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CATHEDRAL BASILICA

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR



In October of 2013 a period of planning was initiated to consider the future of St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica Parish. Many parishioners responded to the invitation to reflect and comment on the present state of our parish life in the areas of liturgy, pastoral goals, finances, operations and opportunities to engage people in need both inside and outside our parish. I continue to be grateful for all the comments and suggestions received. As a result an extensive pastoral plan was put in place to be facilitated over the next few years by our parish pastoral council and pastoral team. You have heard about this process over many weeks through the bulletin and homilies.

The pastoral plan is a living document that will be reviewed quarterly to see how we are doing – to name our successes and to recognize where we need to make adjustments. It will take all of us to do this. As the plan is gradually and patiently unfolded my wish is that we will give regular consideration as to how we might contribute and participate in different ways so we are all engaged in some way moving our parish into the future with a well-grounded sense of hope.

About the same time as we were discussing our pastoral plan, the Diocese of London launched the work of a task force to consider the future of pastoral ministry in our diocese. On the weekend of June 13/14 all parishioners received the first of many communiques from the task force concerning our future. If you did not receive one please contact the office at 519.432.3475 or email me at jmockler@dol.ca and one will be provided for your information.

There will be fundamental changes in how parishes are organized. A family of parishes (4 or 5) will work with one another in new ways, to share resources and create a new vision of what it means to move from "maintenance to mission." Ongoing formation of clergy and laity will allow us to enter into this new reality. Many options will be studied based on current, factual, financial and ministry information. Each parish and deanery will be consulted through community forums and various other means as they become necessary. We will continue to welcome international clergy, relying on their gifts and talents and we will prepare for the introduction of Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours, a liturgical ritual already used in parts of Canada when no priest is available to celebrate Mass. Our local Church will be one of service, one that looks outward and serves the faithful. We will carry out our mission in the most effective way possible. It will be a time of hope as we look at doing things in a different way while keeping the future in sight - a future that will be shaped as the result of calling forth the gifts of all baptized people, both lay and ordained.

Praying for the guidance of God's Spirit each step of the way will make sure that occurs. If we do that while resting on the solid foundations of the past and opening ourselves to new and creative possibilities I'm confident that what St. Paul wrote in a letter to his friends in Philippi, in the midst of a time for them of eager expectation and hope, will be able to be said of us:

"Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Jesus, so that, whether I come and see you, or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel."

YOUNG ADULTS 4 CHRIST

Another school year has come and gone. St. Peter's Young Adults 4 Christ have had quite a year! We said goodbye to Fr. Steny, who had helped form and lead us in our initial couple of years, as he was transferred to Vancouver. We said hello to Fr. Alfredo who is new to the Carmelite order, but has come from two decades of serving as a diocesan priest in Calgary. He has been very helpful in continuing to lead us. He has taught us a lot about how to pray and how to live out our lives for the Holy Spirit.

A couple of months ago, we volunteered to assist with the Good Friday lunch at the Cathedral. Several of us helped to set up, serve, and clean up after the lunch. It was great to help Mrs. Hughes and the St. Peter's Community Outreach Ministry who run this event. We hope to offer such help more often in the future.

In the fine spring weather we have been practising for an upcoming soccer tournament to be held later in the summer. We have been working as a team to get to know each other and improve our skills. We are excited about the tournament and hope that we are able to play together as a strong team and grow some great friendships.

We are continuing in our Sunday Gatherings on the first

and third Sundays of the month, and maintain our weekly Eucharistic Adoration in the Marian Chapel on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We invite you to come and pray with us. The month of August will be a break month for us, but we look forward to meeting any young adults who come out to learn about and grow in their Faith, and to meet other young Catholics for the rest of the summertime. We hope to see you! For more information, please email us at ya4cstpeters@gmail.com, or contact Father Alfredo at the Parish Office.

John Jardine



Some members of Young Adults 4 Christ after weekly Adoration in the Lady Chapel.



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We Remember...

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Francis William Dalglish
Nov. 5, 1925 - Apr. 11, 2015

Anna Maria Kammel
Aug. 26, 1926 - May 10, 2015

John Francis Teerkott
Jan. 16, 1941 - May 12, 2015

Anna Suja
April 8, 1928 - May 14, 2015



*For that which is, already has
been; that which is to be, already
is; and God seeks out that which
has gone by.*
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 15

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REFLECTIONS OF YEAR ONE OF WHY CATHOLIC?

In September 2014, St. Peter's Cathedral began the program, Why Catholic? Journey Through the Catechism. Year One focused on sessions discussing and reflecting on how we nurture our prayer life and our relationship with God. The first year of Why Catholic? saw 100 of your fellow parishioners participate in faith sharing groups, both here at the parish and in parishioners homes. For two six week sessions (Fall and Lent), groups gathered together to discuss themes related to prayer, and to explore ways to make prayer a more dynamic part of our daily lives.



Reflecting on their experiences, participants from Year One: How We Pray, shared how the program impacted their prayer and personal lives, and their relationship with God. One participant commented that, "the different viewpoints and life experiences shared by the group members spoke clearly of the way God speaks to each of us in our own circumstances, unique to others." Others experienced a reconnection to God, a recommitment to their faith and to prayer, or an openness to exploring different forms of prayer, including contemplative prayer and a deeper examination of the Our Father.

Whether new to the parish or a long time parishioner, whether new to the faith or a cradle Catholic, many participants have recounted how Why Catholic? has provided them with new opportunities to connect with fellow parishioners, and to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and the role of prayer in their lives.

Year Two of Why Catholic? will be starting again in the fall. Beginning the week of October 19th, groups will meet to examine What we Believe: Our Profession of Faith. Keep an eye out for "sign up Sunday," which will take place during the last two weekends of September, and consider joining us as we continue our journey.

Jaye Bowers

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Are you doing your spring cleaning, moving or downsizing?
Are you dreading the labour involved in a garage sale?
Avoid all of this work and help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help the poor...donate your items to

BUNDLE SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 27 How can I help?

All types of clothing, shoes, hats, boots and coats as well as household items, small pieces of furniture and pots and pans would be very welcome donations.

Store your items until September. The SSVP truck will be available in the church parking lot before and after Sunday morning Masses to collect your donations.

Larger items of furniture such as tables, sofas and side chairs are always needed. Please call the SSVP Store at 519.478.7071 during office hours to arrange pick up service. Furniture items are now in high demand.

Are there other ways I can help SSVP?

The St. Vincent de Paul Store at the York Street location is currently looking for volunteers in a variety of positions. If you have a few hours to offer, consider helping as a Greeter, Appraiser, Customer Assistant, Merchandiser, Furniture Repair Worker, Donation Receiver, Sorter, Price Checker, Painter, Maintenance Worker, or in Advertizing and Marketing. Call Bonnie for further information at 519.478.7071. Your talents and time will be most welcome!

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8.30, 10.30am
12.30pm & 7.30pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12.05pm
Tuesday & Thursday 7.30am

BAPTISMS
One Sunday a Month
2pm

MARRIAGES
Arrangements to be made
one year in advance.

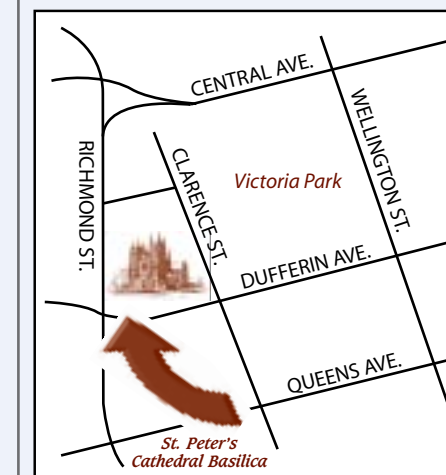
**SACRAMENT
OF RECONCILIATION**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11 - 11.30am
Saturday
4.30 - 5.30pm

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The Lady Chapel

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BISHOP FABBRO CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF PRIESTLY LIFE

On May 3rd, thirty-five years to the day after his ordination to the priesthood, Bishop Fabbro celebrated a special Mass at the Cathedral. It honoured couples from across the Diocese who were celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Before their renewal of vows, he spoke of the centrality of the call to the married state in the life of the Church. He said that marriage and family life taught these couples what it was to be a disciple of Jesus, and that the Church values and bears witness to their continuing love and fidelity.

In the weeks leading up to this special Mass, Bishop Fabbro had celebrated at St. Peter's the ordinations of Bishop Dabrowski and of four new parish priests for the Diocese of London. Against this inspiring backdrop, I recently met with Bishop Fabbro and invited him to reflect on his own priestly and episcopal vocation, for the readers of *Cathedral Connections*.

St. Peter's has had close ties with many religious orders in the diocese, and so I asked Bishop Fabbro what had attracted him to the Congregation of St. Basil. He told me that he had come to know and admire the Basilian fathers through their teaching at St. Charles College, the high school he attended in Sudbury. The Basilians forged close ties with both Catholic families and the broader community, encouraged their students to be well-rounded, and saw gifts in the shy Ronald Peter which they nurtured at school. Through their example, he was drawn to teaching, and was engaged to teach mathematics and religion at the Basilian's St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, before entering the Order himself. Because of this formative influence, education has been an important part of both his life as a priest and his episcopate in the Diocese of London.

Bishop Fabbro noted how blessed the Diocese of London is to have within its territory three Catholic universities - King's University College, Brescia University College, and Assumption University - as well as St. Peter's Seminary. No other diocese in Canada is endowed with such a wealth of Catholic educational institutions, which together provide undergraduate and graduate programs, theological and pastoral training for priests, permanent deacons, and pastoral ministers, as well as continuing lay formation. He recalled how, during his time as rector, Bishop Bill McGrattan had established the St. Peter's Seminary Foundation, which has mobilized considerable financial and community support.

The recent announcement that the Diocese of Hamilton has pledged \$2,000,000 in support of the Seminary over the next four years has given Bishop Fabbro great joy. This is a great vote of confidence in the Seminary's long record of educating and preparing men for the priesthood. Recalling Bishop Fallon's goal of establishing a seminary where the model would be one of diocesan priests educating priests for parish life, Bishop Fabbro noted that St. Peter's Seminary has a strong reputation for preparing candidates for ordination who have a firm foundation in pastoral skills, as well as the requisite theological and scriptural knowledge. Bishop Fallon was a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and his vision for the Seminary included the goal of training priests for missionary work. Today's clergy, Bishop Fabbro observed, are missionaries less to the third world and more to our local poor and dispossessed and to those who have wandered from the Church, or who have had no experience of the faith. In its philosophy of education, St. Peter's Seminary has stayed true to the pastoral vision of its founder.

The Cathedral is the Bishop's home parish, and he tries to be here with us one Sunday each month. He also visits one or two other parishes in the diocese each month, celebrating Mass and meeting with the Pastor, Finance Committee, and Pastoral Council. These encounters enable him to listen to the concerns of his people, and to better discern how the diocesan office family can assist their efforts. Planning and restructuring have been important aspects of recent parish and diocesan life, so I asked Bishop Fabbro to reflect on what has been achieved.

He explained that his appointment as Bishop had come



Michael and Maria Milde and the bishop after the Mass celebrating marriages.

from John Paul II in 2002, and that one of the major actions of that Pope, taken the previous year, had been to issue the document *Tertio Millennio Ineunte* - As We Enter the Third Millennium - in which he called each diocese in the Church to develop a pastoral plan. Bishop Fabbro remembers this as a very strategic action; it directed the Church into the new millennium by following the evangelical mandate that Jesus had given the apostles. Particularly in North America, society often denies God and the human need for faith, so we must be ready to explain why belief is important. To be able to accomplish this mission, it is important to organize dioceses and parishes so that our pastoral priorities and resources are aligned with our evangelical mission.

Such reorganization is often difficult, Bishop Fabbro acknowledges, because we often resist change; we are deeply attached to our parishes and no one welcomes parish closure if restructuring entails such a decision. But a future grouping of parishes into viable clusters will enable us to keep as many churches open as possible, with each parish remaining a vibrant member of the diocesan family. This will free priests to focus on what they are trained to do - providing spiritual leadership - and will involve the laity in sharing their gifts by attending to other important ministries. As Bishop Fabbro travels the Diocese of London, he has seen what an impact the ARISE and WHY CATHOLIC? programs have had on nurturing spirituality, knowledge of our faith, and participation in parish life.

One common reaction to the recognition of changing times is the desire to return to a period of perceived strength and stability. Another reaction is to mobilize our resources to achieve the renewed goals of bringing to our brothers and sisters Jesus' message of truth, justice, mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, and compassion. This is where pastoral planning and restructuring intends to lead us. Bishop Fabbro often meets international priests who tell him that their home parishes have been carrying out this realignment of goals and resources for many years! Pope John Paul II was indeed a prescient Saint.

With the ordination this spring of an Auxiliary Bishop and four priests for the diocese, and with upwards of a dozen men coming to ordination for the Permanent Diaconate in November, I asked Bishop Fabbro to reflect on the state of vocations in our Church. He said that this was a phenomenal year for us. The appointment of Bishop Dabrowski has brought great joy to the people of the diocese. Participation in lay ministry is strong, and the Permanent Diaconate has transformed the diocese in many ways. But he also stressed how the diocese has been developing new ways of encouraging vocations to the priesthood. For the past several years, he has relieved a parish priest of his pastoral duties for a time in order to concentrate instead on vocations. The week prior to the ordination of our four new parish priests provided a special time for discerning the call to the priesthood. On the morning of the ordination, men who were curious about a vocation were invited to breakfast at St. Michael's Church in London with Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski. They then attended the ceremony

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at the Cathedral and were seated in the west transept where they could see the Sacrament of Ordination unfold.

Bishop Fabbro also spoke of the positive influence on young Catholics of their participation in World Youth Day, how this has often resulted in a stronger spiritual life and greater parish engagement for them. Diocesan plans are being developed for World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, in 2016 Bishop Dabrowski will be welcoming our pilgrims there with his fellow Michaelite Fathers prior to their participation in the "Days in the Diocese."

In our conversation, Bishop Fabbro also touched on the role of St. Peter's Basilica in the life of the Diocese of London. The Cathedral is at the centre of diocesan liturgical life, he explained, and keeps us focused on who we are. He is pleased by the beautiful liturgy that the Cathedral models for the whole diocese, by the choice of music, and by the high level of congregational participation.

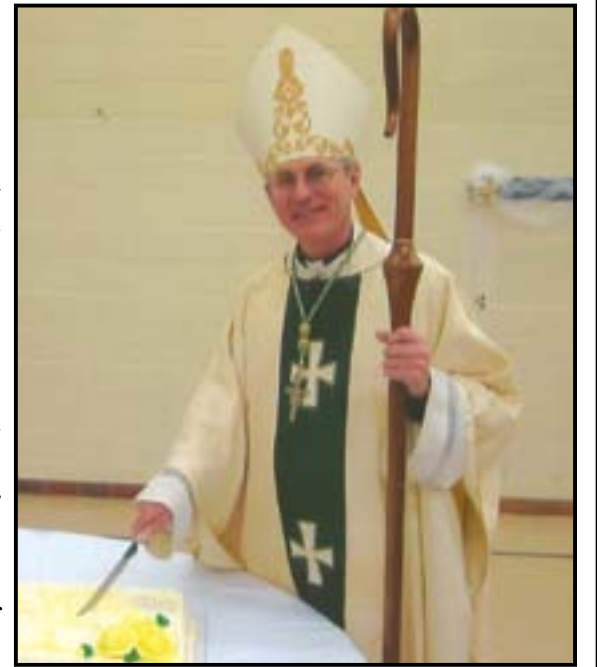
He also discussed the growing involvement of our parish in London's downtown community. He praised our collaboration with our sister Cathedral, St. Paul's, in the Daily Bread Food Bank and Fellowship Meal programs, and our representation on groups which meet to find local solutions for issues of poverty, homelessness, and human trafficking.

As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC), and as Vice-President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO), Bishop Fabbro is deeply involved in efforts by the Church to influence levels of government on issues

dealing with poverty, education, health care, refugees, human trafficking, nuclear arms, and bioethics. These groups meet frequently with MPs and MPPs to make their views known to legislators. He also represents the CCCB on the Canadian Council of Churches, the largest ecumenical body in Canada, which is a forum for Christian understanding and for action on social issues. (The websites of all of these organizations give much information about their roles, membership, and activities.)

Bishop Fabbro is kept very busy, but not so busy that he could not take an hour to talk to *Cathedral Connections* and its readers about his thirty-five years of ordained life as a priest, and his almost thirteen years as our Bishop of the Diocese of London. We thank him for all of this, and wish continued blessings upon him and his episcopate. May his motto - *Secundum Verbum Tuum Doce Me* (Teach Me According to Your Word) - continue to be his inspiration and guide.

Hilary Bates Neary



MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBOUR

If you have visited our Parish Centre recently you would have noticed new offices, new faces, and new activities. Although the students from Nancy Campbell Collegiate have moved, educational programs continue - especially in English as a second language - and our gym is still in periodic use by local sports groups. All rooms in the building are now occupied, except for those retained for parish meetings and ministry activities. Our temporary art gallery displays paintings for sale by local artists, some of them parishioners.

It is our pleasure to introduce you to one of our new neighbours. Others will follow in later editions.

The Cross Cultural Learner Centre

The Cross Cultural Learner Centre (CCLC) is a community organization that provides settlement services to support newcomers, and to promote intercultural awareness and understanding. It has operated in London since 1968, with offices currently at 505 Dundas Street. Because of its success and wide community participation, more space is required for one of the fifteen services it provides to newcomers.



Clients of the Cross Cultural Learner Centre carve their first pumpkins.

The CCLC's Community Connections Program is now operating from room 208 on the second floor of the Parish Centre. This initiative aims to create community links for newcomers to Canada. Long-time residents of our country volunteer as networking supports through shared group activities, mentoring and cultural exchange. Opportunities are provided for cross cultural interaction, language practice, and career development.

This program also provides a wide range of recreational and volunteer opportunities for newcomer youth to engage in physical activity, arts, social interaction and information sessions.

Interested in volunteering? You can participate in your own way and on your own schedule. For more information telephone (519) 432-1133 or contact mahin@lcclc.org

CCLC will be hosting a newcomer group at St. Peter's from June 19th to July 19th, Monday to Friday, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Here are Community Connection programs for the summer held at St. Peter's Parish Centre or elsewhere:

- Mondays** - Youth for Art CCLC, 3-6pm
Newcomer Women's Resilience Group CCLC, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Tuesdays** - Soccer Mentoring at Saunders Secondary School, 6-8pm
- Wednesdays** - Youth Taking Action (Youth Volunteer Opportunities) CCLC, 3-6pm
Intercultural Conversation and Writing Drop-In Centre St. Peter's, 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- Last Wednesday of the Month** - Cooking Across Cultures, Kiwanis Seniors' Community Centre, 5:00pm - 9:00pm
- Thursdays** - St. Peter's Youth Group, 3-6pm
Sewing Club CCLC, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Computer Club CCLC, 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- Every 4th Thursday of the Month** Senior's Mentoring Group, St. Peter's 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- Every 1st Thursday** - Family Mentoring Group, CCLC, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Every 3rd Thursday** - Men's Mentoring Group, CCLC, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

ONE HEART VOICE MISSION

The 95th Annual Diocesan CWL convention was held in London at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn on April 20, 21 and 22.

Hotel and convention registration began on Monday. An optional tour of Labatt's Brewery was offered. Mass and the Opening Ceremony were held at St. George Church, concelebrated by Father Matt Kucharski, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, and Fr. Jim Mockler, Episcopal Vicar of the London Deanery, and Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral. That evening, St. George's CWL hosted a Fun Night where music and dress harkened back to the 1950s.

The convention convened on Tuesday, April 21st with Morning Prayer and the Crowning of Mary. Gifts donated by Councils were distributed to My Sister's Place, Women's Community House (London), Women's Place (St. Thomas), and Women's Rural Resource Centre (Strathroy). The business session opened with greetings from Diocesan President, Marie-Theresa Lamphier. Keynote speaker, Fr. Tom Lynch, spoke on "60 Ways to Evangelize". Following lunch, Dan Moynihan, Youth Ministry Specialist for the Diocese, and creator of the Soul'd Out project, presented an enlightening lecture.

Following the afternoon session, the ladies were bused to St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica for the Re-Affirmation Mass, celebrated by Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, with concelebrants Fr. Matt Kucharski and Fr. Jim Mockler, joined in the sanctuary by CWL spiritual advisors. St. Peter's CWL members welcomed all attending and served as ushers. Liturgical music was provided by Gloria Gassi and the Cathedral Singers. St. Peter's Pastoral Minister, Cathryn Hall, was cantor: she had also advised on convention liturgies. Following Mass, a banquet was held at the Best Western.

Wednesday morning, Barbara Dowding, President of the National CWL, spoke on the theme "One Heart, One Voice, One Mission." Keynote speaker for the day was Ellis Katsof, Chief Executive Officer of Pathstone Mental Health, a non-profit agency providing mental health services to children in the Niagara region. Before lunch, President Betty Colaneri brought greetings from the CWL Provincial Executive. The convention closed with a Mass at the Best Western Inn celebrated by Fr. Matt Kucharski and concelebrated by Fr. Matthew George.

All who attended agreed this successful convention was both enjoyable and informative. Music, prayers and joy resonated throughout the entire three days. Our next Diocesan convention will be held in Sarnia in 2016.

Lunch for Anglican Church Women

St. Peter's CWL prepared and served a luncheon to approximately 125 Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Huron attending their annual conference at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 18th. They were pleased with the wonderful food and beautifully arranged tables and centrepieces.

Mother's Day Bake Sale

Cathedral parishioners attended our 6th Annual Bake Sale on Mother's Day featuring an array of baked goods, a draw, and complimentary coffee and tea. Mothers received a carnation as they entered.

Anniversary Reception

Bishop Fabbro celebrated his 35th anniversary of Ordination as a Priest on May 3rd with a Mass honouring couples celebrating marriage anniversaries this year. Couples observing 35 years of marriage were given a commemorative certificate. After the Mass, St. Peter's CWL served a wonderful array of refreshments - beverages, trays of cheese, crackers, fruit, vegetables, and cake for dessert. Bishop Fabbro received a special cake in celebration of his anniversary.

Bursary

Our CWL offers two \$500 bursaries to qualified high school graduates. In addition to academic achievements, students must have participated in both school and parish services. Application forms are available at the welcome desk and church office. The deadline is 15 August.

Dora Dannecker



Suzanne Clifford, Julie Sans, Cora Vazansky, Sophia Tacak



Jane Jeffrey and Frances Swindall



Fr. Jim Mockler and Cathryn Hall



Everyone loves a "rags to riches" story, and My Sisters' Place is a prime example of one. Located at 566 Dundas St. in a three-story heritage building (formerly Buchan House) near police headquarters, it provides a safe and welcoming environment to women, and invaluable support and services to respond to their practical and emotional needs and increase their self-capacity.

That is why it immediately appealed to our Outreach Ministry as the recommended recipient of this year's Holy Thursday collection, traditionally taken up for the poor. The collection amounted to \$1,829.31.

But first let me give you a little history about My Sisters' Place. It began in 2002 when a coalition of community partners, women of lived experience, donors and volunteers, identified a gap in services for women facing homelessness in our city. Women attending daytime mixed gender drop-in centres were often subjected to harassment and unsafe conditions. The alternative of staying on the streets during the day increased the risk of violence, abuse, self-neglect and isolation. Women needed a safe daytime space and community of support.

And so it was that the "rags to riches" story began with a vision of what could be. Thanks to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, initial funding was provided as well as the use of their own residence on Queens Avenue. The doors opened on Thanksgiving Day 2004 with a dinner celebration for approximately 50 women.

One year later, My Sisters Place moved to a location on King Street. It wasn't long before they outgrew that space. Then in 2009 they were gifted their current property by the late David and Noreen Bird of London. The house was in dire need of major repairs, but in 2012, thanks to a generous donation from the Butterworth family, My Sisters' Place was able to undertake the much needed renovations, and to begin operating out of their new facility.

So I was quite excited to visit My Sisters' Place several weeks ago, to meet its director, Susan Macphail, and to present her with a cheque for \$1,829.31 from our parish. She was just overjoyed when she saw the amount and wanted to thank our parishioners for their generosity.

Because My Sisters' Place does not receive funding from United Way and is solely reliant on donations and benefactors to provide the services they do, our donation was particularly appreciated. She assured me that it would go into front line services for their clients, such as food, activities and critical support services.

I had the opportunity to tour the building and be introduced to a number of the staff and clients. I was struck by how parts of the original house, such as the ornate original wooden staircase, had been retained, while in other areas, such as the kitchen and meeting rooms, it had been completely renovated and upgraded to give a bright and cheery feeling.

While I was there, the communal gathering space on the ground floor was full of women who had just had lunch and were now socializing together. I'm told that 100 to 140 women come

through My Sisters' Place every day. Now I know why.

I was particularly impressed with the wide range of services provided. They include assistance to secure and maintain housing with individual support provided to each client by two case workers. In addition, assistance is provided in managing mental health issues, substance use, and nutrition through the services of two case managers, as well as transitional support. Another important service is their Peer Support and Development program that creates a sense of community for the women through a variety of support groups and activities, and by empowering women to realize their own skills and leadership qualities in a warm, non-judgmental environment.

A Native Liaison and Outreach Worker on staff assists native women connect to their community and their roots while supporting mental wellness through a variety of programs and activities. She also provides mental health support for women in the Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre.

During my tour of the building, Susan was particularly proud to show me their recently outfitted, fully equipped clinical room where a Nurse Practitioner is available to provide primary health care. Foot care clinics and ongoing health education and screening are available regularly on site.

Susan stressed that their role is all about building community and relationships, not unlike our own role as a parish. And she was particularly proud of two things.

First is the newly installed elevator that was part of recently completed two million dollar renovations, making all floors accessible to clients. Second is the beautifully restored coach house at the rear of the property that now houses their Micro Enterprise.

The Micro Enterprise is a thriving collective that designs and sells original jewellery and teaches entrepreneurial and employment skills. Through this program, women are empowered to earn an income and develop new skills that help them achieve self-sufficiency and stability.

When I entered the coach house eight women were seated around a large table busily creating jewellery items from donated necklaces, brooches, and other items. I was amazed by what they had created which was proudly exhibited for sale in a professional illuminated display case. The second floor housed a sewing and tailoring area to assist women in developing those skills for themselves and as part of the Micro Enterprise.

I could see that the staff and clients were especially proud of their facility and what they have accomplished individually and collectively. As I left the building, I understood why. My Sisters' Place provides much needed services to women in our city to restore their dignity, hope and self-esteem. It is a testament to what can be achieved when one has a vision and the determination to make that vision a reality - a "rags to riches" story indeed!

In the next issue, look for information about "Sleeping Children Around the World", the beneficiary of our Good Friday Meal in Solidarity with the Poor.

Deacon Len Hughes



My Sisters' Place



Micro Enterprise Jewellery production

Happy 130th Anniversary

Our beloved Cathedral was dedicated on the eve of the feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul, June 28, 1885. Built by Bishop John Walsh, it has been the Mother church of the Diocese through the episcopates of ten bishops, and has seen thousands of worshipers - priests, religious, women, men and children - kneel in its pews and raise their voices in prayer and worship.

The following photographs bear witness to some of its history. They come from the files of Cathedral Connections and from the Archives of the Diocese of London.



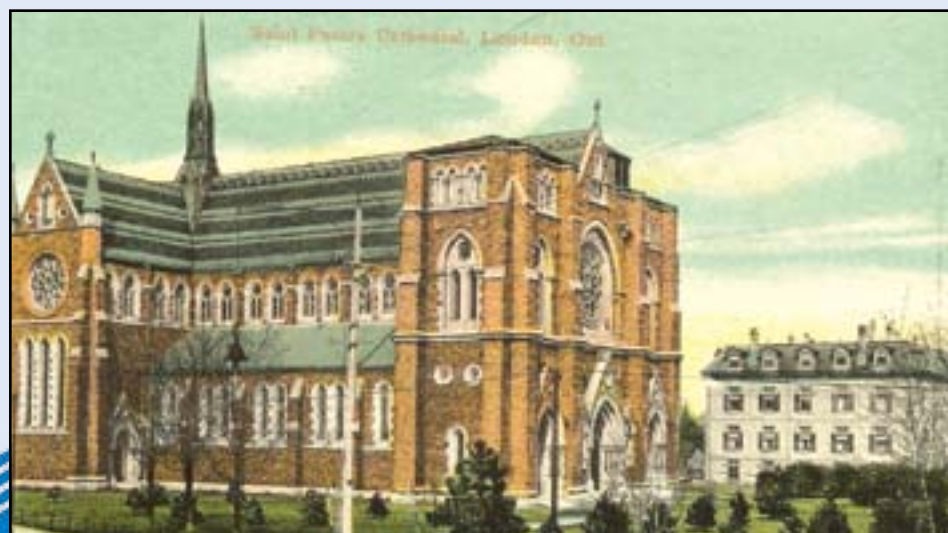
St. Lawrence the Martyr was renamed St. Peter's and became the first Cathedral of Bishop Pinsoneault in 1856. It faced Richmond Street, with the Rectory behind.

A beautiful black and white photograph of St. Peter's before the towers were completed.



John Walsh, second Bishop of the Diocese of London holding a model of St. Peter's Cathedral on his knees. The architect, Joseph Connolly, designed it with two gothic towers, but the parish could not afford to complete them. This window is at the north end of the sanctuary, behind the Bishop's throne.

Scaffolding surrounds the Cathedral façade as the towers are completed in 1958, using stone salvaged from the demolished St. Thomas post office.



This colorized post card c.1910 shows the Cathedral surrounded by many trees, with the Rectory to the east. Two years later Bishop Fallon established his Seminary in the Rectory.



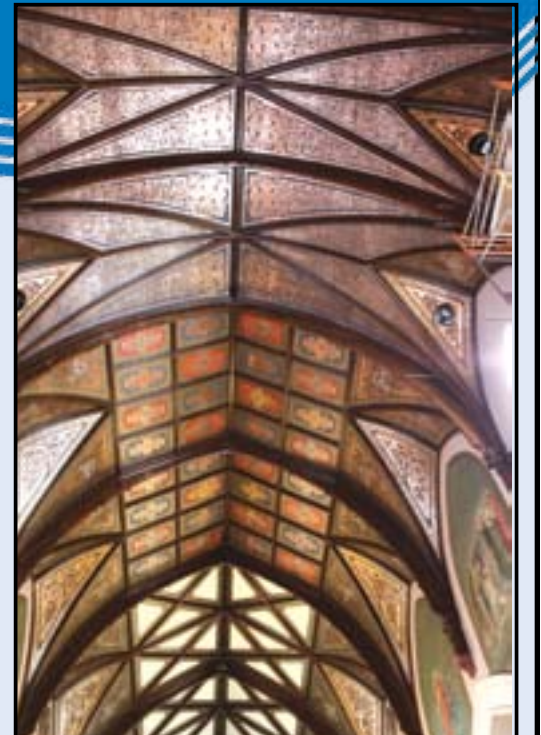
Carillons of twelve bells were installed in the towers in 1958. Each was named for an apostle. This photograph was taken during the consecration of the bells.

St. Peter's Cathedral



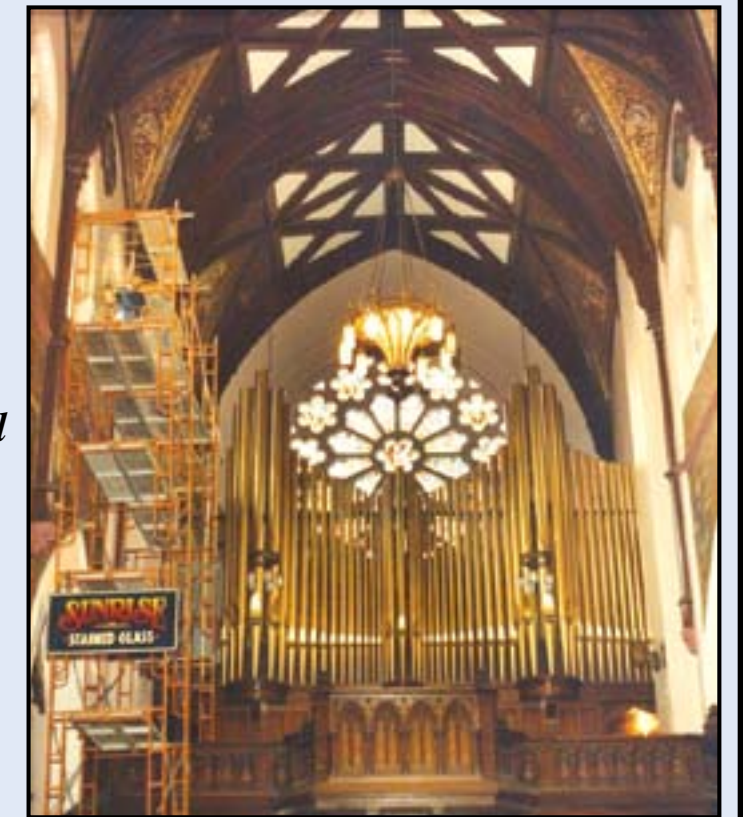
Each bell is inscribed with a verse of Scripture. This is from Romans 10:8 The message is on thy lips, it is in thy heart.

How often do you look at the Cathedral ceiling? This photograph is taken in the nave looking toward the sanctuary. Some scaffolding can be seen on the right, and also the tie rods installed during the recent restoration to help stabilize the roof.



The Lady Chapel was built in 1958. This altar piece was designed by Philip Aziz who also decorated the Sacred Heart chapel and St. Joseph Chapel.

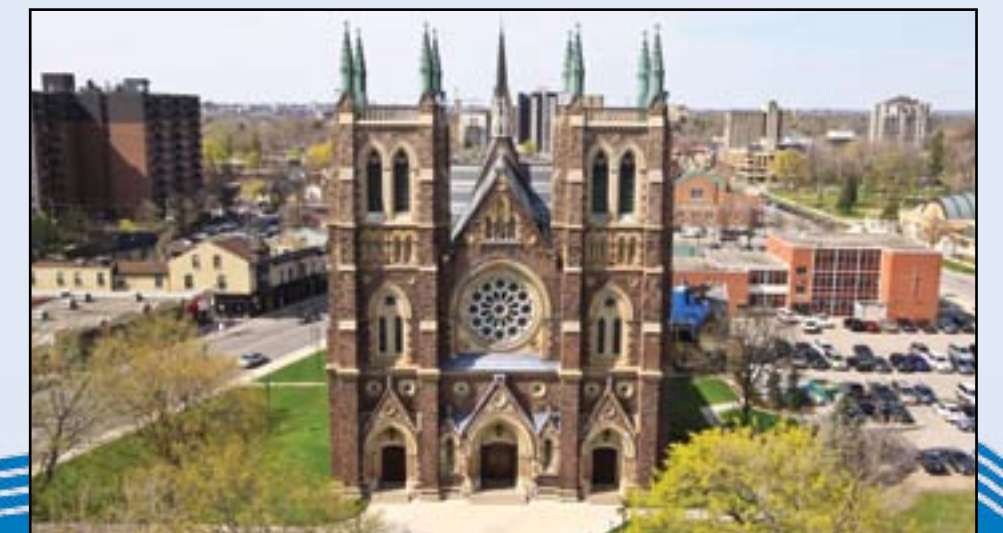
Taken during reinstallation of the stained glass windows in the clerestory, this photograph shows the organ pipes which partly conceal the south rose window.



The fleche, or spirelet, was completely rebuilt during the Cathedral restoration of 2002-2007.



The stained glass windows in the Lady Chapel were designed by local artist, Christopher Wallis.



The Cathedral, after the restoration of 2002-2007, basks in the sun of an early spring day.

NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Lighting Changes

A question and comment from one of our Maintenance Committee members prompted welcome changes to the lighting in the sanctuary. "Do you know what the most important part of an angel is?" he asked looking at the dimly lit paintings of the Angels of Easter surrounding the Bishop's throne.

"No," replied another with a quizzical look.

"The angels' wings, but you can barely make them out with the present lighting."

Assisted by a lighting specialist - fortuitously also a committee member - we converted to LED (light emitting diode) bulbs, which could be directed to larger areas. LED differs from incandescent bulbs in that their light can be focused to a designated area. As a bonus, they also have a lifespan and efficiency several times better than incandescent lamps.

Parishioners quickly noticed the difference and commented that they could now not only make out the angels' wings, but also for the first time could see the statue of St. Peter directly behind the Bishop's throne. Many commented on the redirected lighting on the altar itself. "I can now see everything the priest is doing during Mass, and have a better appreciation of his role." Meanwhile, clergy welcome the brighter lighting when reading the Missal during Mass.

Soon the Property and Maintenance Committee will be reviewing the advisability and advantages of converting Cathedral chandeliers to LED as well, and the Finance Committee will review the savings of this conversion. While these bulbs are costlier to purchase, they require 40% less hydro.

The Tale of the Trees

The past winter was particularly harsh, damaging several St. Peter's trees. Firstly, a sand cherry growing near the sidewalk from the parking lot to the east transept door had to be removed by our custodian, Trent Fieldhouse.

Secondly, one of our parishioners, with arborist experience, John Misek, noticed that a large tree on the northeast side of the church had lost many of its limbs, was leaning, and could topple in a windstorm. We gladly accepted his offer to cut it cut down and take it away.

Thirdly, the City of London advised us that it would be removing two damaged trees on civic property - on either side of the walk leading to the Cathedral's main doors. They will be replaced when the reconstruction of Dufferin Street is completed.

Then a parish family wished to plant a tree in memory of their mother, even though our policy is not to acknowledge such donations with a plaque. We considered a fir tree to replace the sand cherry, and to partner with a large fir in the same area. After consulting an arborist on soil conditions, we planted a 4-foot blue spruce.



Our new blue spruce sheltered by the proud, full-grown fir.

Some Cathedral staff members had misgivings about the size of the spruce. It was dwarfed by a 25-foot fir nearby. Did we make a mistake either with its size or location? Would the benefactors be disappointed? The response came by e-mail: "The tree is wonderful - I took



Students from CCH planting trees on the Cathedral lawn.

my Dad down last weekend and he was thrilled to see it. It's a carbon-copy of one we planted on the front lawn of our house 30 years ago as a gift to my mother!"

In early spring, staff at Catholic Central High School (CCH) noticed a tree had been removed from the Cathedral lawn. They offered to replace it from funds CCH was about to receive from ReForest London. This gesture acknowledges the long-standing, cordial association between CCH and the Cathedral, and the close working relationship between the staff of both places. The offer included students who would plant the tree while supervised by staff of CCH and Reforest London. We gladly accepted the offer.

We chose a red maple. On the first day, CCH students dug a hole and prepared the cavity with a mixture of soil and compost nuggets to provide an enriched environment for tree roots. On the second day, a 12-foot tree was carefully lowered into the hole, which was then filled with more compost. Two wooden stakes were forced into the ground and tied to the trunk to support the tree while it matures.

To accompany the red maple we decided to buy two more native Canadian species, chosen to provide robust colours in the fall. Our sacristan, Larry Lewis, who has a fond interest in trees, (see his article in *Cathedral Connections*, Fall 2014), recommended Autumn Blaze, a cross between the silver and red maples - (with leaves guaranteed to turn red in the fall), and Northern Flare Sugar Maple, which grows vigorously and will turn bright orange-red. Then Larry himself donated a Red Sugar Maple, which rounded our planting to four new trees. All are approximately 12-feet high.

At publication, two trees await removal by the city from the Cathedral lawn. We hope to influence their choice of new trees to add to our colorful fall landscape.

Mitch Lenko with files from Cathedral Connections.

PARISH VISITATION MINISTRY

"I was sick, and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36). Jesus's description of the standards by which believers will be evaluated at the last judgement makes it clear that the true test of a Christian's devotion to God is how that person cares for others. This teaching, and the doctrine of the Incarnation - which shows us that a physical gesture can convey God's love - provide the rationale for our parish outreach to those who, because of their advanced age or ill-health, can no longer join us at the Sunday Eucharist. We who are engaged in this ministry hope that the parishioners whom we visit or to whom we bring Holy Communion will see in what we do a sign of God's love for them and of the parish community's concern for their well-being. We hope that what we do will strengthen their faith and their confidence that God continues to be with them no matter what trials they currently face - and some of those are quite challenging: physical and mental decline, diminished independence, poverty, separation from family and friends.

Although our ministry started out as a way of assisting others, volunteers find that they often receive as much as they give - or even more! Volunteers speak of the friendships they have made through their ministry and of the inspiration they receive from the courage and joie de vivre of the people they have met. Sometimes we visitors find that we have much in common with those whom we visit - common friends and common interests or experiences - and the ministry rekindles old connections. Sometimes visiting nudges us to learn a new skill such as how to play chess or a card game.

Sometimes volunteers learn that those we visit have undergone great hardships - family tragedies, political upheavals, serious health issues, the loss of children and spouses, moves from one country to another - yet they manage somehow to retain their trust in God. This encourages us to keep hope alive ourselves. The reverence for the Eucharist on the part of those to whom we bring Holy Communion encourages us to appreciate that gift ourselves. And those we visit, no matter how physically isolated they are, continue to worry about and to pray for their family members. Even as we keep them in our own prayers, they often extend their prayerful concern to whatever of our own causes we choose to share with them - an exchange that reminds us of the communion of saints to which we all belong. Occasionally we find ourselves at the funeral of someone we have been visiting and often the stories told by the family reveal, even

more clearly than our individual conversations have, the witness that this dear friend has given of faith, hope and love.

At the moment, about thirty volunteers participate in our visitation program. Several bring Holy Communion and/or visit over forty residents at Extencicare and Mapleview Lodge. Monthly Masses are celebrated in each of these facilities by Fr. Alfredo. Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers also visit individuals at Mount Hope and Grand Wood Park Retirement Residence. And soon we expect to be able to visit at least some who reside at Queen's Village where Sr. Esther serves as Eucharistic Minister and to have the occasional Mass there. About a dozen parishioners who live in their own homes in various parts of London receive the Eucharist or are visited by parish volunteers. With the help of some generous CWL ladies, it has become possible for one of these parishioners to get to Mass more regularly than she would otherwise be able to do. A member of the parish pastoral team visits each of these people periodically.

This "official" ministry of visitation is supplemented by all of the informal and unofficial gestures of those parishioners who keep an eye out for elderly, ill, disabled or busy neighbours and who make meals or offer a listening ear or a helpful hand as the need arises. Their efforts are an important sign of God's love, a sign that helps people to keep the faith in the midst of adversity. As such they are sacramental gestures in a broad sense and are part of the vocation of each lay person whose task is to further the Gospel by making the world a place where the Good News of Christ can be more readily heard and accepted. Most of these personal initiatives go unnoticed except by those who benefit directly from them, but it would be difficult to underestimate their importance. Such quiet and spontaneous gestures are the hallmark of the faithful Christian and of an authentic Christian community.

We encourage you to join us, either officially or unofficially, in a ministry of outreach to anyone who would benefit from your kindness or sympathetic presence. If you are available for about an hour a week and would like to join the parish team of volunteers, please contact Fr. Alfredo at 519.432-3475, ext 224 or apereira@dol.ca. If you know of a parishioner who would benefit from this ministry, please let Fr. Alfredo know.

Susan Brown

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus have had a very busy fraternal year between July 01, 2014 and June 30, 2015. A number of events were held to provide funding to various charitable groups, the community, the Church and the Seminary.

Our latest event was a "Confirmation Breakfast" which was attended by 60 adults and children. They all enjoyed the delicious breakfast of pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit cocktail, and expressed their appreciation to our council's Knights. Members were more than willing to provide the breakfast again this year, as we have done in previous years.

We also had our own social which consisted of a round of golf followed by a BBQ at one of our member's residence. This is always a fun time and it a good way to end the fraternal year.

For more information about how you can become a Knight, contact our council's Grand Knight, Sam Circelli, at 518-657-0220 or at samcircelli@hotmail.ca



Confirmandi and their sponsors enjoyed a delicious breakfast.



These eggs look OK to me.



Wow - these are big!

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH DABROWSKI, CSMA

Fr. Joe Dabrowski, a priest of the Michaelite Fathers, who has been with its community in London since 1991, was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of London on April 14, 2015 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. The following photographs were taken at this most moving sacramental occasion by staff of the Diocesan Communications and Development Office.



Bishop Fabbro greets the parents of Bishop Dabrowski who had travelled from Poland for their son's Episcopal Ordination. Father Andrzej Kowalczyk, former Superior General of the Michaelites stands nearby.



Priests from across the Diocese of London and beyond process to their seats in the transepts.



Twenty-five bishops from across Canada and beyond attended the Ordination



Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto delivered the homily.



Bishop Fabbro invokes the Holy Spirit on Father Dabrowski by the laying on of hands.



Father Dabrowski lies prostrate in front of the altar during the Litany of the Saints.



Archbishop Collins, Bishop Fabbro, Fr. Murray Sample, and Bishop Sherlock express their pleasure at Bishop Dabrowski's Ordination.



Cardinal Dabrowski and Bishop Fabbro during the consecration.



Newly ordained Bishop Dabrowski addresses the assembly.

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Four men were ordained to the priesthood on the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, April 25, 2015. "The Church of the Diocese of London gathers around its Bishop this day giving praise and glory to God for the call of Deacon Mark Maloney, Deacon Stephen Marsh, Deacon Don Pumputis, and Deacon Danny Santos to service as presbyters in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ" were the stirring words of introduction to the order of service for this solemn event. The following photographs were kindly supplied by the Communication and Development staff of the Diocese of London.



Bishop Fabbro greets the family of Danny Santos before the ordination.



Priests process into St. Peter's Cathedral.



The candidates for ordination prostrate themselves before the altar during the Litany of the Saints.



From left to right: Fathers Joseph, O'Connor, Momney and Comiskey lay hands on Mark Maloney, Don Pumputis, Danny Santos and Stephen Marsh.



Father Patrick Fuerth robes Father Don Pumputis while Frs. Mark Maloney and Mickey Prieur look on.



Four newly ordained priests are embraced by their brother priests.



Four new priests of the Diocese of London process down the Cathedral aisle following their ordination: in front are Stephen Marsh and Danny Santos, with Don Pumputis and Mark Maloney behind.



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THE MAKING OF A READER

"...So is my word that goes forth from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish that which I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

What's in a name?

For decades, "Lector" was one of the Minor Orders administered as part of a candidate's journey to the priesthood. Then, with the liturgical reforms accompanying Vatican II, it became the lay Ministry of Lector(s). And in today's liturgical norms, it is the Ministry of Readers.

At St. Peter's Cathedral, we are blessed with 12 weekday and 35 weekend readers. We have all manner of parishioners proclaiming the Word: from tax accountants to carpenters; from secretaries to nurses; from teachers to custodians; from computer techies to news broadcasters; from bakers to doctors; from high school and university students to retirees; and the list goes on.

Their backgrounds are varied and unique, yet they all share a commitment to and a talent for proclaiming the Word at Mass. Some have sought out this ministry, and a few have received a gentle tap on the shoulder. All have heard a call to be active in the church and use their talent for proclamation.

Our readers receive training within the parish and are provided with a detailed protocol designed to ensure consistency and high standards. In addition, they are offered opportunities for ongoing improvement and understanding of their ministry through workshops and seminars provided by the diocese.

Each minister receives a lectionary identical (except in a smaller size, thankfully) to that utilized in the Cathedral, plus a pronunciation guide and information from the National Liturgical Office of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

While every reader brings his or her own style to the ministry, each proclaims the Word in the manner outlined by parish and diocesan guidelines. Although the current title for the ministry is "Readers", the members do not "read" to the congregation as one would read a story; they proclaim the Word of God and strive to make the meaning of each passage fully understood.

This requires that each reader pray/prepare, and practise and proclaim aloud the reading beforehand, ensuring mastery not only of the pronunciation of those difficult proper names but more importantly of the underlying meaning of the passage. In fact, what is heard in the Cathedral is, in a sense, the "tip of the iceberg" in terms of the actual duties and time commitment.

Preparation is key to being able to handle whatever situation may arise. Most Masses proceed as usual, but sometimes the unexpected does occur. Earlier this month, there was a downtown power failure. As it happened, we were assigned to the Mass that was offered literally by candlelight, though fortunately in the middle of the day. One reading was quite long and the other, though shorter in length, had very long sentences. We had to speak slower than usual, raise



The Lectionary rests on the ambo.

our voices and change our usual styles significantly. The response from parishioners afterwards was positive and gratifying, but we would prefer to use the sound system rather than shouting!

A long-time reader tells of her most memorable "unexpected moment" at St. Peter's: "It's an evening Mass and suddenly a bat starts swooping through the sanctuary and nave of the church. People are ducking, screaming, covering their heads. My partner was very impatient with all this, so when she got up to read she admonished the congregation to 'stop this nonsense and focus on your prayers!'"

Regardless of the day, or time or circumstances of each Mass, or the length or complexity of the biblical passage, each member of the Ministry of Readers is responding to the call to service for the benefit of the congregation. And, as you can read elsewhere on this page, each minister derives something different - and special - from involvement in our Cathedral liturgies.

"I asked to join the Ministry because I wanted to take part in Mass in a meaningful way and as a teacher, I was comfortable with public speaking so I prayed, asked for guidance and got an answer: Go for it!!! I did. .. 30 years and counting!!!"

It is a privilege for me to read the words of the Bible in a meaningful way.

I am truly grateful for this privilege!!" (RoseMarie Forbes)

"I consider the importance of everyone within the Cathedral hearing the word of God, and spend as much time as possible preparing the readings so that all might hear and understand. The greatest satisfaction I get is when someone in the parish compliments me on my reading.

As part of this ministry, it has also opened me up to the wonders of scripture and the messages in it for me, something that I might not have otherwise have experienced. " (Wilma deRond)

"I have always felt that, next to the Eucharist itself, the most significant action in the



Wilma deRond proclaiming the Word.

Blake VanBerlo proclaiming the Word.

THE MAKING OF A READER continued

Mass is the proclamation of the Word. For anyone considering this ministry, I would certainly encourage them to do so, especially young men and women in the parish community, whose example is so important for our youth. In fact, my desire to serve in this ministry over the years has been to provide example to my own children." (Ric Anderson)

"I love sacred scripture, and I love the opportunity to proclaim during the liturgy. Historically, I've had an issue about shyness and nervousness and I've had to work to overcome those jitters, control my breathing and proclaim effectively. As I walk to the ambo, I pray to God, and to the author of the scripture passage that I may proclaim well, for God's glory and for the good of the assembly." (Ron Pickersgill)

"I focus on the assembly listening and receiving every word and I know they are believing and trusting the scriptures I pro-

claim and I, too, listen and believe and trust every word.

On each occasion I am physically touched..... by the very scriptures I am proclaiming. Sometimes I feel an imaginary touch from God and sometimes I get an actual touch from one in the assembly." (Carolyn Gale)

"My greatest satisfaction is when I search my readings in my illustrated Bible, come to understand the stories and the people I'm reading about, and then try to read with feeling and understanding. I have never been reluctant to talk about God, but to get up on the podium is different story. I know I will always be nervous but it is not about me -- it about reading God's words and that's what He wants me to do." (Anonymous)

*Paul Carson & Dawn Munday,
Co-ordinators, Ministry of Readers*

THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST IN THE CHURCH TODAY

Three days after Pentecost, and a week before the 65th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Bishop Sherlock spoke to parishioners in the Cathedral Parish Rooms on how the Holy Spirit is leading us today.

He began with the *Veni Creator Spiritus*, an ancient prayer used by the Church on special occasions. The presence of the Holy Spirit permeates Scripture, and Bishop Sherlock mentioned some examples, including the Incarnation, and Mary's visit to Elizabeth when the child leapt in her womb. He spoke of the working of the Holy Spirit in Jesus, enabling him to grow in wisdom and in his understanding that he was the Son of God. This was demonstrated around the age of twelve, when the elders of the Temple were astounded at his knowledge.

Jesus went to the Jordan River to be baptized, and afterwards while he was praying the Holy Spirit came as a dove and led him into the desert where Satan tempted him. By the power of the Spirit and by his anointed humanity Jesus overcame the power of Satan.

Jesus then returned to the synagogue at Nazareth, where he read from the Prophet Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me . . . he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed." (Isaiah 61) Jesus was conscious of being filled with the Spirit as he preached. Rejoicing in this presence, he would rise early to go and pray alone, recognizing that when he was thus surrounded, his appetite for the Spirit grew.

Jesus taught that we receive the Holy Spirit through Baptism and through actions of grace by others. He told Nicodemus that he must be born through water and Spirit (John 3); he promised the Samaritan woman that he could give her "living water" (John 4); and he proclaimed, "if anyone believes in me he will never thirst" (John 6). Bishop Sherlock reminded his listeners that the gift of the Holy Spirit is one of the gifts of the glorification of Jesus through his death and resurrection, and that it is present in the Sacraments: Baptism - where we participate in the divine life of Christ, Confirmation - where we receive a deepening of that Baptismal grace and are given the responsibility of the mission of the Church, and the Eucharist - where the outpouring of the Holy Spirit transforms the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, filling us with the Holy Spirit and making us one body in Christ.

When the disciples met on the day of Pentecost, tongues of fire rested on each of them. They were filled with the breath and spirit of God and could preach in many languages: they were fulfilling the promise of Jesus.

The coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives gives us a consciousness of Jesus and knowledge that his presence is incompatible with evil. It also means that we share in the divine life of Christ and are called to spread the Gospel. Bishop Sherlock acknowledged that a tension can exist between the maintenance of our faith and the mission of evangelization: the first can involve only sus-



*Bishops Sherlock and Fabbro at the launch of the
Celebration Campaign 2002*

taining the status quo, taking no risks, doing the minimum, while the latter requires us to be dynamic.

The Church's mission of evangelization is explored in many statements of ecclesiastical authority - the documents from the Second Vatican Council, and Paul VI's Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (On Evangelization in the Modern World). St. John Paul called all within the Church to be agents of a new evangelization, to be grateful for the past, enthusiastic about the present, and confident about the future. Pope Benedict urged parishes to live the faith boldly, share it with others, and evangelize in our own cities and communities. In *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis calls the Church to undergo a missionary conversion, and encourages us to live in a permanent state of mission.

Parish restructuring in the Diocese of London will enable us to fulfill this important goal of evangelization. Bishop Sherlock encouraged us to be informed about what is happening, to work with the diocesan task force, to be the lay faithful who Pope Francis calls to be new apostles, to go out of ourselves, to be witnesses to the faith and love that cannot remain silent. He recommended a book on this subject: *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*, by Father Michael White and Tom Corcoran.

Bishop Sherlock closed by asking everyone to pray that the spirit of evangelization will grow in us and in our parishes, and that we may seize opportunities to speak of the Gospel boldly to our world.

Thank you, Bishop Sherlock, for sharing the wisdom of sixty-five years of evangelical priesthood with us. Thank you, Community Engagement Committee for organizing this standing-room only event.

Mary Cahalan and Hilary Neary

THE WEST TRANSEPT APOSTLES WINDOW

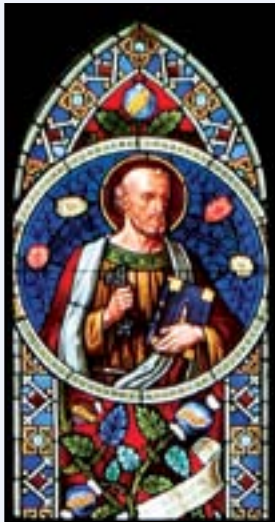
Once the construction of St. Peter's Cathedral was completed in 1885, Bishop John Walsh commissioned many stained glass windows from Fr. Pustet & Co. in New York to decorate the sanctuary area. They included three high and narrow (lancet) windows which were to be installed in the west transept and dedicated to the twelve apostles.

But while a white scroll with the words of the Apostles' Creed is intertwined among the portraits, no portrait is inscribed with any apostle's name. Instead each man holds an object which represents a special meaning for him.

Because he was the first Pope, **St. Peter** is holding two keys and a book. The keys represent his spiritual and temporal authority over the Church and the book represents the book of the Gospels.



St. John, the beloved apostle, is holding a cup. There is a legend that St. John was given a cup of poisoned wine which he blessed before drinking it. The poison emerged in the form of a snake.



St. Thomas is holding a carpenter's square and a spear. Tradition has it that he built a church in India where he preached and taught. He was alleged to have been martyred by being stoned and finally impaled with a spear.



St. Simon is supposed to have ministered east of Palestine, along with St. Jude. He is holding a double-handed saw because he is said to have been martyred by being sawn into pieces.



St. Andrew (the brother of St. Peter) is holding a small x-shaped object, which represents the shape of the cross on which he was alleged to have been crucified. He is the patron of Greece and Russia where he evangelized.



St. Philip is holding a staff with a cross at the top. The staff represents his long journey to Phrygia (modern Turkey) and the cross represents how he preached on the theme of the cross of Christ. It can



also represent how he was martyred.

St. Matthew is holding an ax to indicate that he was martyred by being beheaded, and a moneybag to indicate that he had been a tax collector before becoming an apostle.



St. Jude is holding a sealed scroll to indicate the New Testament epistle that has his name. He may have been executed in Persia with a halberd - the long-handled ax-like weapon in his other hand.



The death of **St. James the Greater** (or taller or older) is the only death of an apostle recorded in the New Testament (Acts 12: 1-2). He was beheaded but his symbol, instead of being a sword, is a pilgrim hat and staff. In medieval times, his tomb in Santiago, Spain, was the third-most popular destination for pilgrimages after Jerusalem and Rome, and is a favored choice again today.



St. Bartholomew is alleged to have preached in Armenia. He is holding a long knife which was used to flay him alive.



St. James the Less (or shorter or younger) is holding a fuller's club. After being hurled from the Temple roof, he was supposed to have been beaten to death with the thick club that was used by wool or dye makers.



St. Matthias, the apostle who replaced Judas, could have been killed in Judea or Ethiopia. He is holding a hatchet like St. Matthew but it has a longer stem so he could have been stoned first and then beheaded.



In 1889, Bishop Walsh was named archbishop of Toronto. It would not be until 1926, under Bishop Michael Francis Fallon, that any more sizeable additions would be made to the decoration of the

Cathedral.

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