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John, the Baptist



Deacon John Perdue, baptizing six infants, including two sets of twins, at St. Joseph's Parish in Douro, 2 June 2013.

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EDITORIAL

Fr. Ray Rick

Remembering the future is an intriguing and beautiful concept, presented early in the first encyclical letter of Pope Francis. It actually makes good sense and fills us with hope and confidence.

Obviously, none of us can “remember” specific events not yet passed, but we can remember our salvation history in which the Lord God has intervened in human events and, in doing so, has left us promises regarding the days to come while also showing that His promises can be trusted.

The act of remembering is largely a collaborative endeavour. That is, the stories of God’s involvement in human affairs are told and retold in group settings. Moses commanded the children of Israel to impress upon succeeding generations the story of the exodus from captivity in Egypt, and these memories were handed on from age to age in the home, in the Temple, and in the synagogue. Then, in the Christian era, these same stories are told in our churches to this very day, when believers gather to remember the great things God has done.

Foremost among the things God has done is to fulfill His promises made through the prophets. When Isaiah, for example, spoke of a virgin delivering a child it must have seemed like lunacy, until it really happened at Bethlehem; and his comments about a sheep led to the slaughter would have been baffling until the Lamb of God was sacrificed at Calvary. This is known as “typology”, and St. Augustine says that “the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.” God has shown Himself trustworthy in every promise He makes.

Since promises have been made regarding our future (for instance, “there are many rooms in my father’s house... I am going to prepare a place for you” – Jn. 14:2), it is vitally

important that we hear and know the stories, both those containing the promises and those showing the promiser to be reliable.

Some readers will find the introductory paragraphs of *Lumen Fidei* difficult to understand, but I encourage you to persevere. Pope Francis shines a welcome light on Faith, even as Faith shines a light on our path through this life. Faith gives purpose, direction and, above all, hope. In this Year of Faith, the Holy Father shows us how to remember our bright future.

This encyclical can be found easily on the front page of the diocesan website or at www.vatican.va ☩

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Chrism Mass, 25 March 2013

Each year, during Holy Week, the Priests and Faithful of the diocese gather around the Bishop for the annual renewal of the Priests' commitment to their ministry and for the blessing of the Holy Oils which will be used in the celebration of various Sacraments throughout the coming year.

This year, each parish was invited to provide two Altar Servers for the occasion. Below, they assemble for a group shot with the Bishop at the end of Mass.



The Rosary Apostolate Celebrates the Year of Faith

During this past school year, fifteen Elementary schools including Campbellford, Douro, Ennismore, Lindsay, Peterborough, Huntsville and Bracebridge participated in the Rosary Apostolate in the Schools program implemented by ninety-six community volunteers and very supportive principals, priests, students, teachers and School Board support staff.

In this “Year of Faith”, while all K-8 students focused on the Rosary, Gr 3-8 students completed an in depth study of the Apostles Creed (since it, as opposed to the Nicene Creed, is the opening prayer of the Rosary). In each monthly visit, Oct. – April, two or more Articles of Faith were studied giving the students a clearer understanding of the promises of faith made at Baptism. Students were then encouraged to memorize the Articles learned so that, in the living rosary celebration in May, they would be more able to recite the Creed from memory.

The Article(s) explained, students and teachers prayed the rosary, studying the life of Christ in the Mysteries and reflecting on ways in which they might imitate Jesus in their spiritual journey. Correlation with the Articles of the Creed was made when possible.

In November, Provincial Director, Sr. Marilina, organized a pilgrimage for Rosary Apostolate volunteers to Cap de Madeleine, Quebec, in preparation for the Crowning of Our Lady of the Cap at the May celebrations. This was the first exposure to this historic site for most visitors who were later excited to learn that the Lady of the Cap was indeed the Queen of Canada!

The accompanying pictures depict the culminating activity of the Program – the May Celebration. Celebrations were staged in churches, or several gyms became a ‘house of prayer’ as, upon entry, students blessed themselves with Holy Water – a reminder of their Baptismal promises. Staff and students played recorders or beautifully sang hymns of praise to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

A movie of the story of Our Lady of the Cap captured the minds of the children who recognized, in this Year of Faith, the faith of those who prayed the rosary and subsequently realized the two historic miracles of the Cap. After Students



processed their personal intentions to the Statue of Our Lady and crowned her, the living rosary, lead by students, teachers and principal, was recited. After consecrating themselves to Our Blessed Mother, the students listened attentively as their priest reflected on the celebration and complimented them on the respect they demonstrated as they directed every prayer to Our Blessed Mother. Father then blessed the assembly and an Icon of Our Lady of the Cap which was presented to each Principal. Students received a smaller icon picture with the story, with their final report cards.

As we embark on a new school year, we welcome the Kirkfield, Downeyville and Lakefield Schools into the program. I invite you to pray for all our participating students and staff. We have volunteers for these schools but need more people for the 7 Peterborough schools. If interested, please contact me via the Chancery Office.

In addition to teaching the Rosary, Our Mother’s prayer, the focus of study next year will be the Saints, demonstrating how each of us is called to sainthood.

Some schools in the Lakeshore have expressed an interest in the program. If anyone is willing to help in the implementation please contact me through the Chancery Office.

Mary, yours is the mission. We are the Apostles of your Immaculate Heart! ✠

— Maria Fitzgerald

100TH Anniversary



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An Illustrated Lecture by Peter McConkey
Entertainment – Live Music – Photos
Refreshments
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10:15 a.m. Opening Ceremonies and
Mass of Thanksgiving
St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral
411 Reid Street

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Extended Registration at School
Meet and Greet – Decade Areas Open
Entertainment – Live Music – Photos
Gym Activities – Football Game
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Football Team
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2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

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Vocations in the Diocese of Peterborough



Vocations to the priesthood and religious life make a great impact in the life of our diocese! Over the past year, this great truth has been brought to the fore by a number of significant events. What follows is in no way an exhaustive list, but it features three events that I feel fortunate to have been a part of: the ordination of John Perdue to the transitional Diaconate, the 25th anniversary of Sister Maria Clara Santiago and the annual retreat for discerning men

On April 28th, one of our seminarians, **John Perdue**, was ordained a transitional deacon at the beautiful St. Joseph's parish church in Douro. The diaconate is called "transitional" in his case because it is not the conclusion of a process but a step in John's journey toward ordination to the Priesthood, if such is God's will — and we do hope that it is. Particularly impressive was the great deal of support given to Deacon Perdue by the faithful. I felt bad for those parishioners from Douro who, displaced by the many coming from other parishes, had to witness the ordination from outside the

doors of their own church. But despite the inconvenience, they remained fantastic hosts. While John Perdue is certainly a wonderful man, the feeling I got was that the people come out not just to celebrate Deacon Perdue but also to express their need and love for dedicated priests. (For photos, see p. 14)

On August 4th in the parish church of St. Therese of Lisieux in Cobourg, a Mass followed by a great celebration was held for the 25th anniversary of **Sister Maria Clara Santiago**. Often I hear some make comments about how



isolated and lonely life must be as a priest or religious brother or sister. However, this celebration illustrated otherwise. Many clergy, lay faithful and other sisters came from the area, from Toronto and even farther afield for this celebration. The church was full for the Mass and there was barely enough room for all people in the parish hall during the celebration afterwards. Indeed, the celebration of the 25th anniversary for this humble sister exceeded many of the 25th wedding anniversary celebrations that I have witnessed.

Towards the end of August the seminarians, as well as any men discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood from our diocese and from the Diocese of Pembroke, spent a week on Lake Rosseau for a **discernment retreat**. They were especially fortunate this year as their retreat master was Bishop Mulhall, the bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. The purpose of the retreat, of course, was not to convince these men to become priests, but to provide a great opportunity for them to seriously ask questions about what God's plan for them might be. Each of the men were at different points in their journey: some sought to discover if they are called to enter the seminary, while others if they should continue in seminary formation.

The efforts put forth by VEYO to support men discerning a vocation to priesthood don't end with an annual retreat but are on-going. This fall, according to need, discernment groups will be established for any young adult men or men in high



school. A discernment retreat is also planned for high school aged men this coming October. Any young man who wonders if he might be called to the priesthood is invited to contact the vocations director, Father Craig Cruikshank, at 705-749-0330 or vocations@veyo.ca. Similarly, if you know a young man whom you think could be called to the priesthood, encourage him to contact the vocations director.

Of course, the job of the vocations director is not to make as many priests as possible, but to assist men in seriously and genuinely exploring questions about God's call, will and plan.

Those men discerning a call, Sister Maria Clara Santiago and Deacon John Perdue each find themselves at different points in their vocations and at different points in their respective journeys toward holiness. Indeed, we will continue to pray for them and for all those who seek to live out God's call.

For us, it's not enough to simply have priests, religious and married couples, but to have priests, religious and married couples who are holy, dedicated to following God's will and to serving others.

Prayers for vocations can be found on VEYO's website at www.veyo.ca. ☩



2013 Peterborough City PVNCCDSB-VEYO Confirmation Rally

On May 13th grade seven students from elementary schools in the city of Peterborough gathered at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School for a massive worship rally celebrating their impending Confirmations. With the help and support of the Faith Development Office of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic School Board we were able to provide a once-in-a-life-time opportunity for these youth Catholics about to experience and accept God's promise for them.

As with any other day at school, this one saw students marching in through the doors and filling the gymnasium at Holy Cross. What was not a part of the normal day was awaiting them inside the gym. Over an hour earlier, when the halls were nearly empty and only a few members of the staff wandered the school preparing for the day, VEYO arrived with a group of volunteers from our diocese and a big Worship team from NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries.





The day-long rally focused on three of the saintly virtues enumerated among the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. With the leadership of Frank Callaghan and Christina Crowley, the grade seven students sat in the bleachers in the gym and gained a new understanding of their faith.



The NET Ministry team picked three of their members to talk about the three virtues of the day: Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord. They each told a deeply moving and personal story of their own, that had the youth laughing,

listening, and at times crying. When they had finished telling their own stories, they each introduced a Saint and spoke about how he or she exemplified specific virtues. For each virtue and talk every student present got the opportunity to speak with our young Catholic leaders and ask them questions and come to their own conclusions.

After lunch, with pizza from Pizza Nova, every person returned to the gym for a period of silence in the presence of Christ in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. During adoration not one of the students made a sound or moved from where they were seated. Throughout the day everyone felt the presence of the Saints and were humbled by their stories.

It is with much appreciation that we thank our team of volunteers, NET Ministries and our leaders, Frank Callaghan and Christina Crowley, for their tireless efforts in making the day possible. Our volunteers were all trained on their own time, after school, in the evenings, and showed boundless energy in helping us set up for the students. Thank you also to Michael Moriarty and Rebecca Brady of the Faith Development Office for their work in facilitating the transportation of the grade seven students and staff to Holy Cross for the day, making the school and facilities available to us, and for their work in getting the rally going. They became an indispensable team that fueled and kept the event going, which is very encouraging since in 2014 two more rallies will be held, one in Peterborough and one on the Lakeshore. ☩



The Way of the Cross Portraying Our Lord



This past Good Friday, youth of our diocese celebrated the Way of the Cross through the streets of Peterborough – the ninth such annual re-enactment. Approximately 800 came, even from as far away as Toronto, to witness and to participate in this celebration. In the following interview, Sheri McNeil relays her son’s answers to various questions people have asked Liam McNeil, who played Jesus this year.

We certainly thank Mr. McNeil for volunteering his time and talents in this year’s Way of the Cross. Keep an eye on the VEYO website, www.veyo.ca, for details on the next Way of the Cross through downtown Peterborough on Good Friday, 2014.

What prompted you to portray Jesus?

In fact, it was mentioned to me by members who had participated previously that I should participate myself. Father Craig then suggested I play Jesus, and so I applied.

Was the re-enactment what you expected?

Some parts were, others, not quite. In terms of the performance itself, it was as expected. It was the rehearsal and practice that was not. With long-term projects like this, it can be difficult to keep everything in your schedule straightened out, and the fact that it was entirely volunteer meant that sometimes people, including myself, had other, prior obligations that were of equal or greater importance. It made for a tough time making sure everybody knew what they needed to know, and many things were implemented last-minute. Despite this, I believe it came together excellently.

What if anything were you most nervous about?

Personally, it was going up on the cross, since I am quite afraid of heights, and even the short distance I was above the ground made me nervous. Another thing that caused me stress was keeping still while on the cross, which, given the cold weather, became nearly impossible to do.

How did you "get into character"?

I tried my best to immerse myself in the scenario, to believe and act as if it were real, as if I was, in fact, walking to my death. I had a few issues, the two biggest being the fact that the cross was lighter than I expected, and that the whips used by the "legionnaires" were actually too gentle. It sounds almost masochistic, but I would have preferred to have felt the whipping more, because it is more difficult to act out pain than to actually react to it.

Was it a difficult role to portray?

It was at some points. As I mentioned, actually feeling the blows of the whips more would have provided a more immersive and genuine experience from my perspective, though I am uncertain how it looked from the audience's perspective.

Were the soldiers really whipping you?

They were indeed, though the whips were light and the soldiers were not whipping quite hard enough.

Was the cross heavy?

Not as heavy as I expected, it was made of a very light wood, and I was able to lift it without much effort.

Was that your real hair and beard?

Unfortunately not. Although my hair was once that long, in the re-enactment I was wearing a wig. As for the beard, I wish I could grow a beard that glorious.

What was the part you liked the most / least?

The part I enjoyed the most was the end. When I act, I don't tend to enjoy the experience until it is over.

As for the part I enjoyed the least, that would be the part when the "legionnaires" put the red paint on my arms and feet, to look like blood. Also, the fact that I could not keep from accidentally devouring half of my beard.

How has this experience affected you?

It has certainly given me a better understanding of what Jesus went through. It gives me a better understanding of the strength he would have had to have...His faith in God. It was surprising to me that many people following the procession wanted to touch me, where the blood was and the wounds were supposed to be because I knew that I was unhurt.

What was going through your mind when you were on the cross?

"It is very cold up here"

Have you been in any other live performances?

I have indeed, I started acting in high school and, though for me it is only a hobby, I quite enjoy the experience of a live performance once it is finished. ✠



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Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Library Book Reviews

On Heaven and Earth: Pope Francis on Faith, Family, and the Church in the Twenty-First Century

Authors: Jorge Mario Bergoglio & Abraham Skorka

Publisher: Image (a division of Random House), 2013

ISBN: 978-0-7704-3506-6 Hardcover; 236 pages

As archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, developed and maintained a strong interreligious dialogue with the local Jewish community. He became a close friend of Argentine Rabbi Abraham Skorka, Professor of Biblical and Rabbinic Literature at the *Latin American Rabbinical Seminary* and rabbi of the Jewish community *Benei Tikva*.

In their book, *On Heaven and Earth: Pope Francis on Faith, Family, and the Church in the Twenty-First Century*, Pope Francis and Rabbi Skorka converse on a wide range of controversial and modern-day subjects; each give responses and opinions based on their respective faith traditions.

Originally published in 2010 and recently translated into English, this book is divided into 29 chapters on topics such as, God, the Devil, atheists, death, euthanasia, women, abortion, divorce, same-sex marriage, politics and power, the Holocaust and the future of religion. With humility, wisdom, and at times humour, these religious leaders give their responses to issues at hand, formulating a civilized and well-educated conversation.

For readers unfamiliar with certain persons, places, terms and concepts, especially those pertaining to Judaism, Argentina, or Latin America as a whole, the editor has provided footnotes to offer context and clarification.

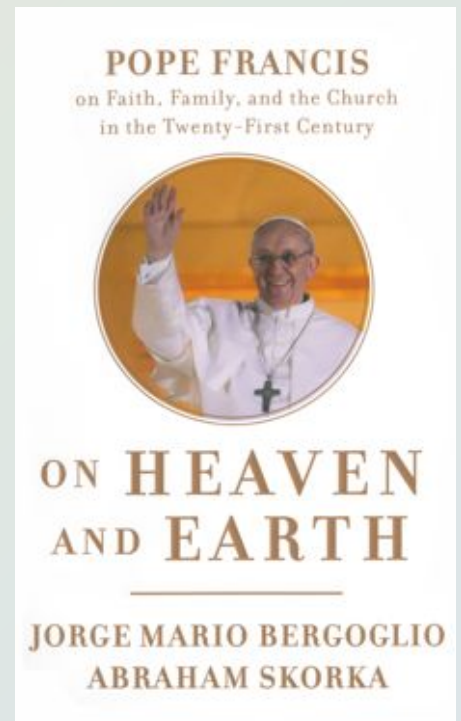
References to Scripture passages are also provided.

Though beliefs and opinions differ, the objective of this book is to develop and promote a mutual understanding and respectful dialogue between Catholicism and Judaism. In his introduction to the book, Cardinal Bergoglio writes, "Dialogue is born from a respectful attitude toward the other person, from a conviction that the other person has something good to say. It supposes that we can make room in our heart for their point of view, their opinion and their proposals. Dialogue entails a warm reception and not a pre-emptive condemnation. To dialogue, one must know how to lower the defences, to open the doors of one's home and to offer warmth."

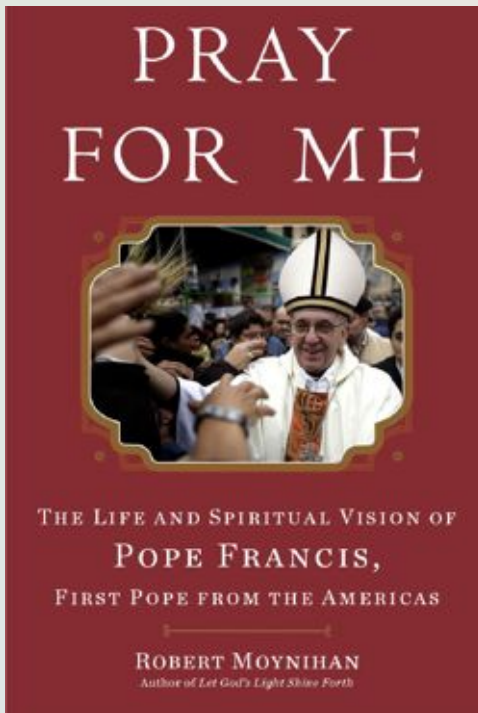
When discussing "*On the Future of Religion*," Rabbi Skorka reflects, "Religion will always have a future because it is an expression of the profound search for the meaning of life and a consequence of introspection and encounters with Him. As long as life continues to be a mystery and man wonders who created the natural order – while those questions, which I believe will be eternal, persist – the concept of religion will endure..."

Not only is *Pope Francis: Faith, Family, and the Church in the Twenty-First Century* a great introduction to the beliefs and theology of Pope Francis, it also provides the reader with valuable insight into the man himself, his character and what he holds sacred. The beliefs and opinions held by Rabbi Skorka are interesting too, and, although these two men adhere to different religions, it is fascinating to see the similarity in their responses.

This book comes highly recommended and is available on-loan from the St. Thérèse of Lisieux Library.



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**Pray for Me:*****The Life and Spiritual Vision of Pope Francis, First Pope from the Americas***

Author: Dr. Robert Moynihan

Publisher: Image (a division of Random House), 2013

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“Before the Bishop blesses the people I ask that you would pray to the Lord that he bless me...” With great faith and humility, Pope Francis spoke these words to the faithful gathered in St. Peter’s Square in the evening of March 13, 2013, immediately following his election as pope.

Moynihan (founder and editor of *Inside the Vatican* – a monthly magazine chronicling the affairs of the Roman Catholic Church) explains that the title of the book originates from the “first request made by this pope to all of us, a simple request, from his heart: ‘Pray

for Me.’ In calling for prayers for himself, Pope Francis asks us as a community to care for the poor, for those treated unjustly, for the imprisoned and the suffering, for those who have lost hope, and also for him, that he may carry out his task with courage and humility.” The purpose of this book, its author tells us, is to attempt to answer three questions: Who is this man? What does he believe? And what will he do as leader of the Church?

In *Pray for Me*, the first two weeks of Pope Francis’ pontificate are explored, as well as his early life growing up in Buenos Aires. Thereafter, his five spiritual guides are examined: the prophet Jonah from the Old Testament; Mary, Mother of God; St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus; Don Luigi Giussani, founder of the Communion and Liberation movement; and St. Francis of Assisi, the great saint who has had an enormous influence on the life of the Holy Father. Finally, in part three, “In His Own Words,” we read inspiring excerpts from homilies, letters, messages and interviews given by the Pope over the years, arranged according to 34 topics including God, Mary, Creation, Faith, Morality and Humanity, among others.

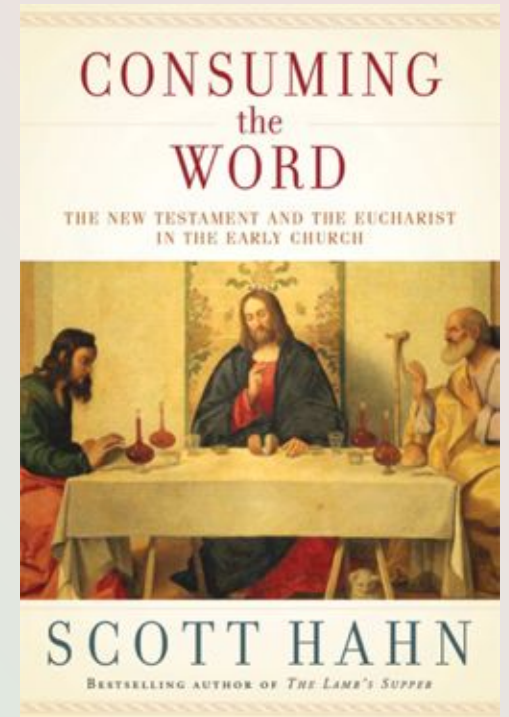
This work is well written and comes highly recommended. It is available on-loan from the St. Thérèse of Lisieux Library.

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Consuming the Word: The New Testament and the Eucharist in the Early Church

A new release by Dr. Scott Hahn and now available on-loan from the St. Thérèse of Lisieux Library!

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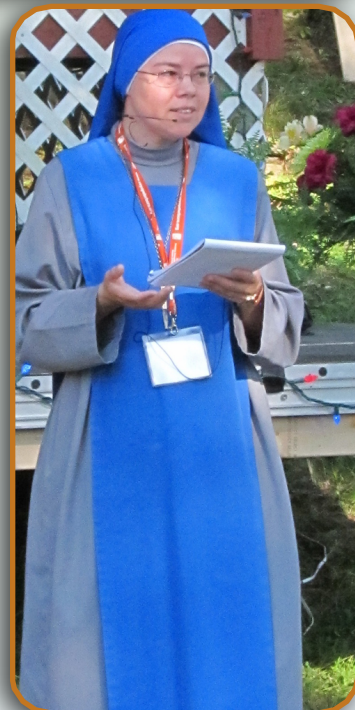
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Meeting God



Close to a hundred youth came out for three days during this year's SONfest, hosted by St. Patrick's parish in Kinmount and held at the Kinmount fairgrounds this August. This year marked the tenth anniversary of SONfest and featured guest speaker Father Mark Goring, a priest from the Diocese of Pembroke who currently serves as a member of the Companions of the Cross. Father Goring, using the theme of SONfest (and of this year's World Youth Day in Brazil) "Go and make disciples of all nations", spoke to the assembled youth about our call to be true

disciples, not just passive followers but active members of the Body of Christ, to be a Church whose mission it is to share with others the joy of knowing that Christ has risen.

In addition to Father Goring's talks, SONfest also featured numerous opportunities for prayer and worship, including amazing music provided by the talented Chris Bray and two evening candlelit processions through the beautiful fair grounds, one with the Blessed Sacrament and one during the celebration of the Way of the Cross. Both of these evening periods of worship proved to be meaningful and wonderful opportunities of worship. Of course, participants were blessed to have the presence of many priests as well as our bishop for various moments throughout SONfest for the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Some Sisters came out for SONfest as well, to support our youth. In addition, a tent was set up as a chapel where participants could adore Our Lord zzz in the Blessed Sacrament.

But the talks, the prayer and the worship weren't all that SONfest had to offer. Great food, a game of soccer, a night time game of capture the flag, a talent show, water games, amazing music and connections with friends, new and old, also contributed to

at SONfest '13



the success of this year's event. Indeed, in so many ways SONfest continues to prove itself as a place where the youth of our diocese can come together to celebrate their faith and to build one another up; SONfest offers something unique and truly important for the faith life of any high-school-aged youth. Word about SONfest has been spreading too; at least a dozen young people from the Archdiocese of Toronto came out to participate this year, and they truly contributed to the great time.

During the days preceding SONfest, I had the great joy of working with a group of eight high-school-aged youth from various parishes who gave up a few days of their summer to serve their peers. After three full days of training and preparation, and a day and a half of setting up the site, these volunteers led group discussions, organized numerous activities and ensured that participants had a fruitful, safe and meaningful experience. Then, still wanting to serve, they helped to clean up the site after SONfest was over.

Of course, special thanks must be given to the many volunteers from St. Patrick's parish in Kinmount and beyond, who made SONfest possible. Our youth had an

amazing time, but only because of the sacrifices of so many who love them and who wish to serve. Truly, because of all those who supported SONfest, our youth had a weekend where they could come to meet Our Lord, where their faith could be affirmed and where they could support one another. I am truly looking forward to SONfest '14. Keep watching www.veyo.ca for details on the next SONfest. ☩

— Fr. Craig Cruikshank
VEYO Director

Ordination of John Joseph Perdue

to the transitional Diaconate
28 April 2013 at St. Joseph's Parish, Douro



Deacon John Perdue with his immediate family: (mother) Dorothy, (grandmother) Katie Devlin, (sisters) Sister Mary Catherine SOLI and Mary, (father) Doug and (sister) Kim.

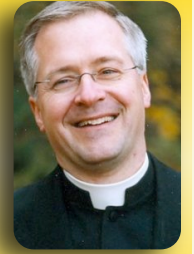
St. John Chrysostom

("Golden-mouthed" C. 344 – 407)

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Fr. Joseph
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Do you know the tongue is an extremely strong muscle? It serves the biological function of enabling us to eat, and it is the most important articulator of speech.

This part of our body is very powerful. St. James says: "...the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God" (3: 8, 9). St. Paul tells the Philippians "... at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11). So, what we say with our tongue has great effect.

Unfortunately, it is all too easy to misuse this important part of our body. While, we can communicate instantaneously with our smart phones, emails, and Facebook accounts, it seems that we have less genuine communication now than ever. We are never out of reach, yet many people are lonelier and more confused about what to believe than ever before. What do the saints have to tell us about how to live together and help each other?

A wonderful saint who used his tongue and pen for the glory of God and good of his neighbour is St. John Chrysostom. His name means "golden-mouthed", and he is the patron saint of orators, preachers and speakers.

He is generally considered the most prominent Doctor of the Greek Church and the greatest Christian preacher. Born around the year 344 in the city of Antioch, he studied rhetoric under Libanius, the most famous pagan orator of the age. In 374, he began to lead an ascetical and religious life living in the mountains. Because of his severe disciplines and fastings, his health was ruined and he was forced to return to the city. He was eventually ordained to the priesthood and became the Bishop of Constantinople. His preaching, by word and example afflicted those who were



comfortable and this made him the enemy of some people in high places – both in the court and the Church, especially the empress who resented his sermons; in them, he contrasted gospel values with the excesses of imperial court life. For his honesty and courage he was sent into exile and died at Commana in Pontus, September 14, 407. However, he had the consolation of knowing that the Pope remained his friend.

John was blessed with natural gifts, especially his ability to write and preach. While his tongue was powerful, his body was weak. In some respects, John was like our present Holy Father, Pope Francis, in that the content of his sermons and explanations of Sacred Scripture were never without a point. "Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty." Even though he suffered for his loyalty to the truth, he did not lose his inner peace and happiness.

One lesson St. John Chrysostom gives to us is to reflect upon the power our tongues hold for good or evil. As human beings we need to talk and spend time with each other – text messaging is no substitute for verbal communication. Our words can build up or tear down. In Matthew's Gospel, Christ says: "But I say to you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment" (Matthew 12:36).

In imitation of the great St. John Chrysostom, may our words praise God and build up our neighbour. Serve the Lord, do not be afraid and hold onto hope. Proclaim the Gospel with your tongue and your actions.

"He who gossips habitually; he lacks the common wisdom to keep still that deadly enemy of man, his own tongue" (Mark Twain). ☩

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VOX POPULI

(What People Say About the College)

Bishop Nicola De Angelis, cfic

Our Popes have always stressed the importance of the relationship between education and young people. Pope Francis has stated the need to be united while acknowledging our differences. Benedict XVI in an April 22, 2012 address said: "The future of a Country is in the hearts of the young... It is important for young people to be educated in values, over and above scientific and technical knowledge."

As I make pastoral visitations throughout the Diocese, I often meet people asking about the progress of the college. Below are a few of their reflections and hopes for our new Catholic College.

- "Bishop, I am very happy to hear that one of the goals of the College is to promote unity in our society, which respects our cultural and religious differences and fosters dialogue."
- "Bishop, a secular society can weaken our faith. I know this because I have two sons; both went to secular universities. One became an atheist and the other an agnostic. And like me there are many families in Peterborough in the same situation. If the Church doesn't help us who is going to help us?"
- "The letter of Cardinal Ravasi to your Excellency, (September 18, 2012), encouraging the College to "engage with secular Cultures, has been received like a breath of fresh air ... the Courses proposed on Religious Studies, indeed, will bear fruits of respect and understanding in our society".
- A group of educators recently told me that the great progress made by the College must certainly be the fruit of team work and united cooperation. "The College is a gift to Peterborough and a step ahead in Ecumenism and Interreligious dialogue ... As we become aware of the cultural and social calibre of the members of the Board of Trustees, the Academic Council, and of the list of the Major Benefactors, we cannot but be very optimistic for the future of the College. Professor Thomas Symons is a teacher and writer in areas like Canadian Studies, cultural issues, and international relations. Many studies and articles dealing with education, public affairs, heritage conservation, human rights, and international relations bear his name. His involvement and position as chair of the Board of Trustees creates great optimism for the future of the college."



Bishop De Angelis with Sr. Veronica O'Reilly. The Sisters of St. Joseph have become great friends and benefactors of Sacred Heart.

A Great and Worthwhile Endeavour

Remarks to the Trustees, Staff and Students of Sacred Heart College,
Saturday, 9 March, 2013

Prof. Thomas H.B. Symons,

Chairman of the Founding Board, Sacred Heart College,
Founding President and Vanier Professor Emeritus, Trent University,
Chair, the Ontario Heritage Trust

Welcome and thank you for being here today on what has become the campus of Sacred Heart College.

We are engaged in a great project – progress to date has been remarkable:

- the commencement of teaching
- the acquisition of a campus
- the beginnings of a library
- the opening of our first residence, with especial thanks to Helen Vari
- the establishment of a Board of Trustees
- the generous participation and assistance of the priests and sisters of the Institute for the Incarnate Word
- and the support and assistance of the Sisters of St. Joseph
- the development of a group of supportive teachers and assistants, and academic advisers who constitute the nucleus of a faculty
- the finding of the financial resources, thanks to the Herculean labours of our Bishop, which has made all this possible
- the widespread support and good will of the community, led by our remarkable and outstanding Mayor.
- and this support from a constituency of friends and donors grows steadily throughout the Trent Valley, the GTA, and far beyond.

The Memorandum of Understanding with Trent University is also an important milestone. I hope and believe this association with Trent will continue to grow to our mutual benefit.

There are, of course, people who wonder

why, in a community that already has a University, should there be as well a College in the Catholic tradition. Isn't this unnecessary and perhaps even undesirable? To that my answer is simple: the addition of this College will enlarge and enrich the educational and cultural life and resources of this community; it will enlarge and diversify the opportunities for post-secondary study and research; it will add to the economy and human resources of the community; and it is in keeping with one of the oldest and strongest traditions in Canadian higher education: that is the tradition that at many of our Universities, all across Canada, there are Universities which have a family of associated or federated or affiliated Colleges which have some special tradition or heritage of their own: Catholic



or Anglican or Methodist/United Church, Mennonite, Evangelical, Lutheran, Aboriginal and more.

These arrangements are well-established and they are an important part of the university scene in our country. They threaten no one and they add tremendously to the quality of life and of education and scholarship in Canada. We are fortunate to have on our

Bishop, the conceiver and inspirer of this great undertaking. Bishop de Angelis / Bishop Nick / is the Founder of Sacred Heart College and we all thank you, sir, for your dedication and leadership.

While much has been accomplished, there is still much to do. As we proceed, I hope you will bear in mind some prescripts:



Board, three members who have served as the heads of such Colleges: our Vice Chair, Dr. Theresa Topic, who has served as the head of Brescia College at Western University, as well as heading a College at Trent; Dr. Jacques Monet who has headed such Colleges at both Laurentian University and the University of Toronto; and Dr. Richard Alway, the long-time President of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. And let us remember, too, that Peterborough is a community with old, deep and strong Catholic roots and traditions.

So, I think there are good and clear answers to those who may ask if a liberal arts and science College in the Catholic tradition is an appropriate development in Peterborough. It is a team effort of good people and a supportive community working towards a very worthwhile goal. That is what it is and must always continue to be.

I want to congratulate each of you for your important part in what has so far been accomplished – and thank you for your participation. If you will allow me, I want to say a word of particular thanks to the

1. Let us not to seek to grow too big or too fast;

2. Let us be a College such as the Librarian of my old College at Oxford, John Henry Newman, had in mind when he wrote that a College should be “an Alma Mater, knowing its children one by one”, not a gross and impersonal machine;

3. Let us be a College which knows that good teaching is profoundly important: As Henry Adams said: “A good

teacher is forever. One can never know where his or her teaching will reach or end”;

4. Let us always have in mind the observation of Benjamin Disraeli that a University must be a place of light, of liberty, and of learning;

5. Let us bear in mind, too, the value of what we are doing for the community, and the country, in growing an institution which, as it grows, will enrich the store of knowledge, and of culture, as well as the quality of life of many people in years to come – not just those fortunate enough to study here, but also those with whom they come in contact – and those whom they in turn will assist and serve.

May I close by saying what a great pleasure, and honour, it is to be, with you, a part of this great and worthwhile endeavour.

Sacred Heart College
Update from the Dean of Studies
Dr. Robin Lathangué



Sacred Heart is pleased to welcome a new history instructor for the 2013 academic year, Dr. Terry Wilde. Dr. Wilde was educated at the University of Toronto and York University, where he wrote his doctoral thesis in Canadian History. He has taught at both Trent University and York University.

We also have a new website. Websites are like gardens, they require constant “weeding” and updates and sometime whole new designs. So I am delighted to invite everyone to visit our new website. We would welcome your feedback on the look and feel of it, and also any suggestions for improving its functionality.

Policy development continues at Sacred Heart in order to strengthen our application for independent degree-granting status from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. At its June 1st meeting, the Board of Trustees approved terms of reference for the Committee on Student Petitions, the Student Appeals Committee, and the Scholarship and Student Financial Aid Committee. With all the student-focused policy development, it was very helpful to have our two student Trustees at the table for these discussions, Sam Parker and Maria Carruthers.

On the curriculum and program development front the Academic Council has approved for external review our honours degree program in Religious Studies. Feedback has been solicited from scholars at the University of St. Michael’s College, Brescia University College, St. Jerome’s University and the University of Sudbury. We will be modifying the program in the fall of 2013 based on the suggestions of our reviewers.

I am happy to share in this update some of the principles that have been guiding the development of our program in Religious Studies:

- Religious literacy and inter-religious dialogue. Social research in this area shows that there is a deficit amongst young people and the general population when it comes to knowledge of and understanding the religions of the world (and even the traditions to which we belong).
- The role that faith convictions play or ought to play in secularist cultures and public realms: How has faith/religious practice become a matter of private taste, especially in the modern West?
- Religions and violence: The (questionable)

consensus that religion is a prime (often the prime) source of violence, and the modern state and market the great bringer of peace.

- Religion and science – popularly understood to be antagonistic toward each other. The history and philosophy of science demonstrates that this is not the case.
- The academic culture and practice of religious studies – what are the assumptions that govern contemporary academic scholarship on the world’s religions?

We also have a committee working on the development of our Catholic Studies Program, which we hope to have ready for external review in the fall.

As part of the growing humanities division of courses at Sacred Heart, I am delighted to announce the launch of a new course starting in January 2014: SHCH 2000H: The Christian Imagination: The Fictional Writings of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. The course will be offered on Thursday afternoons at Sacred Heart, starting January 9, and will be taught by Professor Emeritus Ian Storey, who has recently retired from the Department of Ancient History and Classics at Trent University. We are also in the process of developing an elective in Art History to be taught by Dr. Teresa Tomory.

Through the generosity of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sacred Heart welcomes eight new students this fall as winners of the Sister Margaret Shannon Entrance Scholarship. A second scholarship program, named after Bishop Jamot, and funded through the generosity of the religious community of Bishop De Angelis (c.f.i.c.), is scheduled for launch in 2014. And we are hopeful that a third scholarship program, to be named in honour of another outstanding person in religious education, will follow soon to support our students.

Finally, I have some good news for our young male students: Sacred Heart has acquired a property on Westcott St. backing onto the campus of Sacred Heart. We expect that renovations will be completed so that it will open as a Men’s Residence in 2014.



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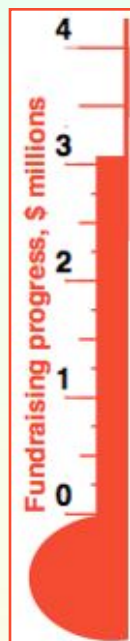
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Discovery Weekend in Campbellford

St. Mary's Parish and St. Mary's School in Campbellford hosted their 2nd Annual Discovery Weekend at St. Mary's School on May 4th and 5th, 2013. The event was a resounding success, both spiritually and materially.

Many young hearts – grade 7 and 8 students – were touched in a beautiful and concrete way by the Sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matera, and their Parish Priest, Father Jean Pierre Pilon.

The working team consisted of Father Pilon, Ms. Marini and the staff of St. Mary's School, and 8 parishioners. They were assisted by 3 senior high school students who worked with the students at discussion times.

Both days were very full, consisting of fun and games, excellent food, talks by the Sisters and Father Pilon, discussions, holy hour/adoration in the Church, a movie, a video, a great campfire experience and Sunday Mass, where the children participated in the Liturgy. Sleeping in the school overnight added to the excitement, but resulted in some yawns in the morning.



St. Mary's CWL provided a pancake brunch Sunday at noon where the parents of the children were invited to attend as well.

The parishioners of St. Mary's Church and the Campbellford Ministerial Association very generously supported this venture with funds and food. We are very grateful to them for opening their hearts and helping our young people walk with the Lord. ☩

Knights of Columbus honour Our Lady of Guadalupe

An image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was received at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Otonabee, through the Knights of Columbus Prayer Program on Sunday, April 28th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It was a well-attended Mass, with about 175 parishioners present.

In 1999, Pope John Paul II proclaimed Our Lady of Guadalupe the Protectress of the Unborn as well as Patroness of the Americas. It was fitting, then, that 8-month old April Mary McAllister was Baptized at the same Mass.

Afterwards, K of C Council #14032 provided a social with refreshments at the Parish Hall, enjoyed by many parishioners and visitors.

This image, taken after Mass, captures the great day of celebration at Assumption Parish. (L to R) Admiral, Bishop Marrocco Assembly #882, Rick Stankiewicz, Sir Knights, Francis Walsh, Vince Heffernan, Peter Clancy, Bernard Clancy and Frank Menard; April Mary, Grant and Jennifer McAllister; Sir Knights Kevin Heffernan and Fr. Joseph Devereaux (Chaplain #14032).



PARISH:
Honey Harbour

Way of the Cross



Students at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Honey Harbour use their creative energy to reflect on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

60th Anniversary CWL of St. Paul's Parish, Gravenhurst

The 60th anniversary of St. Paul's Catholic Women's League in Gravenhurst was celebrated on June 1st. Sixty-six women attended from Gravenhurst, Bracebridge, Huntsville, Parry Sound, Warkworth and Wooler. President, Jill Liberty, welcomed all and gave a brief history of the CWL's past 60 years. Christine Way Skinner, their guest speaker, gave an inspiring and faith-filled presentation on "Lessons from the Mother of a Miracle Child".

After lunch all processed into the church, where the accomplishments of many members were celebrated. Fr. Joe Moran, parish priest, began with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Then the deceased members were honoured with a rose ceremony. Pat Sprunt, a charter member, along with Melva Clarke, Teresa Forth and Nellie Gorman received Maple Leaf pins, presented by Margaret



Van Meeuwen, Diocesan President, for their tireless work over the years for St. Paul's CWL, their Church and community. Danielle Gagnon, Diocesan 1st Vice President presented Melva, Teresa and Nellie with 60 years pins and Pat along with Heather Harris received 50 year pins. Other recipients of pins were Mary Dow and Kathy Jones receiving 25 year

pins, a 10 year pin to Marion Greene and a certificate of merit to Theresa Speicher. Fr. Joe closed the ceremony with some words of congratulations to the ladies on their wonderful accomplishments over the years. This was followed by Benediction and a final blessing. Congratulations to all the award recipients for their accomplishments for God and Canada and to all the ladies of St. Paul's Catholic Women's League on a wonderful celebration that was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Pat Sprunt, Melva Clarke, Nellie Gorman and Teresa Forth

The Third Order of the Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE)

On November the 6th 2011, St. Michael's Church Cobourg held the first installation of its newly formed Third Order. The Third Order of the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word is a Lay Association of the Faithful, both men and women, whose members, while living in the world, desire to participate in the spirit of the Institute. For this reason, this secular association is committed to forming, with the members of the Religious Family, a unique community united by the same faith, goals, charism and spirit.

We are an essential part of the IVE Religious Family, a prolongation of the work of the IVE in our own environment. The duties of the Third Order are: 1) to make known the Gospel of Jesus Christ; 2) to work toward the perfection of the temporal order; 3) to educate our children on the teaching of the Church; 4) to increase our own Christian formation by acquiring a deeper knowledge of Catholic Doctrine.

The Third Order shares the twofold IVE objective: inculturation of the Gospel and seeking the greater glory of God and the salvation of all souls. We commit all our strength to extend the Incarnation "to all men, to the whole man, and in all the manifestations of man" (Fr. Buela, *IVE Constitutions*), including education, arts, economics, sports, etc. in accordance with the Magisterium of the Church.

As Father Andrew Ayala succinctly puts it: the commitment of the Third Order is "most of all spiritual; it is like becoming a family. You do what you can to live the spirit of the Order in the world." As part of our Spirituality, we consecrate ourselves to the Holy Virgin Mary according to the doctrine of St. Louis de Montfort.

As Third Order members, we follow these guidelines to help us become saints and apostles as all Catholics are called to be:

1. The perfect fulfillment of our duties according to our state of life. This is our duty, the thing for which we will have to give account to God (as a spouse, mother, father, employee, etc.) It means being a saint according to the plan of God, "for me in particular."
2. The Mass: we unite ourselves with the praying Church as often as possible, at least by a spiritual communion.
3. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Divine Office.
4. Devotion to the Passion of Christ; praying the Stations of the Cross, will manifest our heartfelt love for our Suffering Saviour. We wear the Cross of Matará or the crest of the IVE as a sign of our devotion to the Mystery of the Passion.
5. Devotion to the Holy Rosary, Angelus, to spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
6. Frequent reception of the sacrament of penance.
7. Reading, praying and meditating on the Bible.
8. Spiritual direction.
9. Spiritual Exercises, once a year.
10. Living Sunday as truly the day of the Lord.



COMMITMENT OF THIRD ORDER MEMBERS

Admission:

Admission to the Third Level is for those who manifest an explicit desire to belong to the Third Order. They enlarge the spiritual treasure of the Family of the Incarnate Word.

Admission to the Second Level is for those who want to commit themselves to belong to the Third Order by way of group commitment, with their own statutes approved by the Superiors of the Institute of the Incarnate Word.

Admission to the First Level is for those Third Order Members who desire to make a sacred consecration by way of private vows or promises, accepted by the Superiors of the Institute of the Incarnate Word.

Principal Feasts:

All Members of the Incarnate Word need to have an authentic understanding of Christian feasts.

The celebration of Sunday has to be lived in full awareness of the Resurrection of the Lord — the "Little Easter." It is very important for lay people who live the bulk of the week immersed in hard work to rest on the day of the Lord in order to celebrate properly this day with dedication to spiritual matters. In a particular way we celebrate, in addition, the major feasts of Our Lady and the Apostles.

As imitators of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we have an unlimited trust in our Heavenly Mother. As a sign of our devotion, we make pilgrimages to her shrines, celebrate Saturdays in her honour, adorn her images, spread her devotion, and have a particular veneration for Marian prayers, especially the Angelus and the Holy Rosary.

We meet monthly on the 3rd Friday at 7 PM, in the Chapel/Parish Centre for prayer, lesson, fellowship, food and music. All welcome. ☩

—Pat Fleming and Astrid Nordholt



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Slow Boat *en Bourgogne*: A Reflection on Marriage

On June 25, my husband, Daniel and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Like most milestone events, it commanded strategic planning for successful execution of its happy commemoration. We shopped carefully to gift ourselves with blue-box-bling and a wristwatch. We received congratulatory wishes from our friends and family, including an original poem, several gift cards, and a Mass offering. We are grateful for the abundance of blessings granted on the occasion of this special anniversary and throughout our married and family life.

A trip to France, in early July, remains the highlight of our anniversary celebrations. Eschewing an itinerary that challenged our marital union with connecting flights, rental cars, and long queues at sightseeing hot spots, we booked a four day privately guided tour of Paris followed by seven days on a hotel barge. The booking agent was quick to clarify that a barge cruise differed from the river cruises whose advertisements introduced the "Downton Abbey" episodes we had been watching all winter, offering a slower, more intimate cruising experience on a canal system. Just how intimate was revealed to us upon our arrival at Vandenesse, where we learned that we would be the only passengers aboard the 40 m barge, *Saroché*. Talk about a travel upgrade! We laughed to consider ourselves 21st century versions of Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart on "The African Queen." A nagging curiosity about the idiomatic "slow boat to China" was later satisfied by several videos featuring performances of Frank Loesser's (*I'd Like to Get You*) *On a Slow Boat to China*, published in 1948. How could you not love sentiments about "A twist in the rudder/And a rip in the sail/Drifting and dreaming/Throw

the compass over the rail." Check out my favourite YouTube performances by Miss Piggy (to Roger Moore) and Sammy Davis Jr.

That our own slow boat travelled 50 km in six days afforded ample opportunity for reflection in the Burgundian sunshine. While Daniel composed many beautiful photographs of the French countryside, I consumed a half-dozen books and novels. Although decidedly unconventional in its inclusion on a summer reading list, *Three to Get Married*, published in 1951 by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, imparted a profoundly deep and enriching reading experience in "deep France." Sheen's central thesis is about the triune nature of love: "The basic error of mankind has been to assume that only two are needed for love: you and me, or society and me, or humanity and me. Really it takes three: self, other selves, and God; you, and me, and God" (p.43). Sheen proposes that "marriage, lived as God would have it lived, associates partners to the creative joy of the Father, to the self-sacrificing love of the Son, and to the unifying love of the Holy Spirit" (p.66).

Regarding sex, Sheen explains that "the invisible, hidden, mysterious element in sex is its capacity for *creativity*, a sharing in some way of the creative power by which God made the world and all that is in it" (p.80). Furthermore, "as one discerns the Bread of Angels under the sign of bread, so one discerns a soul and potential co-partnership with God's creativeness under a body . . . he reveres the body because he first learned to revere the soul. This is adoration in the first instance, and purity in the second" (p. 83). Such insights serve as a powerful foreword to Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.



"Betrothal" — Raphael

Consider that Fulton Sheen was the original champion of the "love dare," the concept of making sacrificial gestures of love towards an estranged spouse, which was popularized in the 2008 movie, "Fireproof." "As Christ delivered Himself up for His spouse, so there will be some wives and some husbands who will deliver themselves up to Golgotha for the sake of their spouses" (p. 198). Similarly, Sheen is prescient in his comments about the fate of a society that redefines marriage and family: "It may take a few decades for the cracks in the family to become earthquakes in the political order, but one must not conclude, because its tombstone is not yet erected, that the civilization is not already dead" (p. 20).

I enthusiastically recommend Fulton Sheen's *Three to Get Married*. Cold War references and dismissive treatment of modern psychology aside, the book is a classic exposition of the true nature of love and the sacrament of marriage. It would be suitable supplemental reading for those in marriage preparation mode. For couples approaching various 'medal podium' anniversaries in established marriages, *Three to Get Married* offers remedial counsel: "With marriage and its ripening with the fruit of love, there will dawn a new understanding that everyone carries with him a blueprint of the one he loves, and that One is God . . . but thanks to life's companionship, one becomes more and more attuned to the Divine fork that gave the original melody on the wedding day" (p. 215). In the proverbial boat that is our own loving and faith-filled marriage, Daniel and I journey onward. ✠

Dr. Kathleen Moquin lives in Parry Sound with her husband and children

Outdoor Mass and picnic

Sunday, June 23rd





FAMILY MINISTRIES HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL FAMILY CONFERENCE!

On April 28, 2013, the Diocesan Family Ministries Office held a Family Conference at Sacred Heart Parish in Peterborough. Over 200 people, including many young people, came for talks, games, live animals, a Rosary procession in the neighbourhood and a wonderful slide show. The main speaker was John-Henry Westen, founder of LifeSiteNews, who told his conversion story for both adults and youth. The date for the Conference was chosen to be on the Feast of St. Louis Marie de Montfort because this Saint's work, *True Devotion to Mary*, played a major role in Mr. Westen's conversion.



Family Ministries would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who helped, including Fathers Ervens Mengelle, Diego Ruiz, Joseph Devereaux, Ken Rae, Andrew Ayala, Ray Rick and all the priests who attended, Mother Sol and the Servants of the Lord, Sacred Heart's Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus, St. John the Baptist's Legion of Mary, the Cherub's Cupboard and Karen Woolly's Moppets. Most especially we would like to honour and thank St. Joseph for providing a lovely day and making the event a success! Blessed be God!

We are preparing our 2014 family conference and we hope many more families can attend!



25th Anniversary

CWL at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Bobcaygeon

The Council of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Women's League, Bobcaygeon, marked their 25th Anniversary on Saturday, April 27th, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop De Angelis, who offered many congratulations, and concelebrated by Fathers Damian Smullen and John Henry.

A reception followed in the church hall, hosted by the parish council. President Jose Foot introduced Glenda Klein, Provincial Council representative, who presented a certificate of congratulations from the Province, and Margaret Van Meeuwen of the Peterborough Diocesan Council, who also expressed congratulations by way of a certificate. Father Damian expressed his congratulations and reiterated his offer of assistance to our council. Other congratulatory messages were read at this time.

Mary Mayer, Jose Foot and Loretta Falls received their 25 year pins from Margaret while Margo Fitzsimmons was honoured for 40 years of service to the League.

Loretta Falls presented a 25 year history of the League in Bobcaygeon. The year 1988 was one of great change for St. Joseph's, which had been a mission church at that time. Bernice Leahy, then Diocesan President, and Judi O'Neill, President Elect, introduced the ladies of St. Joseph's to the Catholic Women's League. Receiving their C.W.L. charter, the first meeting was held in April of that year and was presided over by President Liana Oliver at the home of Connie Smit. At about that same time, parishioners were informed that St. Joseph's would become the newest parish in the Diocese of Peterborough with a name change to Our Lady Queen of Peace, and with Father Reginald Brooks as parish priest. In late 1988 the council was granted a new charter under the new name.

"We are proud of our organization," said Loretta Falls,



"we are united by our faith which helps to keep our organization strong."

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Council, may the Lord pour out on us and our families His blessings of peace and joy as we continue to serve for "God and Canada" as

members of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Women's League.





Knights of Columbus support Retired Priests



Knights of Columbus councils across the diocese have donated \$63,350 (and counting) towards the Priests' Benefit Fund over the past 4 years.

On Sunday, April 14th, Father Jerry Tavares celebrated Mass at St. Alphonsus in Peterborough for the Diocesan Association. Lunch and a meeting followed, with the 26 councils and 5 assemblies participating.



Provincial K of C Free Throw Champ



Steven Moore, from St. Teresa’s Catholic School in Peterborough, won the Provincial Knight’s of Columbus Basketball free throw competition (13-year olds) this spring. Kevin Heffernan (District Deputy) and Ken Boyd (St. Peter’s Parish council) presented him with a trophy and Knight’s basketball.

Congratulations, Steven, on making 23 out of 25 shots!



Hotel Santa Marta

Bishop De Angelis has often offered to try and arrange guest accommodations at the Hotel Santa Marta for anybody from the diocese who may be visiting Rome. This little hotel is located right inside Vatican City, behind St. Peter’s Basilica. Contact the bishop if you’d like to make such arrangements. There is no guarantee that space will be available, but one can ask.

As most people know by now, Pope Francis has opted to live in this same hotel rather than in the papal apartments. He celebrates a morning Mass in the chapel there, with guests and Vatican employees.

Recently, Fr. Paul Massel (Bowmanville) found himself celebrating Holy Mass with the Holy Father. Here’s what he reports:

“I concelebrated Mass with the Pope. I stood at his right and we offered each other a sign of peace. And I thought of this spiritual leader with all the weight on his shoulders — he was so frail and yet so strong. We are in good hands with this wonderful man. God keep him safe and strong.”



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CATHOLIC ABCs

Krista Wood

Penance, Confession, Reconciliation! Call it what you will, the Sacrament that Christ gave us to help reconcile ourselves with Him and His Church is a hot topic of discussion for both young people and adults. I couldn't count the number of times I have been asked, "Why do I have to go to confession and tell a priest my sins? Can't I just tell God on my own? Besides, doesn't God already know everything I did?" I'll admit these are the very same questions I struggled with in elementary school, as my classmates and I made our way over to the church to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

When I answer those questions for my students, 15 years later, I begin by sharing how my Gr.3 teacher began her answer: "Of course God already knows everything you did! And so do your parents and I!" At the time the thought of God, my parents, and my teacher knowing everything I did wrong terrified me. How could they possibly know all of my sins? The answer: love! They all knew when I did something wrong because they loved me. They were watching me all the time, trying to keep me safe, trying to keep me from making mistakes, and trying to keep me from sin. God doesn't know all our sins because He is watching and waiting for us to make mistakes; He knows them because He loves us! And it is our love for God that should have us running towards the confessional every chance we get.

When we go to receive the Sacrament of Penance we are showing God in a tangible way, that we are truly sorry for our sins. By getting up, walking into the confessional, and confessing our sins we are taking ownership for the mistakes we have made in a way that is far greater than simply saying the words, "I am sorry!"

When it comes to answering why we have to confess our sins to a priest,

I Confess!

we simply need to open our Bibles and read Jesus' answer when He said to the Apostles, "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20: 19-23). Jesus gave the Apostles, and in turn our priests, the authority to forgive our sins in His name. When we sit down and tell our sins to the priest, we are actually confessing our sins to Christ himself. Jesus called the apostles and our priests to serve in this way in order to help others through the process of reconciliation with God.

When we go to the doctor's office we tell our doctor what is ailing us, and he or she in turn helps us to understand our condition. This helps us to see where we need to make changes in our lives so that we can be healthy. A prescription for medication may also aid us on our road to recovery. In the Sacrament of Penance, the priest acts in much the same way. He listens as we confess our sins, help us to understand why we may be tempted to do such things and how to avoid future temptation. He will also give us a penance, which is something to show God how truly sorry we are for our sins and how we are willing to work towards reconciling our relationship with Him.

One of the greatest fears I hear from my students when talking about confession is their worry that the priest might tell someone else their sins. The Church is very clear on this matter, what is said in the Sacrament of Penance is bound by secrecy. The priest is not allowed, under any circumstance, to discuss with anyone what is said within the sacrament. We also need not worry about what the priest may think of us because of a particular sin. God knows we are not perfect – that's why Christ gave us this sacrament – and so does the priest. In fact, priests are sinners like us, and they too are called to reconcile themselves with God through the sacrament of penance.

So, now that we've cleared up all of the confusion about this incredible sacrament, get yourself to a confessional and as one of my students put it, "get right with God!"

Here's how:

- 1) Examine your conscience. There are numerous guides available in print and online to aid in this process. Ask your parish priest to recommend a good one!
- 2) Begin by making the sign of the cross and saying: "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (how long?) since my last confession."
- 3) Confess your sins.
- 4) Conclude by saying: "For these and all my sins, I am sorry."
- 5) The priest may offer you some advice and will assign you your penance.
- 6) He will then ask you to pray an *Act of Contrition*.

Example:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

- 7) The priest will then grant you *Absolution* to which you respond: "Amen."
- 8) The priest may say: "Give thanks to Lord, for He is Good." Respond: "His mercy endures forever!"
- 9) The priest will then say: "Go in peace."
- 10) After confession, pray or perform your penance as soon as possible. ✠

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80th Anniversary

CWL of St. John's Parish, Kirkfield, and Missions

Sunday July 21, 2013.

In July 1933, the CWL Charter (#683) was granted and Council began in the Victoria Road Parish. The members of the original CWL executive included:

- Spiritual Advisor – Father V. Gilloghy
- President – Mrs. Ethel MacDonald
- 1st Vice President – Mrs. Wilfred Coad
- 2nd Vice President – Mrs. P. McNamee
- 3rd Vice President – Miss Mabel McNamee
- Recording Secretary – Miss Rose Lessard
- Corresponding Secretary – Mrs. J. Lunan
- Treasurer – Miss Edna Finn

This executive built a strong foundation which has permitted the Council to thrive and contribute to the parish for 80 years. Today the St. John's & Missions Council includes the women of St. Johns, Kirkfield, Our Lady Help of Christians, Victoria Rd., St. Anthony's, Woodville, and St. Margaret Mary, Coboconk.



This celebration was a definite milestone for the CWL. The celebration began with Mass at 10 a.m. at St. John's Church in Kirkfield, celebrated by Bishop De Angelis, Fr. Emmanuel Okpataku and Deacon Sean Gallagher. Peterborough Diocesan CWL president, Margaret Van Meeuwen presented an 80th Anniversary plaque to the CWL president, Ferrol O'Reilly. Five CWL members were recognized with service pins. The longest serving members include Frances Montague-Shaw (60 yrs.) and Sally Patterson (50 yrs.). The League history was unfolded on a display board with various history books open to all for viewing.

Festivities continued as all joined in a parish picnic and also enjoyed some musical entertainment.

May our patroness, our Lady of Good Counsel keep us and guard us for many more years of service to God and Canada.



← History Board Display at 80th Anniversary.



Presentation of Anniversary Plaque and Service Pins. Margaret Van Meeuwen (Diocesan President), Ferrol O'Reilly (President), Marie Squires (Treasurer), Sally Patterson (50 yr. member), Mary Moses (10 yr. member), Fr. Emmanuel Okpataku (Spiritual Advisor), Bishop De Angelis.



CWL Members celebrating the 80th Anniversary. Front Row: Bonnie Bayes, Wilhelmina Willemse, Jean Battah, Ann Gallagher, Ferrol O'Reilly, Joan Atherford. Back Row: Marie Squires, Gail Jordan, Loraine McRae, Sally Patterson, Claudette Watters, Katie Probst, Nancy Dachs, Mary Moses, Betty McDonald.



REFLECTIONS

Donald Graham

The New Evangelization

Part I: Clarification and Context

As *The Year of Faith* draws to a close, the task of the New Evangelization beckons. So, I have decided to devote my autumn, winter and spring articles to explaining and exploring aspects of this timely topic. To wade gently into the waters, we might profitably consider this task in light of Jesus' words from the Gospel this month.

Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost'. (Lk 15: 3-5).¹

In the OT, the image of the shepherd speaks of the Lord's providential care for his people (*Ps* 23; *Is* 40:11), reveals the heart of the Messiah (*Mic* 5:4; *Zech* 13:7), and refers to the kingly Messiah who will personally dwell among and tend the flock of Israel (*Ezk* 34:1-24). In the NT, Jesus identifies himself as this messianic "Good Shepherd" (*Jn* 10:10) and, in a poignant post-resurrection scene, makes Simon Bar-Jonah, chief shepherd of the flock (*Jn* 21: 15-19). Finally, in the partially recounted parable of the Lost Sheep above, Jesus justifies his table fellowship with sinners by recourse to his pastoral obligation to bring home the stray. Can those who follow him be expected to do less?

Inspired by the words of our Good Shepherd, let us clarify the definition of

"the New Evangelization" and briefly provide some historical context within which to understand its meaning.

What does the term mean? At its core, the New Evangelization *is the mission* of all the baptized, and not merely clerics, *to re-propose the Gospel* in a winsome manner to the lapsed, disinterested, disaffected, uninformed, under-informed and misinformed who are experiencing a 'clouding' or 'crisis' of faith in secularized societies. Now the New Evangelization does not entail the preaching of another Gospel;² rather, the term means the faithful re-proposal of that 'Gospel' who is 'Jesus Christ' in a manner specifically designed to reach the hearts and minds of our contemporaries.

The term, 'new evangelization' formally entered papal teaching in the 1975 Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Paul VI (1963-78), *Evangelization in the Modern World*. However, current ideas about the need for and the meaning and implementation of the New Evangelization have much in common with the thought of Monsignor Luigi Guissani (1922-2005), founder of the ecclesial movement, *Communion and Liberation*. Guissani presently responded to the rapid de-Christianization of an increasingly secular post-World War II west by emphasizing and intertwining community, culture and catechesis in a vibrant, embodiment of the orthodox Faith which has touched minds and converted hearts. Seeds of the New Evangelization are also evident in Blessed Pope John XXIII's (1959-62) opening address to the Fathers of Vatican II (11 Oct. 1962) in which he underscores the indispensability of announcing Christ, of guarding and transmitting the deposit of faith, and the requirement of doing so in a winsome manner.



The great problem confronting the world after almost two thousand years remains unchanged. Christ is ever resplendent as the center of history and of life. Men are either with Him and His Church . . . Or else they are without Him, or against Him, and deliberately opposed to His Church . . . The greatest concern of the Ecumenical Council is this: that the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine should be guarded and taught more efficaciously. That doctrine embraces the whole of man . . . The substance of the ancient doctrine of the deposit of faith is one thing, and **the way in which it is presented is another**. And it is the latter that must be taken into great consideration with patience . . .³

Magisterial emphasis upon conceiving the Church not just as having a mission, but of somehow being 'mission', erupted during the pontificate of Blessed Pope John

¹ Part of the Gospel for 15 September 2013, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

² Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (*Heb* 13:8).

³ See <http://web.archive.org/web/20070808180613/http://www.rc.net/rcchurch/vatican2/j23open.txt>; accessed 29 July 2013; emphasis added.

Paul II (1978-2005). In his unrivalled worldwide preaching of the Good News, John Paul the Great, like a modern day St. Paul, unceasingly announced that Christ stood at the centre of human history, and each human life. In his Apostolic Letter, *At the Beginning of the Third Millennium* at the close of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, he challenged the People of God to contemplate “the face of her bridegroom and Lord” (N. 1) and then bring him to the world. He underscored that evangelization was to be understood as the mode of Christian existence itself.

“I am with you always, to the close of the age” (*Mt 28:20*). This assurance, dear brothers and sisters, has accompanied the Church for two thousand years, and has now been renewed in our hearts by the celebration of the Jubilee. From it we must gain *new impetus in Christian living*, making it the force which inspires our journey of faith. Conscious of the Risen Lord’s presence among us, we ask ourselves today the same question put to Peter in Jerusalem immediately after his Pentecost speech: “What must we do?” (*Acts 2:37*) . . . No, we shall not be saved by a formula but by a Person, and the assurance which he gives us: *I am with you!* . . . It is not therefore a matter of inventing a “new programme”. The programme already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition, it is the same as ever. Ultimately, it has its centre in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated, so that in him we may live the life of the Trinity, and with him transform history until its fulfilment in the heavenly Jerusalem. This is a programme which does not change with shifts of times and cultures, even though it takes account of time and culture for the sake of true dialogue and effective communication. This programme for all times is our programme for the Third Millennium . . . But it must be translated into *pastoral initiatives adapted to the circumstances of each community*. . . With its universal and indispensable provisions, the programme of the Gospel must continue to take root, as it has always done, in the life of the Church everywhere. It is *in the local churches* that the specific features of a detailed pastoral plan can be identified — goals and methods, formation and enrichment of the people involved, the search for the necessary resources — which will enable the proclamation of Christ to reach people, mould communities, and have a deep and incisive influence in bringing Gospel values to bear in society and culture.⁴

4. See Pope John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, parag. 29, 2001 at <http://www.ewtn.com/library/papaldoc/jp2mil3.htm>; accessed 30 July 2013.

Most recently, Pope Benedict XVI (2005-13) founded *The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization* (2010), and closely linked renewal of faith, personal appropriation of the teachings of Vatican II, and use of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in education and catechesis to the New Evangelization in his Apostolic Letter announcing The Year of Faith: *The Door of Faith* (2011).

Newly elected Pope Francis has consciously chosen the name of the Italian saint of Assisi. By his fidelity to the Gospel, St. Francis (1181-1226) instigated a tidal wave of evangelization across medieval Europe as people eagerly responded to his Christ-centredness, obedience to the Church, humility, sense of his need for salvation, love of the poor, and joy in the goodness of God’s creation. In his short time in office, our Holy Father has not only embraced his predecessors’ promotion of the New Evangelization but, like St. Francis, he has called the Church to focus outwardly, to purify herself, to walk humbly and to become a Church of the poor who faithfully proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ✠

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Knights of Columbus sponsor Defibrillator Training

On the evening of April 24th, 2013, K of C Council 14032, Assumption - Keene, organized a session for parishioners to receive training on an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit, purchased a few years ago. Twenty-one men and women from the Otonabee-Keene parish (mostly Knights and CWL members), spent a couple hours with St. John’s Ambulance Instructor, Rev. Deacon Paul Dunford, at the Parish Hall to

review CPR training and to see how the AED unit works. Everyone left feeling a lot more comfortable with knowing what to do in the case of possible heart attack emergencies. Some day the training that these parishioners received may save the life of another.

Pictured here is the instructor, Sir Knight Rev. Mr. Paul Dunford (left) with Sir Knights, Bob O’Brien and Chaplain Fr. Joseph Devereaux.



PARISH:
Downeyville

August 4th, 2013 Cemetery Sunday

by Marguerite O'Connell

As part of this year's Jamboree weekend (held on the August Civic Holiday in Downeyville) a special celebration of Mass was held in the Pioneer Cemetery to pay respect to those early settlers, our ancestors, buried here.

During the 1825 Peter Robinson Emigration from Ireland to Upper Canada, the majority of the 142 families who settled in Emily Township were Roman Catholic. A Father J. Crowley, or his associate Father Ahearn, would travel from Peterborough to celebrate Mass in various family cabins throughout the northern Newcastle District and on departure would tell the faithful when and where the next Mass would be held. Baptisms and marriages would be performed during these visits or whenever the settlers could travel to Peterborough.

However, deaths and subsequent burials needed more immediate attention. It is reported in the Peter Robinson papers that 31 immigrants died in 1826. Their undernourished condition in Ireland,

journey by ship across the Atlantic and the long delay before getting to their assigned lands, followed by a strenuous winter in primitive shanties, had taken its toll.

It is not known how this particular plot of land was chosen to become a cemetery. The earliest headstone found in the cemetery was that of William Flynn, which is dated 1826. One history book says that in 1827 Father Crowley was granted lots in

four different townships, including this particular one near Downie's Cross (currently Downeyville). However, it wasn't until 1830 that the deed for 100 acres was transferred from the Canada Company to Father Crowley for the sum of £25.

In 1837, Father J. Crowley retired to Rochester, New York and deeded the 100 acres to Father O'Reilly of the same city. Although never a resident of Downeyville, Father O'Reilly was said to have maintained ownership for 19 years. In 1856, he sold the land to the Roman

Catholic Diocese of Kingston for £5 and the burial ground was surveyed and severed from the rest of the property at this time.

In 1842, Father Hugh Fitzpatrick had a log church built on the lot and named 'St. Luke the Evangelist'. The altar used in this year's service is the original altar from this church and was graciously provided by the Piggott family who now own it.



Msgr. Michael Heffernan, George Piggott and Msgr. Molitus Polito standing behind the original altar



Dan Lucas with the new cross and the cairn of broken and misplaced stones.

By the 1850s, it became apparent that the little log church could no longer service the rapidly growing Catholic population and after some dissension among the parishioners, the new St. Luke's Church was built in 1857-8 in the village just west of the four corners and 'fornenst' (an old Irish word meaning 'in front of' or 'facing') the hill. It was a building of frame construction large enough to accommodate 250 people.

The cemetery continued to be used for the next 50 years. The last known burial is believed to be that of Morgan O'Neill in 1903. In 1907, it was decided that this 'old' cemetery should not be used for future burials and the 'new' cemetery east of the village was opened.

Unfortunately the original cemetery became badly neglected but, beginning in 1925, members of the parish took it upon themselves to refresh the site of their ancestors' place of rest. Around this time, several logs were found from the little log church confirming its site to a new generation.

Over the years, many hours of labour went into new fencing, removal of brush, the leveling of ground and planting of trees. Broken and displaced headstones were cemented into a large cairn at the front of the lot; other stones were gathered and placed in a protective ring of trees. A new 'Pioneer Cemetery' sign was erected and the Knights of Columbus have, in recent years, provided funding to maintain the grounds.



On this brisk August morning and in this serene outdoor setting, Mass was concelebrated by our pastor Msgr. Michael Heffernan and Msgr. Moltus Polito (Toronto, retired). Our combined choirs provided the music and our Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and lectors ably performed their duties; the 4th Degree Knights provided an honour guard. Following Mass, the head of our Cemetery Board, Mary Jane Connell, thanked all those who had worked so hard to update this cemetery. Particular thanks went to Tom Lucas who first suggested a memorial in honour of those brave Irish settlers and to Dan Lucas for his many years of dedication to the maintenance of the grounds. Msgr. Heffernan then proceeded to bless the new monument.

The following verse appears on the new memorial plaque and was quoted from 'Building Their Homes' in *The Heart of Emily*, a book of poetry written by Mary Milloy Harrington.

*'With grateful hearts may we salute them
Pioneers of that distant age,
They have left to us who followed
A rich and priceless heritage.'*

Following the Mass and dedication ceremony, members of the parish were also able to pay their respects to loved ones in the current cemetery and were invited to a free will offering breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Hall prepared by our youth group, 'The God Squad'.

The above historical information is taken from *Lilies and Shamrocks* by Howard Pammett, *The Heart of Emily* by Mary Milloy Harrington, *Some Facts from St. Luke's Past* by Simon Connell and *St. Luke's Parish in the Last Three Centuries 1825-2010* by Ron Crowley. ✠




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PARISH:
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Youth Trip, 2013 Washington and New York



Photo taken before the Duffy Monument in Duffy Square, in the northern triangle of Times Square, NY.

Fr. Duffy was an influential professor at New York's St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers and a pioneer in American thought on religious liberty, with some of his ideas echoing in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. His distinguished military service during World War I earned him the honour of being the most decorated cleric in the history of the United States Army.

— Editor.

On the afternoon of May 30th, twelve of St. Michael's youth, accompanied by seven adults, embarked on a four-day excursion to Washington D.C. and New York City.

Their time in Washington was highlighted by attendance at the ordination of three priests by Cardinal McCarrick at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Time was also made to visit the National Gallery of Art and the museums of Natural History and Air and Space at the Smithsonian Institute. The following day the group found themselves on Staten Island enjoying a magnificent view of The Big Apple and surrounding area. The evening was spent in Times Square having supper and enjoying the sights and sounds.

One sight, in particular, brought us close to home: a statue of Father Francis Duffy. He was from Cobourg and our local council of Knights of Columbus bears his name.

Ice cream, shopping and more walking completed our night. The next morning we loaded the vans and reluctantly made our way home from a trip that was too short.

These four days were filled with wonderful experiences for the youth and their chaperones. Attending an ordination, having contact with religious individuals, plus Mass and prayers every day, are faith experiences they will remember forever; not to mention the cultural exposure and the trials and joys of being part of a group away from country and family.

All of this would not have been possible without the support of our parish community. We can never do enough for our youth. They are our future.

— Fr. Andrew Ayala, IVE, Pastor
& Jim Blainey

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