in Saint-Maur (1985–1991); pastor, diocesan delegate for ecumenism, and school chaplain in Boissy-Saint-Léger (1991–1994), *Fidei donum* priest in Madagascar and lecturer of theology at the Major Seminary of Fianarantsoa (1994–1998); as well as pastor of Bry-sur-Marne (1998).

The two secrets of vocation, he told students during a visit to a Saint-Joseph School in Loire-sur-Rhône, France, are giving your life totally to God and praying every day.

Father Nicolas Buttet Founder of the Eucharistein Fraternity

Nicolas Buttet of Switzerland was born in 1961 and is a lawyer by training and as well as a former member of the Valais Cantonal Parliament. He took part in the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in Rome, and then, in 1992, he withdrew for five years, living as a hermit at Notre-Dame du Scex, Valais. Upon returning

Left: +Marc Cardinal Ouellet, The Archbishop of Quebec and primate of Canada.

to the world in 1997, he founded the Eucharistein Fraternity in Saint-Maurice-d'Agone, one of many new communities that sprung up following the Vatican II Council.

In addition to serving as the Fraternity's moderator, Father Nicolas leads the Dorothée and Saint Nicolas de Flüe Group and is a regular conference speaker. In addition, he was the driving force behind the creation of the Philanthropos Institute, an anthropology study center, in 2004. Professors at the Institute work without pay and hail from the most prestigious universities of Europe. Father Buttet also took part in establishing the Ecophilos Foundation, an offshoot of the Institute, whose aim is to take a truthful look at the human person at work. He has also published three books on the Eucharist: *Aimer et faire connaître l'amour* (Éd. de l'Emmanuel), *Brûlé au soleil de Dieu* (Éd. du Cerf), and *L'Eucharistie à l'école des saints* (Éd. de l'Emmanuel).

His Eminence Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., Archbishop of Buenos Aires and primate of Argentina

In Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., Argentina has found itself an ideal pastor. Of Italian descent, he was born in Buenos Aires in 1936. Prior to studying at the seminary in Villa Devoto and entering the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in 1958, he was a chemical engineer. Cardinal Bergoglio completed his humanities studies in Chile and returned to Buenos Aires in 1963 where he obtained a masters' degree in philosophy from San Jose Major College, San Miguel. He taught literature from 1964 to 1966 before beginning his theology studies in San Miguel. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 13, 1969, and received his theology degree in 1970.

Although the full track record of this distinguished cardinal is impressive, he is most widely known for his simple lifestyle, humility, and compassion. Thanks to his rich experience, theological depth, and the positions he has held in the Church, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio is perfectly suited to be an excellent catechist.

The Most Reverend Luis Antonio G. Tagle Bishop of Imus

Bishop Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle was born in Manila in 1957. After completing Primary School and High School at *St. Andrew's School* in Parañaque, an establishment led by the CICM Fathers, he studied Philosophy at the *Ateneo de Manila University* and at *San Jose Seminary*, and Theology at *Loyola School of Theology* and at *San Jose Seminary* from where he graduated in 1982. He was ordained to the priesthood on February 27, 1982, and was appointed an associate pastor at St. Augustine Parish in Mendez, Cavite from 1982 to 1985, while he also taught Sacred Theology at *San Carlos Seminary*, at *Loyola School of Theology* (Manille) and at *Divine Word Seminary* (Tagaytay). He also held the positions of spiritual director at the Diocesan Seminary of Imus, then rector of that Seminary from 1983 to 1985. From 1985 to 1992, he was sent to further studies in Sacred Theology at the *Catholic University of America* (Washington D.C.) where he obtained a Doctorate in Sacred Theology in 1991. Upon his return in 1992 and up until now, he was entrusted with numerous responsibilities.

Bishop Tagle is a distinguished theologian, full of hope and highly respected. In his ministry, he is well aware of the importance of inculturation. In one of his interventions at the Asian Mission Congress, he stated that "As a storyteller of the Holy Spirit, the Church in Asia is to enter the worlds and languages of its listeners and from within them to tell Jesus' story just like at Pentecost".

Text and information on these speakers was taken from the IEC website.

For pictures and more information on the keynote speakers, the history of the Catholic faith in Canada and the itinerary of events planned for the Congress, go to www.cei2008.ca.

For details on how to register for this event contact Yvette Bourque at (613) 732-7933 Ex. 208 or yvette.bourque@diocesepembroke.ca.

The Eucharist, "Gift of God for the Life of the World"

Did You Know?...

- Did you know that the first International Eucharistic Congress was held in Lille, in France, in 1881?
- Did you know that Eucharistic Congresses affirm themselves as a great popular manifestation of Jesus in the Host to be shown to the crowds and as much as possible in public areas?
- Did you know that in the ancient Church the bread for the Eucharist was supplied by the faithful themselves?
- Did you know that the word transubstantiation in the Eucharist was prescribed at the Council of Lateran IV in 1215?
- Did you know that perpetual adoration appeared in Europe at the end of the fourteenth century?
- Did you know that with the Eucharistic celebration in the vernacular [language of the country] it was possible to integrate certain new cultural elements into the celebration?
- Did you know that for the Apostle Paul, Eucharist is a sacrament of unity between the Church and Christ?
- Did you know that the Eucharist celebration on Sunday reminds us of the Resurrection celebrating the victory of God beyond the death of His Son?
- Did you know that the breaking of the bread at the Eucharist by the priest reminds us of how Jesus broke his life for his friends?

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes! - more aid for Peru

By Sr. Pauline Coulterman

"Gracias!" was the word on every child's lips as they tried on new shoes in Chincha Alta, Peru. A smile and a big hug followed as they received the little gifts that went with their shoes. More than 300 shoeboxes were collected from different schools within the Pembroke Diocese and Sr. Pauline Coulterman took about half of these to Chincha in February. Every child not only received shoes, but also socks, toothbrush, stickers, and hair accessories for the girls, a school item and a small toy. Thanks go to the many teachers and students who made this all possible for the Peruvian children. The diocesan pilgrims, traveling in the month of November, will take the remaining shoeboxes to Peru. The pilgrimage will offer an opportunity to meet Christ in the Peruvian people and to allow their profound spirituality to touch the pilgrim's life. This pilgrimage will include a visit to some parishes of the Archdiocese of Lima with hosts, the Auxiliary Bishop of Lima, Most Rev. Monseñor Adriano Tomasi, three parish priests, and workers from Caritas Lima, visits to historical church sites in Lima and some museums and a trip down the Pacific coast to visit the people of the 'Chincha Valley' which has been served by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Pembroke for the past 40 years. An optional four day excursion to the mountain city of Cuzco, and a trip to Machu Picchu the "Lost City of the Incas" is also included.

As previously reported in Ecclesia, the village of Chincha was badly damaged by 8.0 magnitude earthquake. The Sisters of St. Joseph have currently received close to \$97,000 in aid for the victims.

In February, Sr. Pauline visited Chincha, accompanied by Jessica LaRonde and Lana Johnston, two Opeongo High School students. With funds raised by some schools in the Diocese of Pembroke the teenagers were able to build a one-room country school for three, four and five-year-olds, and provide the children with some educational materials. They were also able to oversee the construction of a two-room school built with funds raised by St. Michael's school in Douglas and St. Joseph's High School in Renfrew.

Thanks to Christine Gervais, funds from the Luke 4 Foundation were sent for the reconstruction of San José Parroquial School. There has been little assistance from the Peruvian government in the village.

Apart from funds used for housing and education, money has been used to build public washrooms, purchase food and medicine and assist with funeral expenses for victims of the earthquake.

From Cross to Cross - Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy is living out the way of Christ

When a special Mass was celebrated in conjunction with the Gala Dinner for Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy on April 5, 2008, John-Henry Westen of LifeSiteNews.com described the musical effects as follows: "It seems almost like heaven has descended and the angels are in full voice... the sounds of polyphony reminiscent of Palestrina come courtesy of the Academy Schola choir, under the direction of Maestro Uwe Liefländer - the founder of Canada's Sacred Music Society and the director of the World Youth Day Choir."

"I haven't heard music like that since the '50s," murmured a deacon in awed reverence as he took his leave.

The event celebrated eight years of faithful Catholic post-secondary education in the Ottawa/Madawaska Valley, beginning in thanksgiving at St. Columbkille Cathedral in Pembroke as Bishop Mulhall celebrated Mass, accompanied by the

Academy Schola.

The Mass was followed by the Gala Dinner, held at Pembroke's Germania Hall and attended by over 200 enthusiastic guests. As keynote speaker, Bishop Michael Mulhall inspired all as he addressed the issue of "The Place of Higher Education in the Mission of Our Diocesan Church." Artist and novelist Michael O'Brien reflected on the development of the school and its miraculous growth, and alumna Elizabeth O'Brien shared her thoughts on the influence the school has had on her life thus far.

For many guests, this was a first opportunity to 'get to know' the academy. They were excited to discover that such a school of faithful higher education exists in this diocese, and pledged future support. For others, as long-time supporters of the academy, it was an opportunity to share the joy of God's blessings.

The positive attitude displayed at April's gala and last month's graduation is all the more remarkable as

an example of the power of faith to overcome adversity following the multiple challenges faced by the academy this year.

In February, two first-year students, Paul Sanders and Janine Lieu, died when the van they were in fell through the ice of Lake Kamaniskeg.

The Academy had just appointed a new president, Dr. David Brian Warner. John-Henry Westen said that, "he came through that 'trial by fire' with flying colors - calming the students and staff, directing media and legalities with a presence which instilled confidence and security. He showed great concern and love with a friendly charm and humility. For two nights during the aftermath he slept in his office by the phone in order to take emergency calls."

Dr. Warner soon faced his own personal tragedy. After a fall on the ice in which he broke three ribs, Dr. Warner was diagnosed with bone cancer. Normally the prognosis in such a case is grim and the news hit the

Dr. David Brian Warner

When tragedy struck Our lady Seat of Wisdom's community in early February, the academy was thankful to have in place their newly-arrived, first full-time president to lead them through this difficult trial. As a shepherd, a scholar, and a spokesman, Dr. David Brian Warner inspired Christian hope and a sense of community.

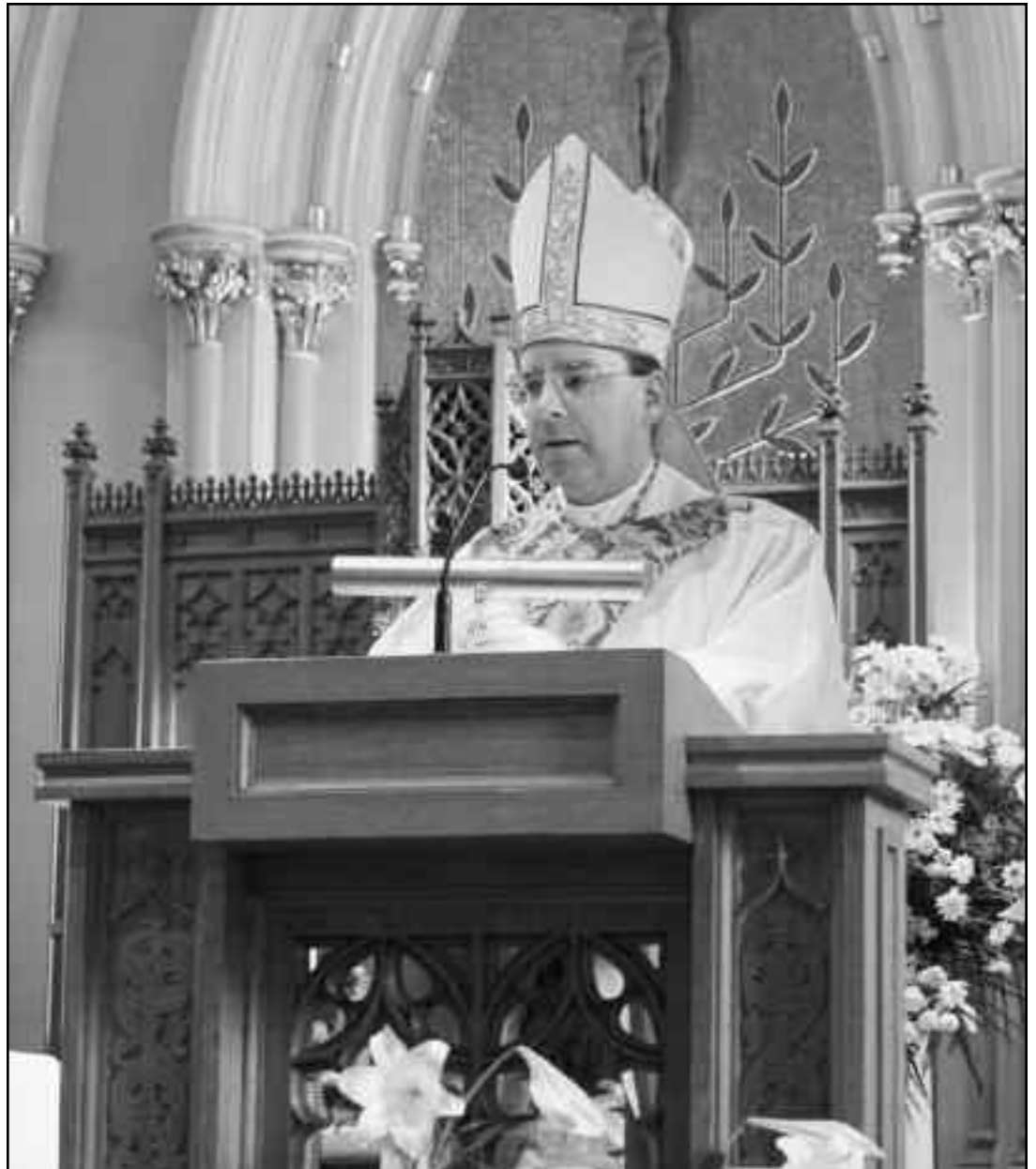
Dr. Warner had impressed the presidential search committee with his substantial experience in academic administration and leadership.

With a doctorate in Theology and Religious Studies (Ph.D., 2001) from Maryvale Institute, England, in collaboration with Greyfriars, University of Oxford, Dr. Warner is a specialist in the theology of education.

A former ordained Protestant minister, Dr. Warner and his family returned to the Catholic Church in 1988 while he was completing a second Bachelor's degree (Theology, 1987) and the M.A. in Theology and Christian Ministry (1991) at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. While teaching Theology, History, and Education courses for Franciscan University (1990-95), he became an Assistant Professor and Director of Administration for their Austrian Semester Abroad Program. Having held the rank of Associate Professor since 2001, Dr. Warner will continue to teach part-time as an integral element of his presidential duties.

An experienced academic administrator and teacher since 1979, Dr. Warner has lectured in nine states and eight countries.

Born and raised in northern California, and most recently residents of Virginia, Dr. Warner and his wife Patrice have five children and four grandchildren.



Bishop Mulhall presents the homily at the Mass preceding the OLSWA Gala.

community very hard. However, in this case the initial bad news was tempered quickly by the diagnosis of non-infectious multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow cells which is relatively treatable.

In his keynote address at the gala, Bishop Mulhall addressed suffering. "You can never go wrong," he said in his concluding remarks, "by suffering for young people who desire the truth."

Speaking at the academy's graduation ceremonies in May, Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast touched on the tragedies of the past year, saying, "You have lived the Paschal mystery in a particularly

powerful way."

Nikolaas Zylstra, the academy's 2008 valedictorian, commented on the impact of the tragedy in his address. "Many commented on how strongly the school bounced back from such a great tragedy and were very impressed at how everything was handled. When I thought about the accident again I realized why this was the case. It is precisely due to the fact that we, as Catholics, have the truth. This truth sets us free from despairing over the death of loved ones, because we know that they are in the hands of our all-just, but also all-loving God, and will hopefully soon

enter into eternal life."

The Academy, located in Barry's Bay, is a post-secondary liberal arts institution whose curriculum consists of the study of Philosophy, Theology, Literature, History, Language, Mathematics and Science, and the Fine Arts. The seeds for this new, faithful Catholic institution in Canada were planted more than eight years ago as the dream of a handful of local parents who wished to restore Faith and Hope to modern Culture.

Addressing the guests at the fundraising gala in lieu of Dr. Warner was famous Catholic novelist - Michael D. O'Brien. O'Brien explained the origins of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy as "a small, hopeless, mad venture" where parents concerned for the Catholic upbringing of their children saw clearly the "woeful" state of Catholic higher education in the nation and felt they had no choice but to embark on the impossible.

Nine students attended the first year with three faculty members; today, the school boasts approximately 10 faculty, five adjunct faculty, and 80 students from Canada and the US from many types of educational backgrounds. OLSWA currently offers one-, two-, and three-year certificates while working towards granting a four-year degree. OLSWA was recently named the only Canadian Catholic college on the Cardinal Newman Society list of the most faithful North American Catholic colleges.

With files from John-Henry Westen, LifeSiteNews.com and M. J. Henry



Above: Students of the Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy. Right: Academy alumna, Elizabeth O'Brien, now in a Masters program at the University of Ottawa, gave a final address to the crowd at the Gala.

The Marie-Jeunesse Family

For the Beauty and Joy of God

Marie-Jeunesse is a new missionary and contemplative community in the Catholic Church with formation houses located in Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Reunion Island and Belgium. Here young people, from the age of about 15 to 30, can come and share in a joyful community of prayer, love, daily mass, Catholic formation, worship, seminars with university professors, theatre, hiking, sports, choir, band and many other activities. Marie-Jeunesse is also a school of evangelization and forms groups of five to 10 people to give missions of evangelization or retreats to schools, youth groups and parish groups of young people and adults.

Do I have to speak French?

Presently the community is francophone and many members are bilingual. At least some French would be necessary.

How long could/should one stay?

The community is open to visitors at any time and for as long as one wishes to stay. It can be one day, one week, one month, or longer. There are consecrated members of the community, young men and women, who have made a lifetime commitment to serve God in the Church through Marie-Jeunesse, forming a warm, strong family of faith. This is not an expectation for all but is a possibility for those who desire it.

How much does it cost?

The community lives on donations. There is no definite charge for a visit, though if you attend one of the four yearly retreats, they are \$25.00 to \$50.00 all included.

When are the four yearly retreats?

February: Discernment and Vocational Reflection Retreat

Easter Retreat: "Montée Pascale"

Canada Day weekend: Concile des Jeunes

Thanksgiving weekend: Consecration to Mary retreat

How can I contact the Marie-Jeunesse Family?

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A Primer on Catholic Marriage

One of the most joyous events in the life of a family is when a marriage takes place. This is also true for the community of the Church, since as Catholics we view marriage as one of our seven sacraments. Like other major life celebrations, a wedding has many valuable cultural and family traditions attached to it, and such traditions convey a sense of continuity and heritage for a family. The sacred scriptures tell us that Christ himself performed his first miracle at a wedding feast at Cana. The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of their whole life, and which of its own nature is ordered to the well-being of the spouses and the raising of children, has, between the baptized, been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.

When a couple comes to their parish church to celebrate the sacrament of marriage, the Church rejoices and takes their request very seriously and seeks to prepare them for this beautiful and life-long sacrament.

As Catholics, it is important for each of us to know what we believe and practice concerning a marriage recognized by the Church. Perhaps you are reading this as someone preparing for marriage or maybe a member of your family is planning to be married soon. Each of us in the community of the Church has the responsibility to be aware of what it means to have a marriage recognized by Catholic Church.

There are many people attending Catholic parishes or in Catholic families whose marriage is somehow not fully recognized by the Church. Catholic Church

law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they requested and received a “dispensation from canonical form,” Catholics who exchange marriage vows in the presence of only ministers from other religious traditions or authorized civic officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

Why is the Catholic Church insistent that a wedding take place in a church?

Marriage in the Catholic Church is more than just a civil ceremony, it is the celebration of a sacrament. In our country, the wedding liturgy is both the sacramental celebration and the civil recognition of the marriage. This ecclesial event is more than just a private family moment, and so this is reflected by the fact that it is celebrated in the sacred place where the community worships God.

Is it possible for a Catholic to get married in a non-Catholic church and still have their marriage recognized by the Catholic Church?

Yes. In cases where a Catholic is engaged to a baptized member of a non-Catholic Christian denomination and there is a legitimate reason to celebrate the wedding in the non-Catholic church building, they may do so before the minister of that community, provided they obtain the “dispensation from canonical form”. This is done by going to see the Catholic parish priest who will request from the bishop the necessary dispensation. This dispensation will only be granted if the wedding is going to take

place in the church building of the other denomination, not on a beach, in a garden or other such place. If a dispensation has been granted, then a Catholic priest or deacon may even be present and assist the minister in the wedding.

What if someone gets married in a non-Catholic church without the “dispensation from canonical form”?

If someone gets married in a non-Catholic church without the “dispensation from canonical form” their marriage is not viewed as valid in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

What if someone wants to be married outside of a church building, such as on a beach, at a resort, in a garden or some other place?

Since the Catholic Church does not grant a “dispensation from canonical form” for marriages that take place on beaches, in gardens, at golf courses, in hotel ballrooms, etc, then a Catholic should know that such marriages are not considered to be valid in the eyes of the Catholic Church. This decision means that the Catholic is married outside of the Church and has created an impediment for themselves to receiving the sacraments, especially Holy Communion.

Are Catholics allowed to be involved in the planning of their wedding liturgy?

Absolutely. The priest, deacon or pastoral minister will gladly guide a couple through the planning stages of the wedding liturgy, providing them with resources to assist them in choosing scripture readings, liturgical music and other appropriate prayers.

Is it true that secular music and other love songs are not permitted at a Catholic wedding?

That is correct. Because the celebration of a wedding is the liturgy of the Church, then it is only fitting that liturgical music be used. Other selections of music and poetry are often more suited for the reception following the liturgy.

If someone is in a marriage considered not valid by the Catholic Church, are they still considered to be a Catholic?

Yes, but it is very important to realize that since they are in a marriage that is not seen to be valid by the Catholic Church, they must regularize their situation before approaching the Church to receive the sacraments. Many Catholics may be unaware of this understanding of Catholic marriage when planning their wedding and then suddenly discover that their decision to be married elsewhere has created a problem for them to be receiving the sacraments.

How does someone regularize their situation?

The first step is to speak with your parish priest. He will be more than happy to guide a couple through the necessary steps to having the marriage convalidated (“blessed”) by the Catholic Church.

What if someone needs an annulment?

Again, the first thing to do is speak with your parish priest. The Diocese of Pembroke website (www.diocesepembroke.ca) also has information about this process. Your parish priest will be happy to discuss this with you.

Getting married? - You will need to:

1. Contact your parish many months in advance. Parishes usually require three to six months’ advance notice, or even more depending upon local circumstances.
2. Participate in a marriage preparation program. This might include meeting with staff or laity from your parish, or going to a marriage preparation session.
3. Know where you were baptized. If you are not marrying in your home parish, you will need a recent copy of your baptismal certificate to show you are free to marry in the Catholic Church. This must be issued within six months of the wedding date.
4. Interview with a priest or deacon. During this interview you will be asked if you are free to marry, and about your understanding of the commitment you are making and your ability to live it out. This is a good opportunity for you to ask questions, too.
5. Learn about or perhaps help plan your wedding liturgy. You will need to speak with the priest, deacon or pastoral minister about the guidelines for celebrating the wedding liturgy. They will assist you with all of your questions.

Consult your parish staff for further guidance on each of these practical points.

Bring Your Appetite – Parish suppers in the Diocese of Pembroke

Sunday, June 8

Holy Name, Pembroke, ON

Second Annual Holy Name Parish Breakfast
Holy Name Parish Annex
Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Muffins, Sausages, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Tea, Coffee
Adults: \$7.00; Children under nine: \$2.00
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sunday, June 8

St Francis Xavier, Renfrew, ON

Roast Beef Supper and Bazaar
Adults: \$12.00; Children 12 & under: \$5.00; Under five: free
12 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 14/Sunday, June 15

St. Peter's, Fort Coulonge, QC

Supper – Sea Pie & Baked Beans
St. Peter's Parish Hall
Games, Bingo, Draw, and much more
Adult: \$12.00; 12 & under: \$3.00
Meal starts at 4:00 p.m.

Le 14 Juin, Samedi / le 15 Juin, Dimanche

Paroisse St-Pierre, Fort-Coulonge, QC

Souper – Sea Pie et fèves au lard
Jeux / Bingo / tirage et beaucoup plus
Salle Paroissial
Repas : \$12.00 / adulte; \$3.00 / pour les moins de 12 ans, Repas servi à partir de 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 27

Bonfield, ON

Bonfield Church Picnic
Sea Pie; Home-Baked Beans, Full Course Meal, Assorted Home Pies
Games 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Le 27 Juillet, Dimanche

Bonfield, ON

Pique-Nique Paroissial de Bonfield
SeaPie; Fèves au lard; repas complet; tartes assorties faits à la maison,
Jeux – 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 3

St. Martin of Tours, Whitney, ON

Annual Turkey, Ham & Baked Bean Supper - Home-style Cooking
Take-out meals available. Games for all the family, afternoon and evening
Bingo beginning at 1:00 p.m. Flea market opens at 11:00 a.m.
St. Martin's Parish Hall
Adults: \$12.00; Children 12 and under: \$5.00; Five and under: free
Sunday Morning Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 10

St. Andrew's, Killaloe, ON

Turkey, Ham and Stuffed Pork Buffet Dinner
\$10.00/person; 12 & under: \$5.00;
Under four: free
1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 10

St. Thomas D'Aquin, Astorville, ON

Annual Parish Picnic
Featuring our famous SeaPie, Beans & Homemade Pies
Games for children and adults, starting at 1:30 p.m.
Bring your chair – music, all local talent
Ticket Draw 6:00 p.m.

East Ferris Community Centre

Adults: \$11.00;
Children 12 & under: \$5.00
Supper starts at 3:30 p.m.
Take-out at 4:30 p.m.

Le 10 août, Dimanche

Paroisse St Thomas D'Aquin, Astorville, ON

Pique-Nique Paroissial
Au menu: cipaille, fèves au lard et tartes maison
Tout débute à 1:30 p.m. avec des jeux pour adultes et enfants
Apportez votre chaise, musique à l'extérieur
Tirage à 6:00 p.m.

Centre Communautaire de East Ferris

Adultes : 11,00 \$;

Enfant 12 & moins : 5,00 \$

Souper servi à 3:30 p.m.

Take-out commence à 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 10

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, LaPasse, ON

Turkey & Ham Supper
Bingo, Draw Tickets, Playground, Sale/Bake Tables. Wheelchair accessible. Take-out available
LaPasse Parish Hall
Adults: \$10.00; Children (5-12): \$5.00,
Four & under: free
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 17

Our Lady of Grace, Westmeath, ON

Turkey Supper
Bake/Sale Tables, Bingo, Draw Tickets, Kid's Table. Air Conditioned – Take-out available – Wheelchair accessible
Westmeath Community Centre
Adults: \$10.00; Children (5-12): \$5.00,
Four & under: free
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 24

Precious Blood, Calabogie, ON

Gigantic garage sale and barbecue
Games & entertainment
– free admission, ample parking
Parish Grounds,
504 Mill St., Calabogie
10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 24

Our Lady of the Angels, Brudenell, ON

Turkey, Ham & Sand-Baked Beans
Adults: \$10.00; 12 & under: \$5.00;
under four: free
Beginning at 1:30 p.m.
Mass for visitors at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 31

St. Mary's, Wilno, ON

Chicken Supper
Home-cooked meal,
plates served from 2:00 p.m.
Take-out available
Adults: \$12.00;
Children under 12: \$5.00
Visitor's Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 7

Our Lady of Mercy, Bancroft, ON

Parish Supper
Contact Fr. Starks, (613) 332-2954
Adults: \$12.00
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14

St. John the Evangelist, Campbell's Bay, QC

Annual Roast Beef Supper
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 21

St. Columbkille's Cathedral, Pembroke, ON

Roast Beef, Ham & Bean Dinner & Bazaar
Bazaar Table – Candy Booth
– Raffle Tickets
Adults: \$12.00;
Children under 12: \$5.00
In the Parish Hall
12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21

St. Mary's, Quyon, QC

Turkey Supper
Adults: \$12.00; Children 10 & under: \$5.00
Lion's Club Hall, Quyon
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 28

St. Patrick's, Mount St. Patrick, ON

Turkey Supper with Ham and Beans
Bingo, games, crafts
and white elephant
Musical entertainment
Adults: \$12.00; Children \$5.00
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, September 28

Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Pembroke, ON

Turkey and Ham Supper
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Le 28 septembre 2008

Paroisse Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Pembroke, ON

Repas à la dinde et au jambon
14h30 à 18h00

Sunday, October 5

St. Alphonsus, Chapeau, QC

Turkey and Bean Supper, Homemade Pies
Adults: \$12.00
Children 10 and under: \$5.00.
Chapeau Arena
2:00 p.m. to 6:00p.m

Sunday, October 19

St. John Chrysostom, Arnprior, ON

Hot Roast Beef Dinner
St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall
11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 12

St. Casimir, Round Lake Centre, ON

Roast Beef Dinner & Bazaar
Parish Hall, Round Lake Centre
Bingo, Crafts, Crown and Anchor
Draws for 15 prizes
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 2

St. Matthew the Apostle, Madawaska, ON

Annual Turkey, Ham & Baked Bean Supper
Adults: \$12.00; Children under 10: \$5.00; Three & under: free
Murchison & Lyell Community Hall,
Hwy 60, Madawaska
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass at 11:15 a.m.