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Celebrating a Founder – Archbishop Duhamel

This year marks the centennial of the death of the first Archbishop of Ottawa, Joseph Thomas Duhamel. He was born in Contrecoeur, QC on November 6, 1841, but moved to Ottawa as a child.

Beginning in 1847, the year St. Joseph's College opened under the Oblate Fathers, he did all his studies there, completing theology and being ordained in December 1863.

Father Duhamel served as curate in Buckingham for a year before becoming pastor of St. Eugene de Prescott for ten years. After Bishop Guigues died in February 1874, Duhamel, though only 33 years old, was named to succeed him. In some ways he had been prepared for the office. For in 1869, he had accompanied Bishop Guigues to the First Vatican Council and served as one of his theological advisors at the Provincial Council of Quebec in 1873.

Duhamel's ministry as bishop and, from 1886 when Ottawa became an archdiocese, as archbishop would last close to thirty-five years. He died suddenly of a heart attack on June 5, 1909 during a pastoral visitation of the parish at Casselman.

When Duhamel began as bishop, Ottawa had 60 parishes, 80 priests and about 100,000 faithful. Though the diocese was twice reduced in size by creation of the Vicariates of Pontiac (now the Pembroke Diocese) in 1882 and Haileybury (now the Diocese of Timmins)

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Pope Benedict announces the Year of the Priest



Pope Benedict XVI announced that the Church will celebrate a Special Year for Priests beginning June 19, 2009 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of St. Jean-Marie Vianney. The Holy Father will inaugurate the Year by presiding at Vespers in St. Peter's Basilica, where the relics of the 'Curé of Ars' will be brought for the occasion.

During the Year, Benedict XVI will proclaim St. Jean-Marie Vianney as patron saint of all the priests of the world. A "Directory for Confessors and Spiritual Directors" will be published, as will a collection of texts by the Holy Father on essential aspects of the

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in 1908, at his death parishes numbered 136, priests 250 and the faithful more than 100,000.

Archbishop Duhamel presided over extraordinary growth, defended the rights of Catholics to education in their language, and, fluently bilingual, was well-regarded by both linguistic communities. Guided by supernatural principles and faithful to Rome, he was a man of humility and affable, taking advice readily. He maintained good relations with governmental and church leaders and was esteemed by his people.

In this centennial year of his passing, we remember Joseph Thomas Duhamel our first archbishop, give God thanks and remember him in our prayers.

- *Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J.*

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life and mission of priests in our time.

The year will close June 19, 2010, with Pope Benedict presiding at a "World Meeting of Priests" in St. Peter's Square.

The Pope noted that without priests, "there would be no Eucharist, no mission" or the Church and stressed that priestly formation must maintain "communion with unbroken ecclesial Tradition, without pausing or being tempted by discontinuity." In this context, he added, "it is important to encourage priests, especially the young generations, to a correct reading of the texts of Vatican Council II, interpreted in the light of all the Church's doctrinal inheritance."

- *Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J.*

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Archbishop discusses Confirmation ...

1. Why did you introduce a uniform age for Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Ottawa?

On my arrival in the Archdiocese, I discovered a disparity of practice regarding the age at which children received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Some parishes celebrate Confirmation in the second or third grade as part of a Christian initiation process that includes First Reconciliation followed several weeks or months later by Confirmation and Holy Communion celebrated together, with the parish priest delegated by the Archbishop to officiate as the minister of Confirmation. This sequence attempts to restore to a degree the pattern of Christian Initiation of the early church when the bishop was able to preside at the initiation of the faithful of his local church. It stresses the link between Baptism and Confirmation and highlights the place of the Holy Eucharist as the culmination of the rites of initiation.

Other parishes in our Archdiocese have continued with the practice of celebrating the Confirmation of children in the sixth grade.

2. Were there difficulties with having this mixed practice?

There are special difficulties, especially when parents worship at a parish which has one practice but their children attend a school associated with a parish that has a different practice. Parents sometimes find themselves conflicted when their preference regarding the age at which they feel their children should be confirmed is not that of their parish.



3. Could you elaborate on the role of Confirmation in the process of initiation?

We face in the Church a difference of perspectives concerning the role of Confirmation in the process of initiation, with some voices in the Church espousing the restoration of a closer link between Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist while other voices advocate retention of a long-standing custom of Confirmation at a later age.

4. What do you propose?

I am proposing the later age of Confirmation to foster unity in our Archdiocese of Ottawa until such time as the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) determines a change that would be normative across the country. In his post-synodal reflection *Sacramentum Caritatis* #18, Pope Benedict XVI took up the suggestion of bishops attending the Synod on the Eucharist that the order of the Sacraments of Initiation be studied by Conferences of Bishops and appropriate decisions taken. This has not yet happened in Canada

5. What kind of impact do you foresee?

One effect of this decision will be to underline the role of the bishop as the usual minister of Confirmation. It will also take some pressure off our school teachers and parish catechists who have been faced with the challenge of preparing children for three sacraments within a short time frame. It will allow us time to help teachers draw out of the children's experience the fruits of contact with the Lord in Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Finally, it will allow our parishes and Catholic schools to work more closely together in preparing our children for Confirmation. Clearly, at this time, there is a need to strengthen the bonds among the three pillars of our faith community: the home, the school and the parish.

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Archbishop's Charity Dinner

Thanks to our sponsors and those who attended the 2008 Archbishop's Charity Dinner, Archbishop Prendergast was able to send almost \$30,000 to each of the two beneficiaries of last year's event: NET Ministries of Canada and Famille Marie-Jeunesse.

Please plan to attend the *2009 Charity Dinner* which will be held on

Tuesday, October 27th 2009

**Hampton Inn & Conference Centre
Ottawa, Ontario**

Further details will be available in coming weeks and will be available on our diocesan website ... www.archottawa.ca under Archbishop/Archbishop's Charity Dinner.

Prophets of a future not our own

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. No thing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about: we plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen"
(Archbishop Oscar Romero)

The value of accountability

(From 'The Priest as Servant Leader', National Federation of Presbyteral Councils, 2008, page 12).

A priest is accountable when, like Jesus, he seeks to know the will of God and accomplish it in his life. Accountability is not about esteem or "measuring up" or even being "checked up on". On the contrary, accountability is a positive and creative value for a professional and priestly life that provides a benchmark for growth and improvement. This may be said to be accurate for all the professions.

Accountability goes beyond mere obligation. The root of the word "obligation" combines the concept of duty with a desire to respond. It comes from the word "oblige" that also means to "provide a service or favour for someone". By becoming committed to my baptismal and priestly vocation, confident in my gifts and willing to serve, I grow to respond from a place of inner peace. As I nurture my life of prayer and my relationship with Jesus, I grow in knowledge of myself and what I am called to be and do.

By performing my daily responsibilities as a priest I can do so with a true sense of service and compassion. Progressively I become a servant leader, one who leads by example with energy and creativity. I willingly work alongside those with whom I serve because I believe that such collaboration builds up the community in most positive and productive manner.

The Southdown Institute

The Southdown Institute offers residential and outpatient psychological treatment and spiritual guidance to clergy and vowed religious and provides education promoting health and holiness for all committed to ministry and religious life. The best of psychological science and practice are integrated with the wisdom of the Catholic spiritual tradition through the efforts of an interdisciplinary team of professionals.

An environment of healing conducive to healing is provided in a setting of natural beauty and a community dedicated to the growth and transformation of each of its members. The Institute is committed to assisting the Church to provide healthy ministers and develop healthy communities of faith that will fulfill the desire of Jesus that all "might have life and have it to the full" (John10:10).

Christian Initiation News

On May 31st, 2008 25 years of Remembering and Visioning was held at the Diocesan Centre with Sheila Finnerty, G.S.I.C. facilitating the day.

On November 1st a Sponsor workshop facilitated by John Power was held at Blessed Sacrament parish. John's presentation was most informative and engaging and led to some great discussion around members of our parishes who would be excellent sponsors but often require encouragement to step forward into this most supportive role.

Archbishop Prendergast presided at the Rite of Election at Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, March 1st at 2:30 p.m. There were 75 catechumens accompanied by their godparents as well

as many family members and friends in attendance.

Those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil were invited to Notre Dame Cathedral on Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m. for a Mass presided by Archbishop Prendergast for the neophytes.

The North American Forum Board of Directors meeting will be held in Ottawa in October, 2009. There will be an open forum on the evening of October 8th at the Diocesan Centre. More specific information on this event will be forthcoming.

The Diocesan Christian Initiation ministry now has a logo that was designed by Shelagh Kinahan.



Montée Jeunesse 2010 – Ottawa

Montée Jeunesse (also known as the Youth Summit) began in 2005 as a build-up to the Eucharistic Congress 2008 in Quebec City. It was a gathering that brought together young adults from across Canada to celebrate and plan ways to get youth involved with the Eucharistic Congress. The Ark of the New Covenant was an idea from Montée Jeunesse. It travelled from coast to coast creating interest in the Eucharist and in the Word of God while drawing youth to the Congress.

After the Congress, Cardinal Ouellet was interested in seeing Montée Jeunesse continue and so this year it happened in Quebec City. Archbishop Prendergast has approved Ottawa to be the site for Montée Jeunesse 2010.

Here is a sneak preview of what you might see: The Ark of the New Covenant in a parish near you, young adults from across Canada being billeted in homes across the city, a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Ottawa, participants sharing with you their journey at Sunday Mass, an open Christian Music Concert featuring contemporary Praise and Worship music.

Montée Jeunesse will be held on May 21st to 24th, 2010. It will be a bilingual conference for young adults. Please keep the planning in your prayers.

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Permanent Diaconate - Update

The word VOCATION is derived from the Latin word *vocare*, a word which means "to call". The first and most basic vocation of every Catholic is to holiness, marked by a desire to know God intimately and thus to love others authentically and unselfishly.

In the Archdiocese of Ottawa, the call to the permanent diaconate has been answered mostly by married men. These men have discerned a vocation to holiness through marriage, have faithfully lived out that calling and now find themselves sensing a further call to service through Holy Orders.

It is essential to discern well this perceived calling, to determine if it is from God or merely a personal desire to become a deacon. The essence of good discernment is to discover the true motivation. It is not easy because both a calling from God and any other motive are both represented by a desire of the heart. There are some basic resources one can rely on in discerning a diaconate vocation; prayer and reflection will help clarify what is motivating you. One possible sign is that the idea will pursue you. The diaconate is first and foremost a call to serve those in need, out of love of God and love of neighbour. Often future deacons are discovered serving within the community. Your calling will likely make itself evident within the current ministry that you serve. Another sign could come from those you minister to who see your calling in the way you minister to them.

Since all vocation originates in God, a call to the diaconate will not have adverse effects on the marriage, as long as the marriage is strong and the call is valid. A man cannot be validly ordained a deacon without the complete and unreserved approval of his wife.

Other resources can help with discernment: a spiritual director, a parish priest, family members and close friends. Proper discernment can't be rushed. Another helpful discernment resource is the Diaconate Selection Committee. This committee meets with both husband and wife together and individually. The Committee reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Archbishop concerning one's admission to the program.

Ordination to the diaconate is not a right and is not guaranteed even if you are accepted into formation. The Selection Committee walks with the candidates throughout their four years, meeting with them and discussing their progress. There is a dual discernment throughout formation: that of the individual and that of the People of God, represented by the Selection Committee. It is a journey of discovery and one that helps the candidate and the community arrive at the answer to the question, "Is God calling you to be his deacon?"

- *Deacon Michael Seath*

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Social Justice - Update

This past winter of economic uncertainty and the lengthy transit strike was hard on most people but particularly so on the hungry and the isolated. Deacon Raymond Lamarche has agreed to coordinate the efforts of parishes in collecting food and encouraging volunteers in support of their local food centres and local hot meal providers.

We continue our efforts in identifying parishes who are willing and able to work with neighbouring Christian communities in reaching out to seniors at risk in their neighbourhoods. Affordable housing is another important issue of social justice calling out for attention from active and capable Catholics in the Archdiocese. Engagement with God is a hands on affair in which all are invited to join.

— *Patricia Marsden-Dole*

Prayer for Vocations

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 3rd offered us all an opportunity to re-dedicate ourselves to prayers for vocations to the priesthood, and to encourage all God's people to offer up continual petitions for this intention.

We have in our Diocese this year a seminarian intern from Gozo, Malta – Daniel Grech, working at Divine Infant Parish. He shares a vocations' success story from one of the country's villages, Xaghra. With a population of only 4 000 people, they have 6 seminarians in the Major

Seminary of the Diocese, three of whom will be ordained priests this year! What is their secret?

Daniel explains that first and foremost, the parishioners themselves are conscious of the need to pray for vocations, in part through adoration the first Friday of every month. Second, the parish has an active youth group and a formal altar servers group. Third, the pastor is personally involved with the youth.

In Ottawa, we have 410, 970 Catholics, 100 times the village of Xaghra! So we should have 600 semi-

narians! Canada is not Malta, and obviously this number is incredible, but why can't we have . . . let's say 20 seminarians? Let us continue to pray: Holy Hours, Rosaries, Mass intentions, and daily prayers – even the acceptance of suffering for this intention.

A special thanks to Fr. Daryl Kennedy and the parishioners of St. Margaret Mary's in Cumberland for dedicating their perpetual adoration chapel to prayer for vocations. *Laudetur Jesus Sacerdos!*
- Rev. Tim McCauley

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Duc in Altum: A year for your future

Each month a group of young adults gather together to dig deep in their faith and to dare answer the question: "What does God want me to do with my life?" Over 8 months a group of 16 participants and 7 leaders gather to learn, grow, share and laugh together as they join for a common purpose – to follow God's will in their lives.

Duc in Altum: Ottawa is in its second year. It is shaped after the program that is in its fourth year in Montreal.

The program gathers

young people from around the Archdiocese who want to answer God's call in their lives. They journey together in their monthly meetings to dive even deeper into hearing and answering God.

We are closing in on our last encounter and have been blessed with many speakers, retreats, guests, meals and the support of the Archdiocese and the Servants of the Cross. Each encounter gives us an opportunity to learn and grow as a family in Christ.

— Melissa Delaney



Adult Faith: Comings and goings

In March, Fr. John Affleck presented a tremendous workshop on spirituality and the stages of life. Fr. John, a Jungian Analyst, offered many fresh insights into the things that make our interior life “tick”. His material wedded the treasures of Catholic spirituality with the insights of depth psychology.

In April, Professor Lorraine St. Marie (St. Paul University) gave an excellent, multi-media presentation on “The Lay Vocation”. Lorraine’s extensive experience and expertise was well received. We discovered that the “vocation of the laity” is a phrase much touted but perhaps underappreciated and misunderstood.

In May, the archdiocese of Ottawa was given a gift – in the person of Fr. Ron

Rolheiser, perhaps one of the more widely read Catholic authors in the English speaking world. He spoke at length on the contemporary challenges to cultivating an interior life and the crucial place of the Scriptures in bringing fresh water to our spirits.

My final word is one of “farewell”. I’ve been offered a permanent teaching position at St. Paul University, and the Archbishop has graciously given me the green light to pursue what I believe is Christ’s call for my life. Someone else will be appointed to the position of Director for Adult Faith Development. This ministry will continue full throttle, but it is likely that you will be meeting up with some of the ministry’s work in your parishes.

- Fr. Mark Slatter

Youth celebrates outstanding Ministry

January 31st, the feast of Don Bosco, saw the launch of the “Don Bosco Awards” for Excellence in Youth Ministry. Hosted by Ottawa Catholic Youth and organized by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team, more than one hundred youth gathered to celebrate the successes of youth ministry in Ottawa.

In a spirit of celebration and thanksgiving, dinner and awards were followed by an inspiring and comical presentation by Melissa Delaney on ‘The Heart of a Youth Minister’. The evening concluded with an all-in dance-off.

The awards presentations recognized the efforts of eleven young volunteers who had been nominated by their parish priest or program director, having shown exemplary dedication, enthusiasm and passion for their youth program or parish.

Archbishop Prendergast presented each of these volunteers with a plaque of recognition in the spirit of a nominated saint who had shown similar characteristics and strength. A particular highlight of the evening was the presentation of the

Don Bosco ‘Heart of Youth Ministry’ award to Katherine Church whose involvement, not only in her parish, but also in a number of other youth organizations, showed exceptional commitment to Catholic Youth. This event was also the launch of Volunteer recruitment for the 6th annual Under the Son Youth Rally. Fifty or more young adult volunteers from all over Ottawa are required to facilitate this rally that is aimed at high school aged youth.

The Don Bosco Gala, a first event of its kind was a remarkable affirmation of the perseverance and dedication of young people volunteering for the Church in Ottawa.

— Sue-Anne Hess



Saint-Charles-Borromée: A Century Proclaimed

After a year of festivities commemorating the 100th anniversary of St-Charles-Borromée Parish in Vanier December 13th, 2008 concluded with the ordination of a Permanent Deacon (Mr. Yvan Lavoie) within the closing Mass presided by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast S.J.. We gathered afterwards at the Knights of Columbus Hall on McArthur Street for a banquet.

The table of honour consisted of Saint-Charles Parish priest, Fr. Pascal Nizigiyimana, Bishop Gérard-J. Deschamps S.M.M., Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Parish (Vanier), Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa, Archbishop Luigi Ventura, Apostolic Nuncio, Msgr. André Drouin, P.H., Sainte-Anne Parish and Mrs. Solange Fortin, President of the Centennial organizing committee.

Also in our midst were well known political figures: Mr. Mauril Bélanger, Mme Madeleine Meilleur, Mr. Georges Bédard and former Vanier Mayor, Mr. Guy

Cousineau who was part of the organizing committee along with Mme Diane Doré and Mme Isabelle Frappier. A surprise visit by Fr. Jean-François Morin, now serving at Sainte-Trinité Parish in Rockland, brought on a spontaneous round of applause.

After the traditional blessing of the food by Archbishop Ventura, the guest speakers shared congratulatory messages throughout the banquet. The highlight of the evening was the proclamation presented by City Councilor Georges Bédard on behalf of the Mayor to Mme Solange Fortin, declaring from this day forward that December 13 is officially Saint-Charles-Borromée Day in Ottawa.

All in all, a powerful closing event that rejoiced and humbled my heart, as Saint-Charles-Borromée is after all the parish of my youth.

— Louise Imbeault



Divine Infant Parish — 25th Anniversary

On March 19, 2009, the Feast of St. Joseph, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast presided at Divine Infant Parish's 25th Anniversary Year Closing Mass. Concelebrants included former pastors Msgr. Len Lunney and Fr. Gerard Monaghan; guests Father Joe Muldoon, Fr. Anthony Hannon and Fr. Francis McEvoy; our current pastor and associate pastor Fr. Frank Brewer and Fr. Paul Nwaeze. The Mass was well attended and was followed by a reception in the Parish Hall which allowed parishioners to speak with the Archbishop and to socialize with each other. A video and photo albums of parish events over the years were shown at the reception.

There were many special activities during the anniversary year. At the Parish Annual Meeting in May, 2008, ten pioneer parishioners were presented with certificates honouring their volunteer

services. St. Peter's High School prepared a series of three collages; our six elementary schools posted banners in the church; a Parish Photo Directory was published; anniversary souvenirs were sold; a gala outdoor Mass and celebration was held; a multicultural Mass and potluck supper were enjoyed by all. Various organizations, such as the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus, promoted the anniversary in their events. The organization "CHALICE" (Catholic Childcare International) was chosen as our charitable outreach initiative for the anniversary year.

Celebrating this important milestone drew the community closer together and we know the parish will continue to be a strong force in the years to come.

Way of the Cross

April 10 this year marked the second Good Friday Way of the Cross through downtown Ottawa. Organized by Communion and Liberation (CL), a lay movement within the Church based out of Italy, it attracted over 1000 faithful. We started our march at St. Patrick's Basilica, made our way to Parliament Hill, all the way to Notre Dame Cathedral. We were led by Archbishop Prendergast, with readings from scripture and poet Charles Péguy, hymns, Gregorian chant, and meditations.

This year brought us face to face with the Tamil demonstrators who had been protesting all week long around Parliament Hill. With the help of the Ottawa police and the RCMP, we adjusted our route to avoid crossing paths with them. But our biggest surprise was when we finally arrived at the foot of the Peace Tower in front of the Center Block. There, we were face to face with the Tamils, separated by a barrier. The Tamils had

been chanting, shouting slogans and pounding their drums. But when they saw our procession, with the cross, they suddenly became quiet. Some of them even joined us in prayer. The protests and slogans had been replaced for a few minutes by the beautiful Gregorian hymn "Crux Fidelis". We continued our procession behind the East Block, with a stunning view of the Rideau Canal, the Ottawa River, the National Art Gallery, and of course Notre Dame Cathedral, our final destination. As Archbishop Prendergast later said "Many people were moved and delighted in being with us."

- *André Potworowski*



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

On Sunday, March 15, Archbishop Prendergast celebrated the 10:30 am. Mass at St. George's Parish in Wellington Village, and afterwards blessed our new atrium to be used for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Ruth Ann McClure, who spearheaded the setting up of the atrium, aided by a grant from the Knights of Columbus, then gave a tour to interested parishioners and visitors.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd began back in the 1950's in Rome, Italy with scripture scholar Sofia Cavaletti and Montessori teacher Gianna Gobbi. Together they worked out a system of teaching religion that would hold the interest of children and even raise their enthusiasm. A hallmark of this system is the hands-on use of miniature objects to

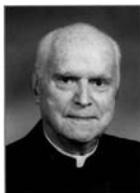


explain the sacraments. Their ideas spread, and the program is now used in 32 countries.

Anyone who would like a tour of the atrium may leave their name with the office secretary (Judy) at 613-728-0201.

2009 Jubilarians

Archbishop Joseph-Aurèle Plourde, Archbishop Emeritus of Ottawa, ordained to the priesthood on May 7, 1944, was born on January 12, 1915, in Saint-François de Madawaska, New Brunswick. Ordained a bishop on August 28, 1964, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Alexandria. On January 12, 1967, he became Archbishop of Ottawa. He retired in 1989. One of his proud accomplishments is the Diocesan Synod he established in February 1969. Archbishop Plourde is known for his many writings. In 1969, he received an *Honoris Causa* Doctorate in Education from Université de Moncton. On April 18, 1990, he was inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada. On October 25, 1990, he received the *Ordre de la Fidélité française du Conseil de la vie française en Amérique*.



Father Marcel Brodeur, O.S.M. ordained to the priesthood on April 16, 1949 in Rome was born in Danville, Quebec, on October 30, 1922. He professed solemn vows as a Servite of Mary on September 26, 1946 in Ottawa. Father Brodeur has an extensive experience in parish ministry. In Ottawa, he was appointed pastor at St. Anthony of Padua on September 9, 1988. He is fluent in Italian and continues ministering in English and Italian. He is superior of St-Alexis Community in Ottawa. He ministers at Our Lady of Fatima Parish as well as in long-term care facilities.



Father Dominic Fiore, O.S.M. ordained to the priesthood on April 16, 1949, was born on September 21, 1925 in Montreal. He made his solemn profession in the Order of Servants of Mary on September 26, 1946. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 16, 1949. Father Fiore was active in Parish ministry. He served as translator for the General Chapter of his order in Opatija, Yugoslavia. He returned to Ottawa in September 1995, where he still ministers as Assistant Pastor in the parish of St. Anthony of Padua. He is also on the Board of Directors for Senior Citizens' Residences Foundations.



Father Herman Falke, S.C.J., ordained to the priesthood in September 1954, was born in Holland on August 31, 1928. He was ordained a priest in September of 1954. Fr. Falke is an art specialist and a Life Member of the Sculptors Society of Canada. In the diocese of Ottawa, he served as Administrator and/or Pastor of: Our Lady of Divine Love (Pendleton), St. Monica (Ottawa), St. John the Evangelist and St. Brigid (Osgoode). Fr. Falke taught art for 32 years. He wrote four books on religious art. He sculpted



Stations of the Cross for churches in the Toronto and Ottawa area. He paints and sculpts nearly every day.

Fr. Arthur Ockwood, M.S.F. ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 1959, in St. Louis, Missouri, was born on April 28, 1928. He entered the Missionaries of the Holy Family in 1953. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 1959 in St. Louis, Missouri. He arrived in Ottawa in 1973 to establish a house of studies for the Missionaries of the Holy Family. Fr. Ockwood, in the diocese of Ottawa, has served as Administrator and /or Pastor of Our Lady of Visitation, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Martin de Porres and St. Monica. Fr. Ockwood is retired. He still assists at St. Martin de Porres (Nepean) and other parishes in the Archdiocese.



Msgr. Leonard Lunney, ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1959 was born on February 6, 1933 in Pakenham, Ontario. He was a teacher, a Principal and a Superior at St. Pius X High School and Seminary. He served as curate/Pastor-Administrator of: St. George, St. Michael, St. Gabriel, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary and Divine Infant parishes. He was chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, the Ottawa Firefighters Association, and the C.W.L.. Msgr. Lunney has been a member of the Council of Priests and of the College of Consultors, and has served as Regional Vicar and Episcopal Vicar. He served as Episcopal Vicar for the English Sector, Representative of Religious Communities and Director of Vocations. He retired in 2007.



Reverend Bosco Wong, ordained to the priesthood on June 16, 1984, was born on August 19, 1956. He served as Assistant/Pastor at Resurrection of Our Lord, St. John the Apostle, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, parishes and as Animator and Delegate of the Chinese Community. He served as Regional and Episcopal Vicar. He gave various courses in the formation of Permanent Deacons. He is a "Sessional" Professor at Saint Paul University, Faculty of Human Sciences. He organized 3 separate trips to China which included visiting churches and cathedrals in different cities. He is presently Pastor of St. Basil Parish.



2009 Jubilarians

Reverend Francis Scott ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1984, was born on February 24, 1953 at Ottawa. After serving as Assistant Pastor at St. Augustine's Parish, he was appointed pastor of the following parishes: St. Isidore (Kanata), Holy Spirit (Stittsville) and St. John the Apostle (Nepean), where he is serving a second term.



Jubilarians – Francophone Sector For additional information see:

Catholique Ottawa Printemps – Été 2009

Rev. Gérard-Majella Séguin, ordained June 3, 1944

Msgr. Léonard Rochon P.H., ordained February 2, 1949

Bishop Gérard Deschamps, S.M.M., ordained March 13, 1954
 Rev. Clément Fillion, ordained June 12, 1954
 Rev. Lucien Charbonneau, ordained June, 17 1954
 Rev. Charles Clément, ordained June 20, 1954
 Fr. Gilles Comeau, O.M.I., ordained September 5, 1954
 Rev. Jean-Marc Gagné, ordained May 23, 1959
 Rev. Denis Lacelle, ordained June 12, 1959
 Fr. Gilles Poirier, P.M.É., ordained June 16, 1969
 Fr. Doris Laplante, C.Ss.R., ordained May 13, 1984
 Fr. Canh Vu Quang, O.P., ordained May 20, 1984
 Rev. Michel Pommerville, ordained May 26, 1984
 Rev. Maurice Dionne, ordained June 23, 1984.
 Rev. André Samson, ordained December 14, 1984.

2009 Ordinations

Gérard Lafrenière was ordained to the priesthood on the feast of the Annunciation, on March 25, 2009. Gérard Lafrenière knew he wanted to be a priest when he was a child of about 8 or 9. He began studies at the Junior Seminary at age 14, but had to leave approximately 3 years later for health reasons. He had to put his dream aside and took a different avenue. He married Gisèle Viau, became father of a son and pursued a career in insurance. Faith playing an important role in his life, he was ordained a permanent deacon, more than thirty years ago at Saint-Joseph Parish, in Orléans where he has been serving ever since.

After the death of his wife, people close to him raised the question of the priesthood. As his dream kept resurfacing, he told himself that one needs to be realistic: "You're 80 years old and priests retire at age 75." Archbishop Prendergast, having consulted the Diocesan Clergy, welcomed Mr. Lafrenière as a candidate to the priesthood. Mr. Gérard Lafrenière received proper formation based on his studies and long standing experience in the Church. He was appointed Assistant Pastor following his ordination, at Saint-Joseph (Orleans) and Notre-Dame-des Champs (Navan) Parishes.

Jonathan Blake, 33, heard the call to the priesthood in Grade 2 but it would be almost 20 years before he would respond. As he put it, "I was paralyzed by worldly pleasures."

After graduating from the University of New Brunswick with a Bachelors of Science in Biology, he did a year program which began a five-year Information Technology career as a computer programmer. He believed his life would unfold

typically: marriage, a nice house and family. "But there was a void in my heart," he said.

The Sept-Iles native moved to Pittsburgh and then to Ottawa in an unsuccessful search for happiness. Then one day he answered an invitation in the church bulletin to participate in a night of adoration with the parish youth group.

"For the first time, I felt at home," he said. "I felt at peace." God opened his heart to the call that He had placed there from the very beginning. Jonathan Blake entered St. Augustine's Seminary in 2003 at age 27.

Jonathan was ordained priest at Notre Dame Cathedral on May 2, 2009. "I couldn't sleep the night before he says, but I felt at peace as soon as I heard Archbishop Prendergast call out my name and I replied here I am, at the beginning of the ceremony. I then realized that this was the beginning of the rest of my life."

Jonathan Blake who is fully bilingual presided at his first mass at Saint-Joseph's Parish, in Orleans. He will spend the summer doing ministry at Notre Dame Cathedral.

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Planned Giving – Frequently Asked Questions

Please note that these answers are given as guidance only and are subject to changes in the law or its interpretation. A donor should always seek the advice of professional advisors when making a planned gift.

1. What is a probate fee?

It is a tax payable by the Estate of a deceased to the Minister of Finance of Ontario on certain assets of the Estate. The fee is calculated at 0.5% on the first \$50,000.00 and 1.5% thereafter.

2. If an individual names a parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy but remains owner of the policy, will the Estate have to pay the probate fee on the amount of the policy?

No, the life insurance policy will be paid directly to the beneficiary (in this case the parish) and therefore no probate fee will be payable by the Estate on this amount. If the life insurance policy had been payable to the Estate, then the probate fees could be applicable.

3. What do we do if someone wants to donate Publicly Listed Securities to the parish?

The Archdiocese can facilitate such a donation with its broker. The securities would be transferred to the Archdiocese's brokerage account, which will issue the tax receipt to the donor, and instructions would be given to the broker to sell the securities upon receipt and the proceeds would be transferred to the parish.

4. Will the parish have to pay Diocesan Administration Tax on Planned Giving donations?

In principle, yes. Some gifts may be exempt from Diocesan Administration Tax; for example, donations directed to a project for which the parish had received a prior exemption from Diocesan Administration Tax.

5. For a charity as beneficiary, what type of life insurance is best?

There are a variety of life insurance policies available; some such as term to 75 (years old), term to 100 or whole life. If the parish was named beneficiary of a term to 75 life insurance policy, it could only expect something if the donor passed away before the age of 75. For this reason, it is better for a parish to be named beneficiary of an insurance policy where the payment is certain.

6. If someone donates a property (i.e. land) to a parish, who will be the owner of the property, the parish or the Archdiocese?

Only the Archdiocese is civilly incorporated; therefore, the property would be transferred under the legal name of the Archdiocese which is the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Ottawa, for the use and benefit of the parish as stated by the donor.

7. For a life insurance policy where an individual is the owner (as opposed to the parish), can he/she name more than one beneficiary?

Yes, a donor could name the parish as the beneficiary for a portion of a life insurance policy (e.g. 50%). In this case, the parish would issue an income tax receipt to the Estate for the amount received.

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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF OTTAWA

“Sacred places for sacred memories in the tradition of faith”

Notre Dame Cemetery

455 Montreal Rd. (at St. Laurent Blvd.)
613 746-4175

Hope Cemetery

4660 Bank St. (south of Leirtrim Rd.)
613 822-1212

Diocesan Administration – A Dedicated Team

Behind the anonymous term “Diocesan Administration” is a team of dedicated lay staff, some of whom are the longest-serving employees of the Archdiocese.

The “Dean”, as she is affectionately known, Adèle Bégin, has worked in the Accounting Service for 35 years. She works alongside our “accounting rookie” Christopher Gray, who has integrated so well that it seems that he has been with us for years even though he only joined us 10 months ago. Philippe Courchesne, our Accounting Supervisor, has worked in various accounting functions in the last 10 years, including almost two years with our Diocesan Cemeteries. Another veteran, Jules Dagenais, who has been with the Diocese for 20 years, continues to give leadership and guidance as Diocesan Financial Administrator, as well as in overseeing our Planned Giving Program.

Pierrette Wise and Mireille Breton are the smiles at the reception desk as well as the smiling voices who say “Archdiocese of Ottawa, Bonjour”.

Pierre J. Loyer, Properties Supervisor, has seen many people come and go in his 32 years with the Archdiocese. The Properties Staff under his direction, Luc Lousseize, Stephen Beesley and Richard Sabourin, do an amazing job in keeping our properties in top shape. Colette Legault, Administrative Coordinator, has been with us for 7 years and is often our voice and face for administrative questions coming from our parishes.

We are truly grateful for these dedicated workers in our Ottawa portion of the Lord’s vineyard.



Seated left to right: Mireille Breton, Colette Legault, Adèle Bégin, Pierrette Wise; Standing left to right: Philippe Courchesne, Christopher Gray, Msgr. Kevin Beach, Pierre Loyer, Jules Dagenais, Richard Sabourin, Luc Lousseize, Steve Beesley

Raising the Roof at Notre-Dame!

A National Historic Site and one of the iconic buildings of the National Capital Region, Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica is especially, for our Catholic community, a monument to the living faith of our pioneers. The Cathedral walls are marked by the prayers of generations who have worshipped there. Thanks to the historic restoration of 1999, much of the original lustre of our mother church has returned. There is, however, a continuing need to care for the Cathedral in order to pass on our heritage to new generations of Catholics.

This year, Archbishop Prendergast has authorized the replacement of the roof. In order to take advantage of scaffolding for the roof, the exterior wood and metal elements will be re-painted. Preliminary estimates establish the cost at \$1.4 million. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution – or make a pledge – for this project, please send it to:

Cathedral Roof Project
c/o Msgr. Kevin Beach, V.G.
Diocesan Centre
1247 Kilborn Place
Ottawa ON K1H 6K9

May the Lord bless you for your generosity!



A Charitable Bequest

Donations to the Church can be made in several ways. In the last Archdiocese Bulletin we reviewed donations by way of life insurance and charitable annuities. A deferred donation via a charitable bequest is also used to make a contribution. A charitable bequest is a great way to enjoy or use an asset during your lifetime, reduce income tax and, still make a valuable contribution to the Church.

You could bequest part of your estate or a specific asset such as real estate, cash, securities, insurance, registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) / registered retirement income fund (RRIF). While this donation method is ordinarily made via one's will, in some cases, it can be by way of naming the Church as beneficiary or part beneficiary of an asset such as direct beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

A charitable bequest provides capital to the Church in the future and since it is donated via your will you can control and use the asset during your lifetime during which time your financial obligations may become less or cease. Thus, should your financial situation or obligations change, you can modify your will to increase or change the charitable bequest to the Church.

The income tax implications of a charitable bequest are somewhat different to those applicable to gifts during your lifetime. The Church would provide the estate with a donation receipt equal to the value of the bequest which receipt can be used for income tax credit purposes in your income tax return for the year of death and the previous taxation year. The amount that a donation receipt can be used in these two years is up to 100% of your net income. Thus, income tax in the year of death and the previous year, which tax can be substantial because of deemed disposition and realization provisions of the income tax act, can be reduced substantially or even eliminated.

A further income tax advantage can be realized by the bequest of securities that have appreciated in value since the capital gain would not be subject to income tax. To take advantage of this benefit the securities must be given to the Church and not cashed in prior to the gift.

Should you be considering a charitable bequest for either the Archdiocese or a Parish, the suggested wording can be provided to you or to your lawyer by the Development Office of the Archdiocese. The wording could change depending on the bequest being made.

Please call Jules Dagenais at the Archdiocese, 613-738-5025, if you need more information about this significant method of making a contribution to the Church.

A charitable bequest is a great way to enjoy or use an asset, reduce income tax and still make a valuable contribution to the Church

Donation in lieu of flowers

We are seeing more and more obituaries where, in memory of the deceased, family members are requesting that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a particular Parish or to the Archdiocese. What a beautiful way to honour the memory of the deceased as well as assist the Church in carrying out its many activities which benefit us, our children and our grandchildren.

We, at the Archdiocese, have met with different funeral homes to assist you in having these donations made to either the Archdiocese or a Parish of your choice. Their response was very positive and helpful and, with their assistance, an "In Memoriam Card" has been designed and will be available shortly at the various funeral homes to assist in making these important donations.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Church and its many ministries.

For more information on Planned Giving go to our diocesan website: www.archottawa.ca

Scenes from Diocesan Life ...

Top: Homelands Mass, Chrism Mass
Middle: Way of the Cross, Wedding Anniversary Mass
Bottom: March for Life



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