



Ecclesia

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE

A day for Catechists

“Let us ask the Lord that we may all be men and women who keep the memory of God alive in ourselves, and are able to awaken it in the hearts of others.”

Pope Francis – Vatican City,

Concluding Mass of the World Day of Catechists, September 30, 2013

Catechists from across the Diocese of Pembroke recently gathered to not only celebrate their faith, but to learn and share with each other the common path they have taken to bring others closer to God.

“This is an event for catechists to gather that the diocese is sponsoring,” explains Jason Dedo, Director of Faith Formation and Leadership Development.

“It’s more of a formation day. It’s for their own reflection; to hear about some topics that would be of consequence to them working in their ministry. It’s a day for parish catechists who are working in areas of *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, working in a Family Formation program, or working with the Sacramental Initiation process for children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There’s a healthy mixture of new catechists, some who have been involved for a little bit, and some who are quite seasoned.”

Throughout the day, participants had an opportunity to listen to guest speakers, including Bishop Michael Mulhall. As well, catechists had an opportunity to meet and interact with their fellow catechists from a variety of parishes.

“In some ways, catechists in parishes may feel like they’re working in isolation,” says Dedo.

“This is a day to bring them together, to talk about their successes and challenges. It’s a time for dialogue with one another, to share how things are going in their ministries. We’re trying to get a feel for the needs of the catechists, and trying to meet that need. One important topic is about forming parents as catechists; how do we help parents as they take on what the Church calls their role as the primary educator in the faith for their child. It’s a promise that all parents make at the baptism of their child.”

According to Dedo, communicating with parents on their responsibilities as Catholic parents is the most significant challenge catechists will experience.

“Many of our families are registered in the parish, but are not actively involved on a regular basis,” says Dedo.

“How do we engage families and parents who have been disengaged for possibly some time?”

It can ultimately fall upon the catechist to bridge the gap in attempting to bring those individuals back to the fold.

“A catechist is there to accompany them in the faith formation journey, whether it’s for adults, children or families,” says Dedo.

“It’s a person who is apprenticing them in the Christian life, who is inviting them into a relationship with Christ, and the faith community that is centred around the Sunday Eucharist. I think the most important thing catechists will do is share their faith journey with those who they are accompanying.”



More than 50 participants from across the diocese attended a catechists’ day at Most Holy Name of Jesus in Pembroke.

By definition, a Catholic catechist is one who teaches and shares the faith of the Catholic Church by both word and example. As Dedo explains, there are usually two avenues utilized in the recruitment of catechists.

“It’s either a case where the pastor or somebody involved in the catechetical ministry approaches someone and says ‘You know, I really think you have some gifts that could be helpful to this ministry.’ Sometimes it could be a call from the parish to people (parish congregation) inviting anyone who may feel a calling to a ministry and a person decides to offer their gifts to this ministry.”

Answering the call to lead others is perhaps more pressing now than ever before. With so many having abandoned their relationship with the church, it may be the catechists who will lead the next charge in bringing the wayward back to embrace all that our faith has to offer.

“If we think of the remarks the Holy Father made on July 27 during his homily in a mass to priests, seminarians and other religious figures, it was to get out of their churches, to get out of their offices and meet the people where they are to share the Gospel and invite them to participate at the Lord’s table,” reflects Dedo.

“I think the message was meant for all of us, that we can’t always expect people to come to us. We’re pretty good at inviting, but we can’t always expect people to know about the invitation. Sometimes we have to meet them where they are.”

Message from the Bishop

My dear faithful of the diocese,

As the Year of Faith is drawing to an end, the Holy Father has recently announced to the Church and to the world that Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II will be canonized on April 27, 2014. This grace granted to the Church is a remarkable occurrence. Since the turn of the twentieth century, three Popes will have been recognized as saints. At the same time, the cause of at least one other, Pope Pius XII, is still being investigated. Without having done the proper research, I would doubt that any other century has been more blessed in the declared sanctity of our chief shepherds than has this span of 110 years.

This is not reason for us to form some proud notion of 20th century spiritual exceptionalism, rather it probably points to the enormous suffering which the people of this world have endured in these 110 years—two horrific world wars, holocausts and death camps in central Europe and Asia, genocide in Europe, Asia and Africa, the ethnic cleansing of thousands of communities, the untold suffering of millions of people by the injustice of oppressive government structures and the death of millions of unborn children. Now the prospect of euthanasia has been introduced in our country. In this regard, a letter of Archbishop Pierre-André Fournier of the Assembly of Bishops of Québec is published in this edition. We have nothing to support in the case of our exceptionalism. Rather, humanity has been dragged through an abyss of suffering and evil, and in the midst of such suffering, the Church has recognized untold martyrs and defenders of the faith as well as the pure testimony of the gospel seen in the lives of saints like Mother Teresa. To this multitude are now added the persons of Karol Wojtyla and Angelo Roncalli.

Diocesan youth work experience in Chincha Alta, Peru

A second work experience for youth from 16 to 30 years of age is being organized by the Diocesan Lima, Peru group, the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Diocesan Family Life and Youth Ministry Office in March 2015.

Details

Cost \$2,000 pp (approx. two weeks all inclusive)

4 day Machu Picchu excursion, optional (\$1,000 extra)

Only 12 spaces available

Deadline for applications: May 30, 2014

First parent and participant meeting to be held early June, 2014

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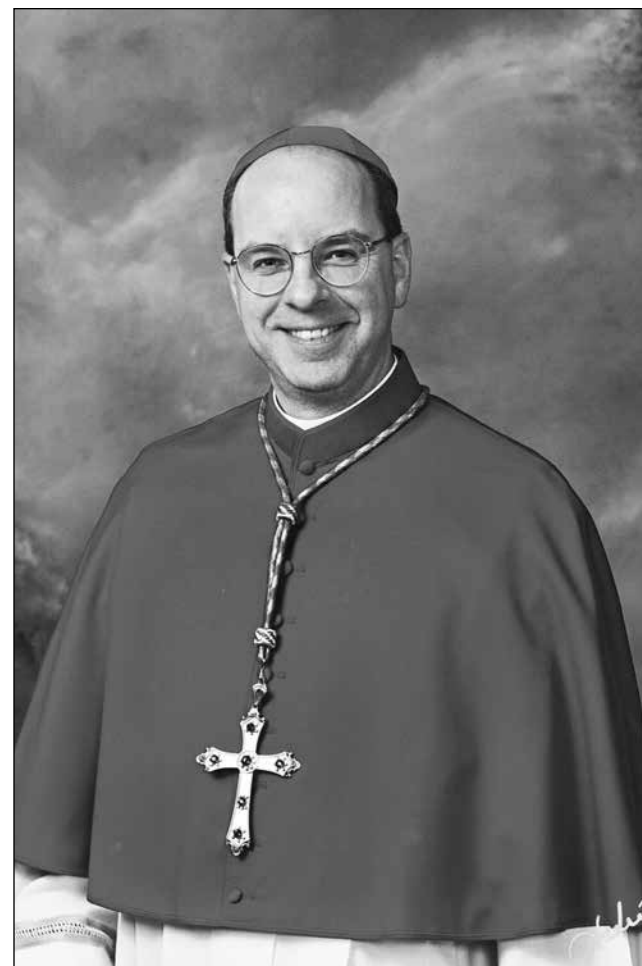
As you receive this latest edition of *Ecclesia*, the Church will be entering the last months of the Year of Faith, initiated by Pope Benedict. It has been a great pleasure for me to reflect with you about the persons of the Trinity in our Year of Faith talks. It has also been an opportunity to meet you in Pembroke, Renfrew, Bancroft, Quyon, Bonfield and Killaloe. In addition to these reflections, I am aware that much more has been done at a parish level. I pray that the efforts and prayers of our local parishes have opened for each of us a deeper appreciation of the joy of believing, a phrase used by the Holy Father.

This joy of believing is the immediate, but also everlasting, fruit of our response to God's gift of his revelation. When we respond to God's revelation of Himself with the Amen of faith, we immediately place ourselves in the consoling and peaceful protection of God. The fruit is immediate and yet, because of the frailty of human life, the Lord grants to us the grace to live this faith through all the challenges of our lives—at times not an easy task.

It is my prayer that, as we continue to reflect on the gift of faith in these final months, we will be sustained by a joy which will serve as a most telling witness to the world of the Lord's presence in our lives. We have many reasons to allow sadness, anger, violence, despair and self-pity to dominate our lives. But the joy of believing is a clear sign to others that God has overcome the evil of this world. As St. Peter remarks in his First letter, when they ask us a reason for our hope, let us be ready to respond (1 Peter 3.15). When the world in its joylessness sees our evident joy, let us be ready for the question that will be asked—why can you be so joyful in such terrible times. Let us be ready to answer that the reason for our joy is that an all-powerful God has sent his Son into the world, that through his death and resurrection He has invited humanity to eternal life in His name.

We ask this grace through the intercession of our blessed Mother and the newly recognized saints Popes John XXIII and John Paul II.

† Michael Mulhall
Bishop of Pembroke



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PRESS RELEASE

Reaction of the president of the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops to Bill 52 respecting end-of-life care

Montreal, June 13, 2013 (translation of original in French) – Québec is at a crossroads. The Québec government's Bill 52, which introduces euthanasia as a potential form of end-of-life care, places our people—whom we love with every fibre of our being—before a critical decision.

One of the Bill's overall effects is to ensure the provision of palliative care, an initiative with which we are delighted. However, we have every reason to be concerned when a way of deliberately causing death is considered to be a form of care and is claimed as a right.

Yes, it is legitimate to refuse treatment that does nothing but prolong suffering, to refuse aggressive therapy that only prolongs the process of dying, to consent to palliative sedation that is administered

for the sake of easing pain and not of causing death. We also affirm, however, that there are limits to this autonomy when it is invoked in order to cause death to oneself or another. Respect for human dignity means, above all, respect for human life.

We greatly appreciate the commitment and contribution of citizens, families and associations who are in solidarity with the most vulnerable, and who strive to build up a culture of life and compassion.

We encourage health professionals who are involved and eager to serve life, the dignity of persons, and the good of the whole community, to carry on with their unique and irreplaceable work.

Above all else, as is acknowledged and proposed by the report of the committee chaired by Mr. Ménard, we must make palliative care available everywhere in the

health care system. Dignity at the end of life is achieved through palliative care that is accessible to all, and not through euthanasia.

To try to set parameters for euthanasia is to fail to take it seriously (*"Baliser l'euthanasie, c'est la banaliser"*). Out of love for life, we object to this bill.

†Pierre-André Fournier
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The educational work of the Bishops of Ontario

The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) is a regional Assembly of Bishops that gathers twice a year for the purpose of sharing the experiences of the various dioceses of Ontario and to coordinate, where possible, a common pastoral initiative for the faithful of the province. Since education is a provincial matter, the ACBO has established for some time an Education Commission to work in this area. Publicly funded Catholic education occupies a majority of the effort of this Commission, but the mandate of the Commission extends to Catholic education in a general way as well.

Though the Education Commission serves as a vehicle to communicate with the other partners in Catholic education, (for example, parents, superintendents, principals, teachers, etc.), the primary interest of the Bishops of Ontario is to institute a body that can help to oversee the teaching material or initiatives that touch upon the teaching of the Church's faith. This interest develops from the Bishop's responsibility to oversee any Catholic teaching or catechesis in his respective diocese. Texts used in Catholic schools (both French and English schools) for religious instruction require the approval of the local Bishop or through the cooperation of the Bishops of the ACBO, the approval of the Education Commission and, subsequently, the entire body of Bishops. This is done primarily to assure Catholic parents and others that the teaching material used in Catholic schools in the province is in communion with the teachings of the Catholic faith.

Bishops are chosen from among the bishops of Ontario at the request of an elected executive. Cardinal Thomas Collins is at present the president of the ACBO and Bishop Gerard Bergie of St. Catharines has generously accepted to serve as Chairman of the Education Commission. He is joined by Bishops from London, Thunder Bay, Toronto and Pembroke. Several others attend the meetings—a priest for Northern Ontario, the representative of the Institute of Catholic Education, and the General Secretary of the ACBO. Meetings are held four times a year.

The most significant project of the coming years will be the writing and publication of the religious studies textbooks and teacher's guides for elementary school children. The Bishops and many others have seen the need to rewrite the program, taking into account especially the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and an important *General Directory for Catechesis*. The project is now at an advanced planning stage and writing is expected to begin in late 2013.

Sisters of St. Joseph celebration



Recently the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (Pembroke neighbourhood) marked a joyous occasion as three of their members celebrated their Jubilee of religious life. From left to right: Sr. Marjorie FitzPatrick (50 years), Sr. Betty Berrigan (60 years) and Sr. Nicole Aubé (50 years).

Parish Profile

St. Pius V, Osceola

Parishioners at St. Pius V parish in Osceola are pulling together when it comes to the upkeep of their beloved church. As they do so, they are showing others how our community of faith can come together to ensure such structures will be preserved for years to come.

Located just a few miles west of Cobden, Osceola saw its first Catholic mission in the 1860s. St. Pius V church was constructed in 1892, and blessed by Bishop Narcisse Zephirin Lorrain. It was then formally consecrated on August 5, 1925, by Bishop Patrick Thomas Ryan. The current pastor is Father Brady McNamara.

Like many of its sister parishes in the diocese, parishioners must contend with a variety of pressing renovations. In the case of St. Pius V, a collective effort between the parish and the diocese was established to deal with one recent pressing issue.

"We were asked to consult on the property. I have a fairly extensive background working with old buildings," says Bruce Pappin, a member of the diocesan property advisory committee.

"There was a lot of rot in the windows but most was at the bottom. At first they were looking to replace all of the windows in the building, but my suggestion was that the windows were repairable. There was certainly some severe deterioration, but there are ways to repair the damage. The goal was to stabilize the windows and retain the original stained glass."

The biggest hurdle with such an endeavour is cost. The diocese was able to access grant money via a summer employment program sponsored by the federal government and a young parishioner, Amy Matcheskie, was hired. With some guidance from Pappin, the tedious process began.

A total of 12 windows in the church, along with three sacristy windows, were scraped, repaired and painted

at a cost of a little over \$7,200. With much of the work relying on volunteer efforts, it proved to be a valid cost-saving template for other parishes to follow. An estimate by a commercial firm came in at over \$30,000 for the same work.

"They saved a tremendous amount of money, and by buying and hiring locally, almost all of the money went back into the community," says Pappin.

With the window restoration completed, parish members must now address the next maintenance project.

"There's some stone in the bell tower that's coming loose," says parish council member Rene Coulas. "We're getting estimates with the hope of having enough funds for the project this year. We're bringing in professionals with a lift. We're trying to take a small percentage of our yearly income and use that for maintenance."

Coulas notes that the key to successfully completing maintenance tasks is the acquisition of material donations and volunteers.

"It's not so much cash donations, but expertise and help," says Coulas. "The further we go with this, the more I'm seeing people who are a part of the parish, as well as non-church goers who help out. It feels pretty good to see this happen. There's a whole lot of talent in a parish if you ask. A lot of people have something to donate, if they're asked in a business-like manner."

An example of this was when the church experienced a roof leak.

"We didn't have the funds to fix the roof," recalls Coulas. "I went hunting and it was surprising the free labour I got from professionals to fix that roof. If you approach most professionals the right way they will do better for a church."



Coulas also sought out inspiration for the various renovations that needed to be completed from the previous generation of parishioners who saw to the construction and maintenance of the church over the years.

"I was there one day doing some work, and I had some time to look around and was amazed at the work that was done when they were building the church," recalls Coulas. "I thought 'If our ancestors, with a whole lot less funds than we have to work with today, if they could assemble this church, and keep up to this point, why couldn't we carry it on?'"

Coulas is also adamant in his belief that congregations, both within the diocese and outside of the Roman Catholic faith, can develop stronger bonds to ensure when one group is in need, others will be there to help.

CWL workshops

Catch the Fire is a project that supports our theme this year, *We Have Seen the Lord*, and our subtheme for 2013, *People of Faith*. This project provides an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the League and our faith. Parish councils are encouraged to host sessions and invite women in the parish and community to attend. Trainers are ready to deliver their presentations. Has your parish hosted a *Catch the Fire* presentation yet?

Catch the Fire presentations have been hosted in Temiskaming on September 7, and Renfrew on October 10. The next presentation will take place at Holy Name Parish in Pembroke on November 9, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Provincial convention

Five CWL members from the Pembroke Diocese attended the 66th Annual Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay, Ontario, on July 7-10, 2013. Although it was a long distance to travel, the experience and knowledge received was well worth the effort. As this is an election year, our new Provincial President Betty Colaneri, along with the whole provincial executive were installed at the Closing Mass by the newly installed Provincial Spiritual Advisor Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines Diocese.

All CWL members are encouraged to attend the 67th Provincial Convention in Cobourg, Ontario, next year on July 6-9. Mark your calendars now and join the Masquerade Party.



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2013-2015 CWL Officers**

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Priests from abroad serve the Diocese of Pembroke

Living far from their native homelands and parishes, a select few priests within the Diocese of Pembroke have become an important and treasured part of our community of faith.

Currently, five foreign priests and one Canadian priest are posted to various area parishes, ensuring the word of the Lord continues to be delivered to the faithful. They include the following:

- Astorville/Bonfield/Corbeil—Reverend Jean-Marc Raymond, Congrégation Du Très-Saint-Sacrement, Québec, QC
- Temiskaming—Reverend Fortunatus Rudakemwa, Diocese of Cyangugu, Rwanda
- Campbell's Bay, Otter Lake, Vinton and Calumet Island—Reverend Francis Jaozanaka, Ordo Fratrum Minorum Capuccinorum, Madagascar
- Reverend Wojciech Blach of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Poland
- Round Lake—Reverend John Bosco Gali of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Maynooth/Whitney—Reverend Moses Nwosu of the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy, Nigeria

The recruitment process is at the discretion of individual dioceses.

"They (foreign priests) will send a letter to the diocese asking if they have a need for pastoral ministry," says Monsignor Bridge, explaining the early stages of discerning potential candidates.

"We have a list of names we can contact when there is a need. The priest himself always has to have proof of ordination and written approval from his bishop before he is accepted. The ones who we invite into our diocese are here for three years."

In our diocese, Bishop Mulhall has an advisory committee made up of several priests who will review applicants and submit recommendations.

Upon arrival, visiting clergy will endure a variety of challenges, such as adapting to our climate, foreign accents, new culture (for example, relations between males and females), monetary issues, living standards, and the more subdued atmosphere of worship in Canadian churches. Perhaps most startling is the low number of church attendees.

"It is a bit of a shocker for them when they come and see the empty churches," says Monsignor Bridge.

The role of these visiting priests is perhaps now more invaluable than in past times, as they fulfill the role of parish priest, ensuring other priests of the diocese are not overburdened in caring for multiple parishes.

For Father Nwosu, coming to Canada was very much about fulfilling the objective of his order. Founded in Nigeria in 1970, the Congregation of the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy is a global missionary group made up of brothers and priests. With God at their side, they go where they are needed.

"Working in a different cultural environment is a big challenge," says Father Nwosu. "The first major challenge is for the people to understand you, and you to understand the people. It's the language, in terms of learning the Canadian accent. When I started to learn English it was with the British accent."

Hailing from Isiokpo, Nigeria, Father Nwosu was ordained into the priesthood in 2001. He has been in Canada since 2005, having served in another diocese prior to arriving in ours. He currently administers at St. Ignatius Parish in Maynooth, St. Martin of Tours Parish in Whitney, and St. Matthew Parish in Madawaska.

Having spent some time in Germany, Father Nwosu became acquainted with the winter season. However, he admitted to being sceptical when told of how people would skate across frozen lakes in Canada.

"When I was in Europe, I did not see anything like that," says Father Nwosu. "It was when I came to Canada that I saw Lake Superior frozen."

Beyond their immediate duties to the diocese, the visiting priests also provide us with the knowledge that we are part of a great global community of faith.

"We have so much to learn from one another. They enrich us as much as we answer their need to serve in a foreign country," says Monsignor Bridge.

"Their presence affords us the opportunity to be more aware of the fact that we belong to a universal church, that we are a real communion of people of God."

St. Bernadette Parish storm damage repairs

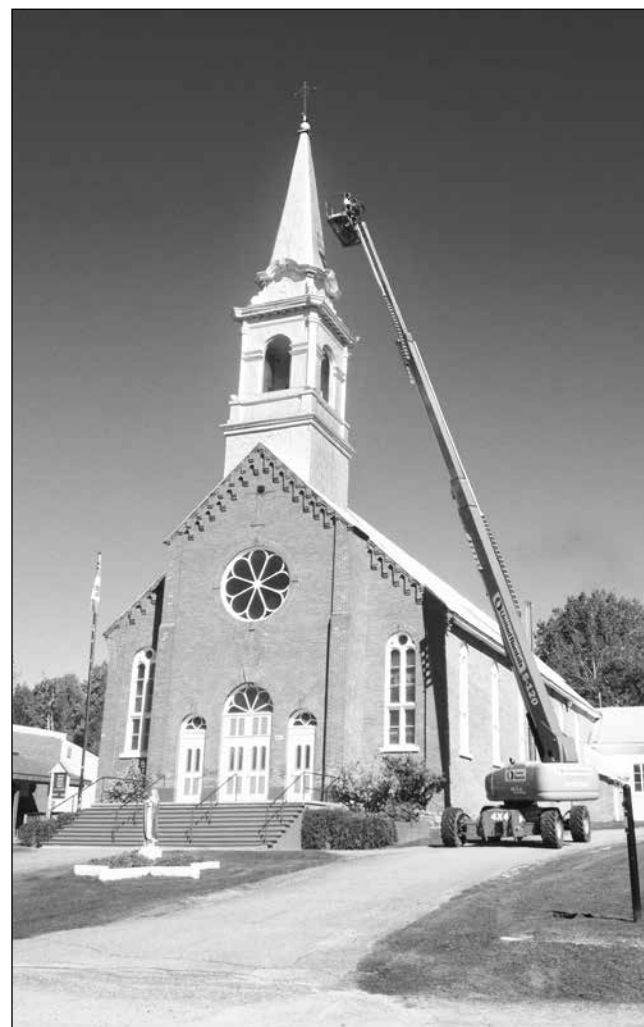
Every so often Mother Nature likes to show us her power! Last July, a storm came through the town of Bonfield and left proof of how strong she can be. Many trees were uprooted, shingles were torn from roofs, and siding was ripped off homes. Sheds and portable garages were destroyed and many wires were down leaving people without electricity and/or telephones. Fortunately, no one was hurt and our damages were minimal compared to other local villages.

When something like this happens, the community seems to come to life. Neighbours, friends and relatives seem to magically appear and everyone helps where they can. You could hear the chainsaws working for several days.

St. Bernadette's Church suffered damages to its Bell Tower—the tin covering was ripped off, the base

of the cross was damaged, and part of the cross was found several yards behind the church. The rectory also had damage to the roof on three sides. A tree that had been uprooted landed on the roof of the front porch.

Beaudoin Construction came and assessed the damages and arranged to do the necessary repairs. They were very efficient and had the work done in a short time. However, in order to repair the Bell Tower it was necessary to wait for an available crane. Due to their busy schedule they were unable to come until September 25. Repairs were made to the tin covering on all four sides. They were able to repair the cross, seal and cover it—which was no mean feat since it is 120 feet up. Fortunately all the repairs are now completed and everything looks even better than before the storm!



Parish Anniversaries

125 years: St. Alphonsus Parish—church built 1888

September 7 marked the 125th anniversary of the founding of St. Alphonsus Parish in Chapeau, QC.

For local Catholics, receiving mass of any kind was infrequent in the early 1800s. Besides the occasional visit from travelling missionaries, the church had virtually no presence in the area. It wasn't until the late 1830s that the Hudson's Bay Company granted the Catholic Church permission to create mission chapels in various communities on Allumette Island. Eventually, a log chapel was constructed at Church Point near Paquette Rapids. On October 17, 1845, Father James Christopher Lynch became the first parish priest to reside at Church Point.

Tragedy struck the region in 1853 when a ferocious fire swept across Allumette Island, with high winds spreading the blaze in rapid fashion. In the wake of this, the village of Chapeau was destroyed, including the Church Point chapel. With much of the populace demoralized by both the loss of their community and church, Father Lynch began a lone, two-year pilgrimage to Lower Canada and the United States to seek out contributions for his flock. Having returned with a significant amount of donations, a new church was erected in Chapeau, the new central location making it far more accessible for area worshippers. Construction of the church was completed in 1857.

The beloved Father Lynch, also noted for his medical skills, passed away on May 16, 1885. Father Dosithée Leduc of Pembroke succeeded Father Lynch as parish priest, setting his attention on constructing a new church for the parish. An awe-inspiring stone

church was built in 1888, blessed and dedicated to St. Alphonsus on December 12. A brick rectory was added in 1894. To this day, the church still stands. Father Tim Moyle is the current serving parish priest.

Bishop Michael Mulhall presided over the recent anniversary mass, which was followed by a dinner at Harrington Community Hall. Among those joining parishioners for the celebration were Michael McCrank, Warden of Pontiac Regional County Municipality, Winston Sunstrom, Mayor of the Municipality of Allumette Island. Representatives from the Diocese of Pembroke included Father Nil Guillemette (retired), Allumette Island native Father Michael Lapierre of the Jesuits, and Father Mitchell Beachey (then acting parish priest).

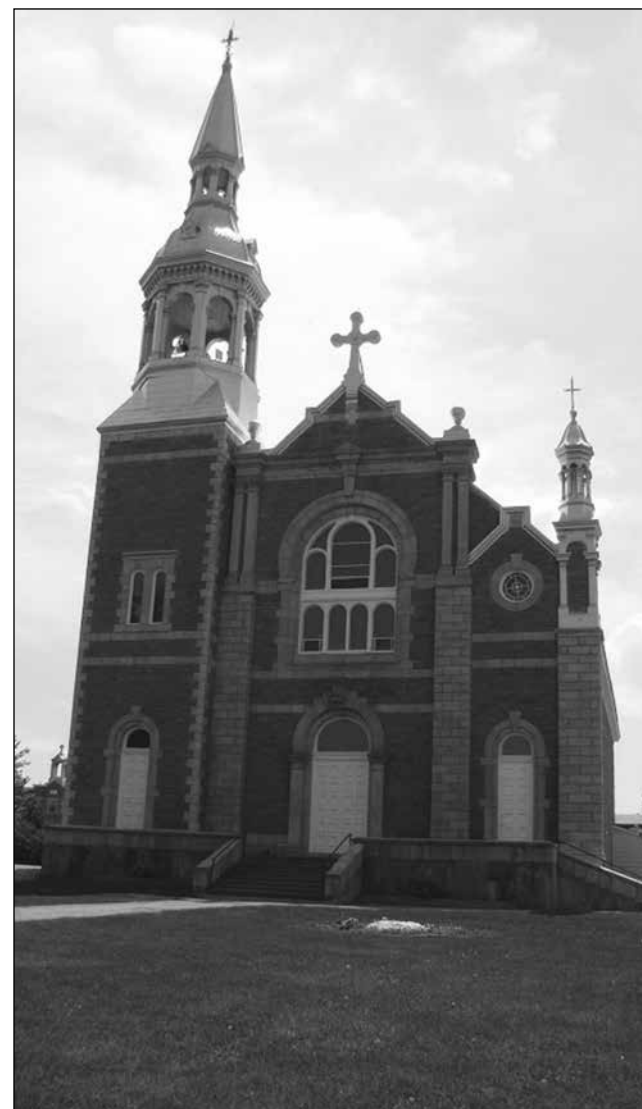
"It was a very special time for us," says Jerome Sallafranque of the St. Alphonsus Parish Council. "It's a milestone for this very beautiful church that we're very proud of."

Sallafranque noted that the parish recently had to contend with some damage inflicted to the church via the severe wind storm that struck the region in late July.

"Some of the masonry work around the steeple was damaged," says Sallafranque, adding there was some additional damage done to the tin roof.

Despite this setback, it is the faith of the parishioners, and their willingness to help out when needed, that continues to shape the character of St. Alphonsus Parish.

"We do have a lot of volunteers," says Sallafranque. "A lot of people step up and volunteer when the need is there."



100 years: St. Charles of Borromée, Otter Lake—established 1913

September 12, 2013, marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Charles Borromée parish in Otter Lake, QC.

With a population of 1,100 people, Otter Lake is a magnet for cottagers seeking a quiet and picturesque place to get away from it all.

Like many communities in the region, the origins of the community lie in those hearty souls who took to the lumber industry as their livelihood. The Municipality of Otter Lake was established in 1876 after the merger of the townships of Clapham, Huddersfield and Leslie.

In due course, their spiritual needs were addressed via clergy from Calumet Island holding missions in the

area. The mission, named St. Charles, would eventually see its first chapel constructed in 1871 on a lot of land purchased by Bishop Joseph Bruno Guigues.

In 1882, the chapel was relocated to a more central location where the current parish stands. The new location provided ample space for a cemetery, followed by the construction of a house for the visiting priest. At that time, mass was held every third Sunday. More modifications were made in the years to come, with the addition of a sacristy in 1889, followed by the installation of a bell in 1896.

In September of 1913, Father Ferrari was named the first parish priest. With the financial support of

parishioners, he would oversee the construction of a proper stone church and brick presbytery, with work completed no later than 1916. Decades later, in 1967, Father H.J. Rochefort, an experienced carpenter, had the old rectory dismantled to make way for new one that included a basement with rooms.

The parish endured a great tragedy in 1982 when the church was destroyed by fire, caused by an over-heated furnace.

"It was a dreadful fire," recalls life-long parishioner Beverley Dubeau. "My mother was very upset because she feared other buildings would burn because it was so windy."

Church services were relocated to the local school gymnasium. A new structure was built and formally blessed on January 30, 1983. The church can seat over 300 people and includes a parish hall in the basement. It was a glorious example of how both the clergy and parishioners rallied together in faith to see the reconstruction through to its conclusion.

Today, parishioners continue to stay active with their church, participating on various committees that oversee the workings of the parish. For Dubeau, the anniversary of St. Charles Borromée will be a time to reflect on the role the church has played in nurturing her spiritual health.

"It's the mainstay of my life," says Dubeau. "It makes me what I am. The church gives me the strength to be a good person, both in body and spirit."



100 years: Most Precious Blood Parish—established 1913

Most Precious Blood Parish in Calabogie marked its 100th anniversary on September 15.

An influx of Catholic families of French and Irish descent secured the case for building a church in the Calabogie area in 1854. With the support of the people, a small church made of stone was built in Springtown and placed under the patronage of St. Gabriel the Archangel.

For many years onward, residents of the Calabogie Lake area would faithfully navigate the seven-mile waterway for monthly mass. However, the arrival of the railroad changed the dynamics of the area's Catholic community forever.

Built in the 1880s, the Kingston to Pembroke (K&P) rail line crossed the Madawaska River at Calabogie, before heading north to Renfrew. A railroad station followed, along with a sawmill. Where Calabogie became an epicentre of growth, Springtown eventually fell into decline.

A mission church, overseen by St. Francis Xavier Parish in Renfrew, was opened on September 6, 1896. It wasn't until 1913 that Most Precious Blood

formally became a parish, with St. Gabriel designated as a mission church to the Calabogie site. Father W.H. Dooner was Calabogie's first parish priest.

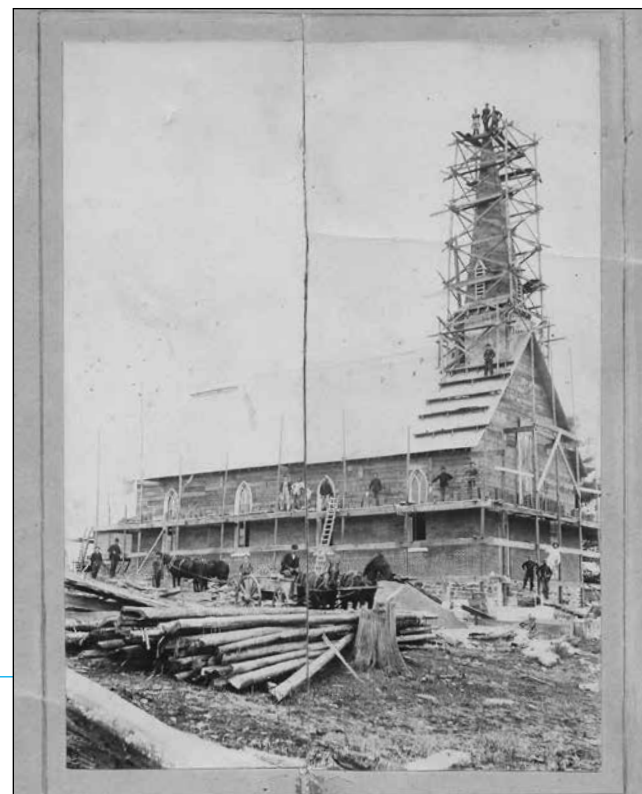
Improvements to the church site followed, including the addition of a rectory, and the acquisition of more land for the construction of a school. In 1924, a convent was opened by the Sisters of St. Joseph, with members serving as teachers at the school. Sadly, the convent would eventually close its doors in 1981.

Throughout the decades of its founding as a parish, Most Precious Blood has seen a wide range of renovations completed in order to better serve the local worshippers. On March 10, 1968, Bishop William Joseph Smith blessed and rededicated the church.

Of the many past parishioners who called Most Precious Blood home, perhaps Father Joseph Raymond Windle stands out as one of the most notable members. Ordained into the priesthood on May 14, 1943, he eventually assumed the mantle of Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke on February 15, 1971, an office he held until his retirement on May 5, 1993.

Over the past year, Donna Camelon collected photos and clippings, which she scanned and made into an album that was on display on Sunday, September 15. "One historical photo showed the original church with horses and buggies around," notes parishioner Mary Joan Hale.

A mass of thanksgiving was concelebrated by Bishop Michael Mulhall and Father Pat Blake followed by a reception at St. Joseph's Catholic School gymnasium. Warden Peter Emon, Mayor of Greater Madawaska, presented a plaque.



75 years: St. Anthony of Padua, Haliburton—established July 16, 1938

St. Anthony's was built in the Haliburton Highlands to fill the needs of early settlers—mainly lumberjacks—many of whom were Italian and Irish Catholics in want of a place to worship. Groundbreaking took place on

June 13, the feast day for St. Anthony of Padua. The first resident priest, Father Leslie Kennedy, helped to build the chapel alongside members of the founding families who had generously donated the land and materials. The first mass was delivered on July 16 by Father Kennedy, who stayed on at St. Anthony's for 20 years, until 1957.

Increasing population in the area necessitated an addition to the church in 1957, but the original site could not meet the needs of an ever-expanding population in the region—now mainly retirees and cottagers—and a final mass by Father Henry J. Maloney took place on November 1, 1981. The original bell, round window below it and Stations of the Cross were saved for the new church.

May 16, 1982, saw the first mass in the new building, as it stands today with some improvements and updates.

The nature of Haliburton County, with the huge influx of tourists and cottagers in the summertime, has had a big impact on the church. Not only is an additional mass held each week to accommodate the increased numbers, but also the very character of the church has been influenced.

A strong sense of Christian community guides regular parishioners as they work together to carry out church activities such as bake sales and bazaars, and allows them to open their arms to temporary worshippers from the city.

"There is a great sense of warmth and welcome," says June White, parish secretary since 1999, noting that the seasonal parishioners often express this sentiment.

On July 14, after morning mass by Father Patrick Dobec, more than 100 members of the church celebrated its 75th anniversary with a catered breakfast accompanied by a slide show depicting church events over the years.

The *Haliburton County Echo* quoted Father Dobec, "I thought it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the faith of the past, the present and the future generations that have worked so hard to build up the kingdom and the parish during these past few years."



Father John McElligott

Submitted by Deacon Albert Benoit

Father John was pastor of St. Bernadette Parish in Bonfield from 1995 to 2005. His accomplishments during these years were immense.

Within a few years of his arrival, and with the help of the parishioners, he had paid off the debt that was owing. In addition, they raised enough money to put a new roof on the parish hall. He also encouraged the community to work together to raise enough funds for repairs to the brick and mortar of the church's exterior. Repairs were made to the ceiling and walls inside the church, which were then completely painted with colours chosen by the parishioners—all done by professional craftsmen.

Father John was a 'local boy' having been raised in Mattawa. He had a vision and the ability to see the needs of the present time. During his years in Bonfield he had the difficult task of amalgamating three Missions into the local churches. He formed the structure for the Mattawa Zone, which consists of five parishes. He also had to take over the duties of two churches—St.

Thomas d'Aquin in Astorville and Sacred Heart of Jesus in Corbeil—which became one pastoral unit. In order to accomplish this it was necessary to eliminate one Sunday Mass at St. Bernadette Parish. The one remaining Mass had to be bilingual to accommodate all the parishioners. The transition has been accepted and remains today.

On September 8, 2013, Mass was offered for the late Father John McElligott. This Mass was to remember all that he has done for our community and also a thanksgiving for the generosity shown to our Parish from his estate. During the Mass, the Knights of Columbus brought the new Chalice, Paten and Ciborium that were purchased and dedicated in Father McElligott's name. Father Jean-Marc Raymond blessed these vessels that will be used every Sunday. At the beginning of his first Mass at St. Bernadette, Father John asked the parishioners, "How do you like me so far?" which caused us all to laugh. He put a smile on our faces then, and it is still there whenever we think of him. Because of all he has done for our parish we feel a sense of security for its future and that of our children.



Grey Sisters change of command

The Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Pembroke have a new General Superior leading them, and her focus will be on seeing the 87-year-old religious community persevere through the years to come.



"Every four years the community has a Chapter of Affairs," says Sister Joan Cronin, explaining the election process. "The person who is elected General Superior has a four-year mandate, and can be re-elected. You have delegates, which are members of the Grey Sisters' community, who volunteer to be a delegate at the Chapter of Affairs."

Sister Joan Cronin assumed the mantle of General Superior this past August from Sister Fay Edmonds. She emphasized that she will not be alone in carrying

out her duties, which will involve overseeing an array of resources of the Grey Sisters, along with the general welfare of community members. A native of Belleville, Ontario, she joined the order in the 1960s.

"It (General Superior) means working with a team," says Sister Cronin. "The General Superior has a full-time team of four people who will be working together to further the Grey Sisters community."

Prior to assuming the full-time position, Sister Cronin has been the executive director of the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE). ICE is a provincial office for the Ontario Catholic Education Community founded in 1986 that facilitates the conversation of the Ontario Catholic bishops, trustees, teachers, directors of education, supervisory officers (academic and business) and the parent community.

Sister Cronin's passion for Catholic education has seen her employed as a teacher, vice-principal, principal, consultant, coordinator and supervisory officer with various Ontario Catholic school boards. In recognition of her efforts, Sister Cronin has received numerous awards over the years. Most recently, she was installed as Honorary Fellow by the University of St. Michael's College, received The Chancellor John Sweeney Award for Leadership in Catholic Education and Scholarship, and was awarded the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario (CEFO) Medal of Honour.

Though the array of duties will keep Sister Cronin busy, she will be taking some time to acquaint herself with members of the greater Ottawa Valley community.

"I'm really looking forward to connecting with the valley people again," says Sister Cronin.

The Solemnity of All Saints

By Jason Dedo

The Collect of the Mass of All Saints Day begins with the following words: "Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long."

Indeed, millions of Catholics around the world recognize, on the Solemnity of All Saints, the multitude of holy men and women who are with God in heaven and, consequently, can intercede for us as we pray in various ways to make us more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints has a very long tradition in the church.

The origins of this solemnity can be found in the fourth century Eastern Church when there was a common feast for all martyrs. By the seventh century,

a feast for martyrs had been established in parts of the Western Church. Martyrs were remembered in Rome in an annual celebration on November 1, which was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741). Pope Gregory IV (827-844) mandated this feast be celebrated by the entire church on November 1.

The date of November 1 was chosen to counter a pagan feast on the same day. A remnant of this pagan festival resides in Halloween, "Allhallows even" or "the eve of All Saints". "Hallow" is from the Old English word for "holy".

Today, the Solemnity of All Saints honours all the saints of the church—both known and unknown. In the Preface for the Eucharistic Prayer for the Mass of All Saints Day, the priest prays that "...we eagerly hasten as pilgrims advancing by faith rejoicing in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the



Church through whom you give us, in our frailty, both strength and good example." And so it is fitting that on this day, the People of God give thanks for these holy men and women who continuously provide for us spiritual strength and an example in living the Christian life. All Saints of the Church, pray for us!

Ordination to the Diaconate in Rome

The diaconate ordination is generally considered to be the highlight of the school year at the Pontifical North American College.

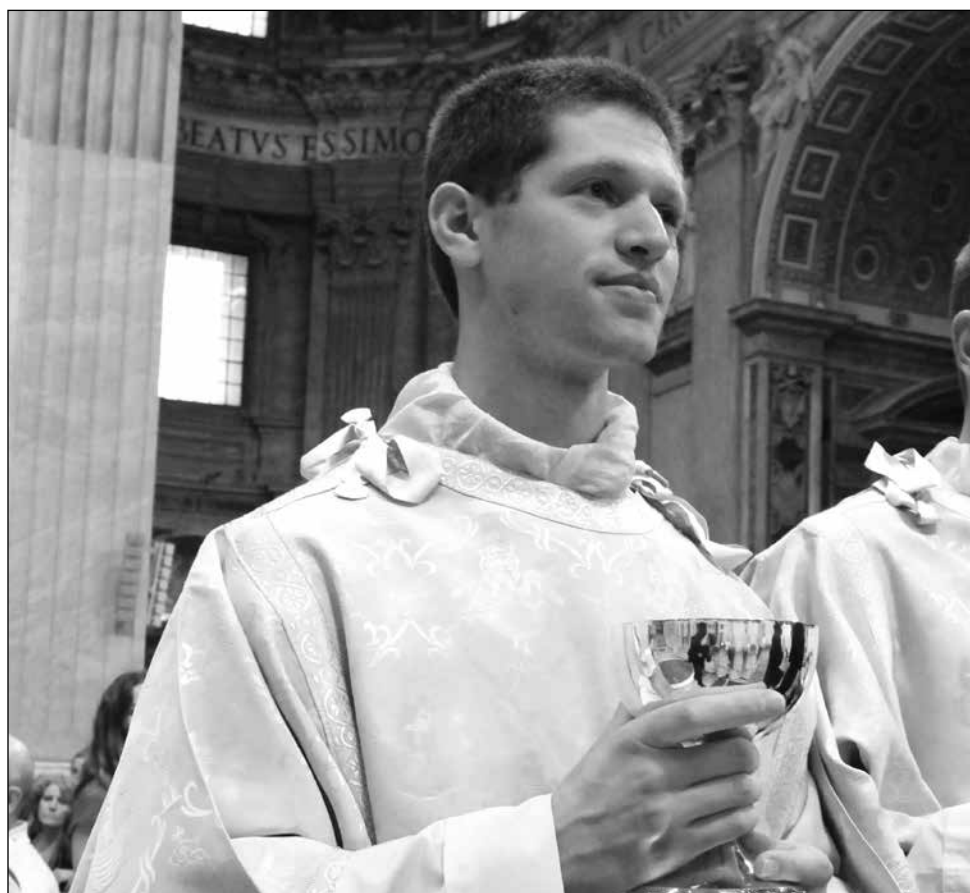
Preparation begins years in advance, learning in the classroom, exploring pastoral opportunities in the community, and developing a strong relationship with the Lord.

As the time for orders comes closer, seminarians must seek permission to apply to their bishops for ordination, send out formal requests for prayers, participate in a

fraternity weekend to develop a brotherhood with their peers, complete a final summer assignment at home and, finally, take a silent retreat just before ordination week.

Always the first Thursday of October, ordination is a gathering of family and friends from around the world to witness the ordination of 40 to 50 men to the order of deacon. This year, 41 men were ordained at the “Altar of the Chair” at St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican City by his Eminence Cardinal Harvey.

Scott Murray and Michael Weigl shared some thoughts on ordination day.



Scott Murray

For the past five years I have been in seminary preparing for ordination to the priesthood. For the past three years I have had the great blessing of studying in Rome at the North American College. This October I was ordained to the diaconate with 40 of my classmates. Many of my family members were able to come: my mom, several aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends from Italy. Those who were unable to attend were praying for me and showed great support from home. For all of the guests the experience is designed to be more of a pilgrimage than a vacation. Centuries of history and tradition combined with the beautiful Masses and prayer vigils at the seminary bring God into the lives of most pilgrims in a way that they have never experienced before. Particularly at the ordination Mass God is profoundly present as seminarian after seminarian hands his life over to Christ Jesus and to the Church that He founded on the Apostle Peter, whose tomb is just metres away!

In our diaconate ordination my brother deacons and I joyfully made our promises of celibacy, prayer, and obedience—promising to remain celibate for the sake of witnessing to God’s Kingdom and to be totally His, to pray the Divine Office, and to be obedient to our local bishops and Rome. And through the grace given in the sacrament we hope to live out these promises faithfully in the service of Christ’s Church for the rest of our lives. This has been an incredible experience for me. To be a deacon is the foundation for every priestly vocation. We are all called primarily to be servants (“diakonia” is Greek for servant) of God’s people. And following my ordination to the priesthood, next summer in Pembroke, the diaconal character will continue to form the basis for my ministry.



Michael Weigl

As one can imagine, it is an incredible honour to be ordained to the diaconate in Rome, and particularly in St. Peter’s Basilica! I suppose the only thing that might make the occasion more special would be to be ordained by the Pope himself... but I guess one can’t have everything! I am blessed to have nearly everyone from my immediate family, several members of my extended family, and a few members of Madonna House come to celebrate with me.

Reflecting on the ordination, I am filled with gratitude that our Lord has willed to institute the Order of Deacons for His Church. Christ has taught us very clearly that he came to earth “not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (RSV Mk 10:45). The name “deacon” in Greek literally means “servant,” and to “deacon” means “to serve.” So, when the Apostles, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, chose to ordain men to be set aside as deacons, they were ordaining them to be conformed more closely to Jesus Christ the Servant. The apostles ordained the first deacons to be servants (in Christ) of God the Father toward humanity: to serve God in selfless love both within and outside of the liturgy. Certainly, to conform oneself to Christ the Servant is a tall order, so Christ gives deacons a particular sacramental grace to enable them to fulfill this calling.

It is not merely incidental that the Church asks those aspiring to the priesthood to be first ordained deacons. This means that the Church only wants priests who are, at the core of their being, already men conformed to Christ the servant! I find this very humbling and yet incredibly beautiful.

Perhaps this is one of the key reasons that it is so special to be ordained a deacon in St. Peter’s Basilica... because St. Peter, our first pope, is himself an outstanding witness to Christian service. Despite his imperfections, Christ made him leader of the first Christian communities, but his leadership was characterized by selfless service to the point of shedding his own blood (cf. Jn 21:18-19). St. Peter is an excellent model of what it means to exercise diaconal service, of what it means to lay down one’s life for the unity of all, of what it means to be conformed to Christ the Servant.

Please pray with me as I begin my diaconal ministry that I, along with all of the deacons of the world, conform myself ever more fully to Christ, who “came not to be served, but to serve.”

All of the pictures of the ordination on October 3 can be found on the PNAC Flickr page. The site is: flickr.com/pnac

Change is an inevitable part of youth ministry

by Yvette Bourque

Working to provide the diocese with youth and young adult-friendly events that foster evangelization, conversion and faith development, the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team relies heavily on volunteers. Over the years the team has always consisted of a good mix of youth, young adults and others. These volunteers are the backbone and the heart of the work that is done through the Diocesan Family Life and Youth Ministry Office. Some individuals have been volunteering in this ministry for the last five years or more. As a thank you for their commitment, time and sharing their God-given talents, they were given the opportunity to attend the Catholic Charismatic Conference in Steubenville, Ohio, this past June.



Pictured here are some of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team Volunteers in Steubenville, Ohio. R to L: Bill Richmond, Grace Richmond, Sydney Merrill, Keanan Stone, Yvette Bourque, Pia Dimayuga, Jordan Vandergragt and Angela Richmond.

With the nature of the Pembroke area, many youth that serve on the team eventually move out of the diocese to pursue further education, jobs and year-long service projects like NET Canada. Of course, after a time, some of them do return to the diocese and continue in their respective vocations and jobs, continuing to serve the Lord in new and exciting ways. Those young adults who reside in the diocese and continue to serve on our team eventually get married and begin families of their own. Life becomes busier and new recruits are then needed.

youth in the diocese



Back row: Kate Schutt, Deacon Adrien Chaput, Kelsey Graveline. Front row: Yvette Bourque, Marie Reaume and Keanan Stone. Missing are Michael and Jen Austen, Grace Richmond, Sydney Merrill and Emily Troutman

Recently, the team has undergone some changes in volunteers. Three valuable and committed youth who have been such a blessing to the team are moving on. Jordan Vandergragt of St. Andrew's Parish in Killaloe is attending Carleton University and taking Computer Sciences. Pia Dimayuga of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Deep River is studying Engineering Science at the University of Toronto. Angela Richmond, also of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Deep River, will be serving on travelling Team #2 of NET Canada for the upcoming year, and will be in the Diocese of Pembroke in April and May 2014.

New additions to the team are Daren Schutt and Dcn. Adrien Chaput.

To past, present and future volunteers who have served or will serve at the diocesan level to bring youth closer to Christ, I thank you very much and continue to pray for you and all that the Lord is calling us to.

MORNING WATCH



Join the faithful from across the diocese for All-night Adoration of Jesus

November 16-17

Beginning with 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass to Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

St. John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior

Rise Up 2013 national conference for young adults

Ottawa December 28-January 1

Celebrating 25 years of Campus Evangelization and Mission

Rise Up is a national conference for young adults (aged 18-35) hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university student movement—but Rise Up is more than a conference. It exists to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world.

This conference will be packed with liturgies, workshops, a New Year's Eve Mass, banquet and dance, and will feature guest speakers such as Archbishop Gérald Lacroix, ISPX Archbishop of Québec, Primate of Canada, Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, just to name a few.

For more information, or to register, go to www.cco.ca/riseup



Young adult ministry continues in the Diocese

From May to August, young adults gathered once a month at various restaurants with Bishop Mulhall to study documents from Vatican II as part of the challenge for the Year of Faith. This idea stemmed from one of the young adults, Mike Austen of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Pembroke. The group consists of young adults returning for the summer from secondary schools outside the diocese as well as those who reside in the diocese full time. Each evening, a few chapters are covered while food and fellowship are shared along with some great discussion.

The first document studied titled, "On Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum)", promulgated by Pope Paul VI in November 1965, gave a beautiful synopsis of divine revelation and how we are to hear the word of God with reverence and proclaim it with faith.

"Therefore, following in the footsteps of the Council of Trent and of the First Vatican Council, this present council wishes to set forth authentic doctrine on divine revelation and how it is handed on, so that by hearing the message of salvation the whole world may believe, by believing it may hope, and by hoping it may love."

Beginning with a simple introduction of Vatican II and its purpose, Bishop Mulhall led discussion and answered various questions from the group on a variety of topics surrounding the document. The second document chosen for study by the young adults was the encyclical letter "Light of Faith" or "Lumen Fidei" by Pope



Francis. The group felt it would be appropriate to study something from the new Holy Father. Since some of the group members have now returned to school, they will meet again possibly at Christmas break.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 wishing to join the group is invited to contact Yvette Bourque (613) 687-1937 or yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com to be placed on the e-mail list for future meeting times and locations and to receive an e-mail copy of the latest document that the group is reading.

Chaplaincy Leader in a unique setting

Now in her third year as Chaplaincy Leader and Religion Teacher at Madawaska Valley District High School (MVDHS) in Barry's Bay, Hollie Afelskie admits she took on the position with a small sense of trepidation.

"I was not formally trained for the role," says Afelskie who received degrees in health sciences and education from the University of Ottawa. She adds, "My faith has always been with me, so that gave me some confidence." She grew up in Killaloe attending St. Andrew Parish and says Father Grant Neville has been an inspiration to her.

Since MVDHS is her high school alma mater, she was, at least, entering familiar territory, if not a conventional situation—this is the only public secondary school in Ontario to host a Catholic religious education program and chaplaincy.

The area's population could no longer sustain both a public and a Catholic high school, but was predominately Catholic. After lobbying by the Catholic community, the school boards reached a special agreement to have an educational and chaplaincy presence in the public school. This unique arrangement had to be written into Ontario's Education Act.

Afelskie's great uncle, Father Archie Afelskie, was a key player in establishing the program and was the first Chaplain in the late 1980s.

A caveat of the agreement is that religion class must be voluntary for students, not a mandatory requirement. Afelskie says this means she has to promote the program and build a reputation to

attract students. However, she also points out the benefits of this system.

"Students are very passionate because they have chosen to be here, they were not forced to take the class. So it's a wonderful, positive, spiritual atmosphere."

While there is no chapel, there is a separate pastoral office, a lounge-type room that provides a variety of books and movies for students to borrow, and a small counselling room. "We don't have a chapel, but we have a nice quiet place for students," says Afelskie.

The program currently offers three Religion courses: Grade 10 – Christ and Culture, Grade 11 – World Religions, and Grade 12 – Church and Culture.

Afelskie also counsels students, and organizes the 'Students for Life' club, which involves fundraising activities including an annual trip to Ottawa to partake in March for Life, and others such as movie days.

Afelskie is also involved in a variety of activities promoting social justice throughout the school. She is currently collaborating with another teacher to organize a new, "fun" fundraiser called "shack night" where students will experience similar conditions as those who live in a developing country. They will be given only basic materials such as cardboard, twine and branches to build a shelter for the night, and will have to work to earn their breakfast in the morning. Afelskie hopes it will be an eye-opener for students and provide a very good social justice learning opportunity.

The funds raised will help a student group, Living Differently, Giving Differently, travel to Baja, Mexico, to build houses.

5th Annual Diocesan High School Retreat

"THE AMAZING GRACE"

February 14–16, 2014

C.S.C Jeanne-Lajoie High School,
Pembroke

Early bird registration fee \$40.00/person until January 29, otherwise \$45.00/person until final deadline February 5, 2014.

For a registration form or more information contact Yvette Bourque: 613 687-1937 or yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com

Bishop Mulhall blesses new chapel

Bishop Smith Catholic High School hosted the official opening and blessing of its renovated areas and new chapel on October 15.

After addressing the assembly in the gym, Bishop Michael Mulhall recessed to bless the administration offices, student services suite and the beautiful new chapel, and then returned to the gym to lead a closing prayer.

The chapel, now located inside the main entrance to the school, provides a bright, warm and welcoming place of worship and reflection.

Special features such as the curved glass wall leading down into the sunken chapel, its round shape, and a wall of windows behind the sanctuary are evidence of the thoughtful planning that went into the chapel.

Just outside the chapel windows a spire erected at the time of the 1993 renovations has been appropriately adorned with a cross.

Along with the new, some elements of the original school chapel have been incorporated, for example, the Stations of the Cross, the altar and lectern.

The larger Catholic community also made important contributions to help outfit the new chapel—from St. Jean Baptiste, a set of vestments; from Cathedral, the kneelers; from the Grey Sisters, a hand-carved wooden sculpture of Sainte Marguerite d'Youville to whom the chapel was dedicated on the eve of her feast day.

The official opening and blessing was attended by many local dignitaries and guests, among them members of the Grey Sisters, Sisters of St. Joseph, and many parish priests, RCCDSB senior administration (past and present), trustees, and former BSCHS principals.



2012 Financial Report for the Diocese of Pembroke

Diocesan Finance Council
His Excellency, Bishop Michael Mulhall
Rev. John Burchat
Mr. Robert Tate
Mr. James McCluskey
Mr. Fred Sinclair
Mr. John Huff
Mr. Paul Morris

As a follow-up to our initial presentation in the September 2012 issue of Ecclesia, we are now presenting the 2012 Financial Statement of Operations for the diocese. The information reports Revenue and Expenses for 2012 in the form of pie charts.

The figures show that for the 2012 fiscal year, the diocese reported an operating surplus of \$1,646,664. Within this surplus is the non-recurring revenue item from insurance proceeds of \$1,190,372.00*. Without these insurance proceeds, revenue would have been reported as \$456,292.

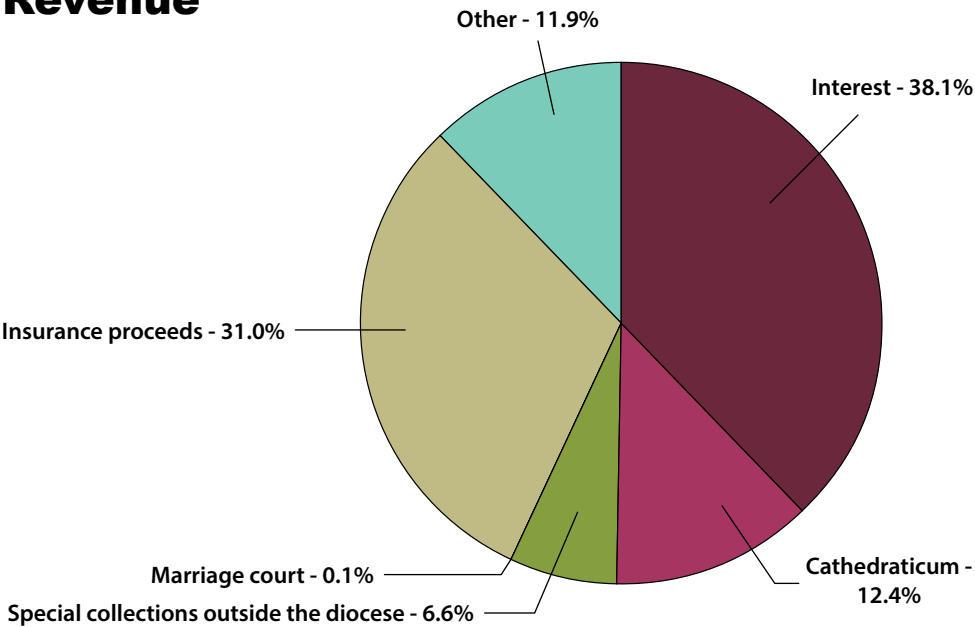
The Chartered Professional Accounting firm of Scott Rosien & Dempsey has been engaged by the diocese for the preparation of the year-end Financial Statements of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Pembroke. These Financial Statements support the information reported in the Revenue and Expense Pie Chart.

We are grateful to our parishioners and their parishes and we thank each one of you for your financial support. The parishes and diocese depend on your continued generosity in support of the mission of the Church. We also sincerely thank the members of the Diocesan Finance Council for their guidance in the financial matters of the diocese.

Thank you for your stewardship and may God bless you.

If you have any questions concerning the information presented, please contact Mr. Paul Morris, Diocesan Financial Administrator at paulmorris@pembrokedioocese.com

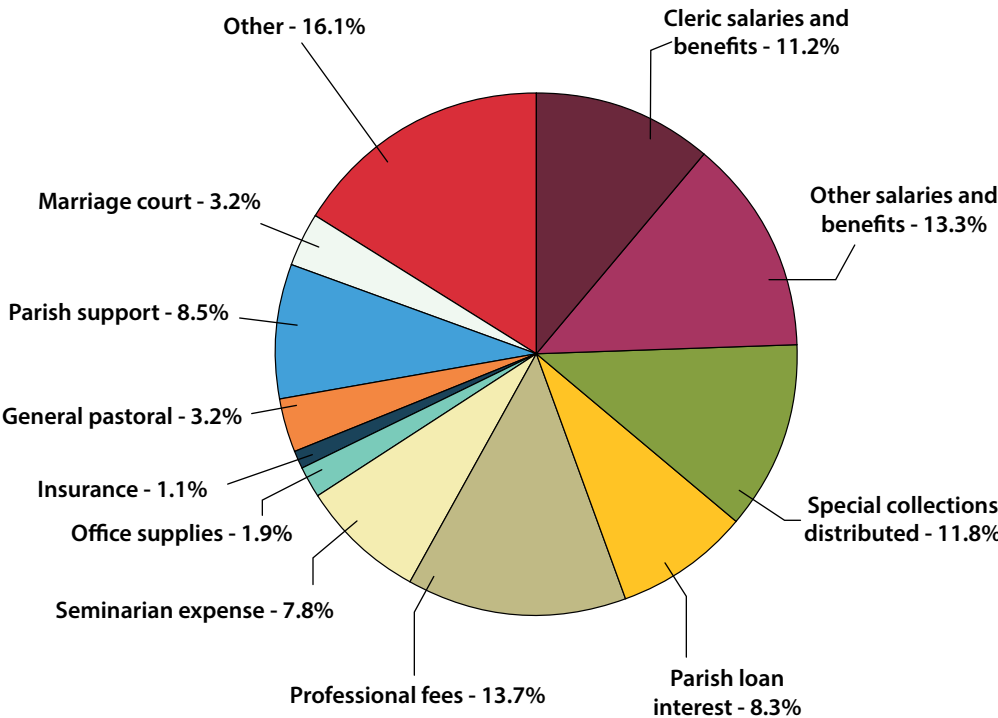
Revenue



Revenue		
Interest	38.1%	\$1,463,677
Cathedraticum	12.4%	\$475,255
Special collections—outside the diocese	6.6%	\$252,748
Marriage court	0.1%	\$5,325
Insurance proceeds	31.0%	\$1,190,372
Other**	11.9%	\$456,177
Total	100%	\$3,843,554

**Analysis of Other	
Seminary Collection	\$18,376
Health & Dental Contributions	\$29,751
Priest Retreat Contributions	\$13,600
Mass Intentions	\$20,455
Rental Income	\$38,116
Estate Settlements	\$300,000
Other	\$35,879

Expenses



Expenses		
Cleric salaries and benefits	11.2%	\$246,274
Other salaries and benefits	13.3%	\$291,540
Special collections distributed	11.8%	\$258,480
Parish loan interest	8.3%	\$181,815
Professional fees	13.7%	\$301,448
Seminarian expense	7.8%	\$170,520
Office supplies	1.9%	\$41,732
Insurance	1.1%	\$23,255
General pastoral	3.2%	\$69,752
Parish support	8.5%	\$187,461
Marriage court	3.2%	\$70,405
Other**	16.1%	\$354,208
Total	100.0%	\$2,196,890

**Analysis of Other	
Cathedraticum	\$30,000
Religious office	\$52,854
Mass intentions	\$29,950
Travel and vehicle	\$49,193
Priest retreat	\$22,663
Residence buildings, rent, utilities	\$46,419
Ecclesia	\$16,407
Telephone	\$14,439
Cemetery	\$19,520
Other	\$72,763

*Not specifically detailed under Insurance Proceeds are Revenue payments of legal fees and settlements of actions concerning abuse by priests. The diocese appreciates the support of several insurance companies that have provided coverage for these matters.