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DIOCESE LAUNCHES CATHEDRAL APPEAL

by BISHOP GERARD BERGIE

The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, states: "Therefore all should hold in the greatest esteem the liturgical life of the diocese centred around the bishop, especially in his cathedral church."

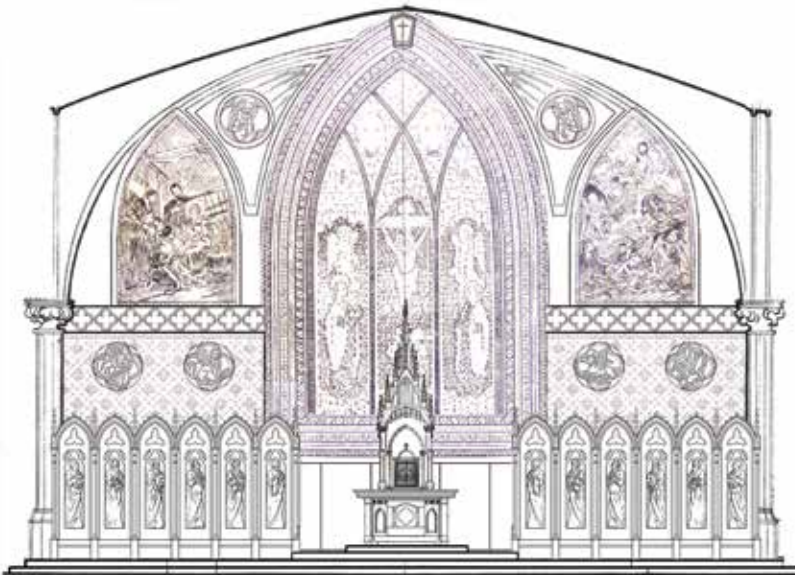
From this quote we see that the Cathedral is the most important church in the diocese because of its liturgical role. It is considered the 'Mother Church' and all members of the diocese are considered 'Her children'. This means that we all have a spiritual relationship with our cathedral.

In 2020 the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria will celebrate its 175th anniversary. In preparation for this significant event we have begun a restoration process. I ask that you consider making a donation to assist us with this project. Your contribution will help to ensure that our cathedral will be a place of beauty and worship for our entire diocese for many years to come. *see pages 2 & 8 for more on the Cathedral restoration*



Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria by George Balbar

CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY GETS NEW LOOK



Here is an artist's rendering of the renovated sanctuary. In the centre is the tabernacle tower with the backdrop of the original stained glass window. On either side of the tower are panels representing the twelve apostles. The panels are those that graced the back of the sanctuary for the last number of years.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

The Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria opened June 10, 1845. On November 25, 1958, it became the Cathedral church of the newly formed Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines. The last renovations were done in the mid to late 1980s—over 30 years ago.

As the Mother Church of the diocese, not only does it house the chair (cathedra) of the bishop, but it is also a spiritual home to all.

Each generation is the caregiver of the Cathedral for its successors and now we have the opportunity to play a small part in a story that has been going on for close to 175 years. |

Now is the time, as a diocese, as a family of believers, to restore, revitalize, renew and rejuvenate the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria.

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RESTORATION & PRESERVATION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

by **BOB FOLEY**

Many Catholics have seen the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) as one of those new fangled things that are a legacy of Vatican Council II. Before that the priest would instruct the convert for 12 sessions one-on-one and then the individual was quietly received into the Church.

In reality, as with many of the 'new' things that came out of that great council, RCIA is a recovery of an ancient rite that goes back to the very roots of our Christian faith. For the first 800 years the journey from inquiry to the sacraments of initiation was a long and arduous one sometimes taking years to complete. As Christianity spread and second and subsequent generations of Christians were baptized as infants the process fell out of use and finally was lost altogether.

Let's follow briefly the journey of a first century convert. First came a period of evangelization, what today we refer to as a time of inquiry. This was a time of no fixed duration for discernment and an introduction to the gospel.

Upon expressing a desire to follow Christ the individual was accepted into the order of catechumens. Today we bring people into this order at the Rite of Acceptance, which is held in the parish. The time spent in the catechumenate would have depended on the progress of the individual.

When he or she was ready they went through a liturgical ceremony called the Rite of Election or the Enrollment of Names. Today this rite takes place at the Cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent. The catechumens sign their names in the Book of the Elect and are called, from that time on, the elect.

The elect then went through an intense period of purification and enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil at which time they received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This is the same practice we follow today.

While RCIA is meant for the unbaptized, in our modern world the majority of those wishing to come into the Church are already baptized in another Christian denomination. The Church accepts all Trinitarian Baptisms as valid and those persons are already considered to be members of the Body of Christ. They are generally referred to as "our separated brothers and sisters" and are seeking to come into full communion with the Church. These inquirers are called candidates and, after making a profession of faith, receive two sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, Confirmation and Eucharist.

As you can see we have returned to our roots, but that is not merely an historical fact, it should also be a spiritual renewal. RCIA is a spiritual journey that calls for a radical conversion of not only the



Bob Foley

catechumens and candidates, but also the whole Catholic community.

In the midst of our increasingly materialistic and secular society it is a call to say 'YES' to God with all that it implies. RCIA calls us all to a commitment of both time and talent to help bring about God's kingdom here on earth.

It is not easy. For many it means a radical change in priorities and lifestyle. To answer God's call is to enter by the narrow gate as scripture tells us.

RCIA is a lay ministry. Catechists and sponsors are drawn from the congregation with the pastor acting as spiritual advisor.

It is imperative that we, the laity, get involved in the life of our respective parishes. Say, 'YES' to God's call. Ask your pastor about RCIA. Let us offer our God-given gifts to our parish, not like the servant with one talent, who buried it against his master's return. (*Matthew 25:14*)

Not a Catholic, but attending Sunday Mass? Do you know someone who would like to learn more about Catholicism?

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MSGR. PIZZACALLA CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Recently, Msgr. Dominic Pizzacalla celebrated 60 years of priestly ordination. Along with the late Fr. Denis Mazerolle, he was ordained May 23, 1959, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines, by the late Bishop Thomas McCarthy. This made them the first priests to be ordained for the new Diocese of St. Catharines, established November 1958.

Msgr. Pizzacalla has served as associate and/or pastor at St. Alfred, St. Catharines; Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Thorold; St. Thomas More, Niagara Falls; St. Mary, Welland; St. Joseph, Grimsby; St. Michael, Fort Erie; and St. Julia, St. Catharines.



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D & P HOLDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY AT NIAGARA COLLEGE



by FRANK FOHR & LEONE STRILEC

A successful Ontario Regional Assembly for Development & Peace was held in Welland, Ontario, May 10-12, 2019, with approximately 80 people in attendance. Members from as far away as Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie, as well as senior D & P staff from Montreal were in attendance at Niagara College, Welland Campus.

Christian Campigny, deputy director, International Programs, gave a thorough presentation on how projects and partners are chosen in order to provide the most effective development. An example was given of the work by Development & Peace partners in the Congo where the government of Canada asked for D & P's help to create a peaceful political process leading up to recent elections there. Since Development & Peace is partnered with groups working in the Congo on popular education, millions of people could be reached regarding their democratic rights.

Romain Duguay, deputy executive director, Development & Peace, spoke on a number of topics including next year's education program. The theme **Care of our Common Home** will take its inspiration from Pope Francis who will be visiting the Amazon region in autumn. Development & Peace works in a number of Amazonian countries including Brazil, Peru and Colombia, so the campaign will focus on the loss of the Amazonian forest to exploitation, much of which is illegal land-grabs from indigenous people.

A Skype link with other regional meetings in Manitoba, New Brunswick and Newfoundland was another highlight. It was especially moving when all four assemblies prayed the **Share the Journey** prayer together.

Saturday evening was spent at Notre Dame College School. Many of the delegates walked from Niagara College to Notre Dame as part of the Development & Peace program to walk

in solidarity with the 68.5 million people forced to leave their homes that must often walk to places of safety.

In addition to the workschedule there were times for prayer and socializing. Bishop Gerard Bergie presided at Mass with the faith community of St. Kevin parish on Sunday morning.

The guest speaker at Notre Dame was Fr. Jim Mulligan, associate, St. Kevin, Welland. He spoke about the history of pilgrimage at Notre Dame and Niagara Catholic District School Board. This was followed by a social event with the school's jazz band and alumni Ralph DiFazio, providing entertainment. The culinary students provided refreshments while the Notre Dame Social climate group helped set up and serve the dinner.

The 2020 Ontario Regional Assembly is scheduled to be in Toronto, Ontario.



Participants (l-r) Sylvia Skrepichuk, Prodip Stanley Gomes, Caterina Lidman, Rita Bailey, Frank Fohr, Bishop Gerard Bergie, Nancy Santamaria, Jennifer Pothier, Fr. Vijai Amirtharaj (pastor, St. Kevin) during the D & P Ontario Regional Assembly held at St. Kevin, Welland.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
(Galatians 6:2)

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DIOCESAN REFUGEE MINISTRY APPOINTS NEW COORDINATOR



Sonia Marisol Aviles



Claudia Alfaro de Palma

Sonia Marisol Aviles has been hired to succeed Claudia Alfaro de Palma as the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator. Sonia has been a dedicated volunteer in refugee ministry and also works with migrant workers throughout Niagara. Claudia, now a certified and licensed dentist, is working in a dental office in St. Catharines. She will continue to volunteer with diocesan refugee ministry. The two women are currently focused on contacting sponsors and newcomers who have arrived in the last 18 months to ensure that settlement plans for arriving refugees are in place and are being followed. They can be reached at refugeeministry@saintcd.com



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LIFE MATTERS

FOUR HUNDRED ATTEND RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER

Garnett Genuis was the speaker at the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the St. Catharines Right to Life. Elected as an MP in 2015, Genuis was an eloquent critic of the 2016 Canadian law allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide. He has also led in the fight against the government's policy of making organizations seeking student job grants attest to their support for unlimited abortion. Genuis urged the 400 supporters of life at the dinner to join in the effort to nominate and elect pro-life MPs.

Mandy Overbeeke, president, St. Catharines Right to Life, in her report, thanked the 400 present for the support that made possible a massive billboard and bus shelter campaign, bussing 50 students to the May 9-10 **March for Life** in Ottawa, as well as other efforts to defend life from conception to natural death. She spoke also of those wonderful times when we learn that "God has used our efforts to save a precious baby's life." She urged all present to continue praying for the cause of life.



John and Mandy Overbeeke at the 2019 association's dinner.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS HELD AT CATHEDRAL



On the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 2019, Bishop Gerard Bergie celebrated the annual **Respect Life Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. He spoke of the Angel Gabriel's words of reassurance to Mary who asked how she, a virgin, could conceive the Lord: "...nothing will be impossible for God." The same message, he said, should bring hope to all those defending the lives of the unborn and vulnerable against the threat of abortion and euthanasia in society, as it seems increasingly common to accept the culture of death. He reminded the more than 400 present that what seems impossible, "...our God becoming one of us and offering his life for us," is something we recall and celebrate at every Mass. Bishop Bergie is shown here with four of the many students who attended the Mass along with several priests of the diocese, religious sisters, CWL, Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella. The students are: (l-r) Tegan Clarke, Denis Morris High School, St. Catharines; Alicia Reichenbach & Autumn Sylvestre, Saint Michael High School, Niagara Falls; Madison Spence, Saint Paul High School, Niagara Falls.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS U

by TERRI PAUCO

Did you ever notice the U in church?

In a cheeky way, perhaps it's there to remind us of the important role we have in the mission of the Church. As the faithful laity, we are called to make Jesus known and loved to those we encounter and to continue his work, right here and right now.

Across the Diocese of St. Catharines, many Catholic organizations and parishioners are already volunteering directly in the parish and in parish-related activities. These individuals' faces are well known and considered leaders to fellow parishioners and pastors. Their stewardship, reflected in their time and talents, is greatly appreciated. If the data collected from the parish surveys conducted over the past four years in response to the **Diocesan Discernment Process** initiated by Bishop Gerard Bergie in 2015 is correct, this dedicated group of volunteers represents fewer than 10% of the regularly attending congregation.

And there in lies the challenge!

Patrick Sullivan, a Canadian Catholic lay evangelist and founder of **Evango**, a Catholic media organization that meets the baptized where they are while inspiring them to engage in the new evangelization (evango.net) in a recent Facebook post reflected on the phenomenon he calls, 'the STP—same ten people'. He suggests, "...Accepting the rule of the STP as commonplace or worse, necessary, has serious consequences." (www.facebook.com/evango.net/posts/2082694091798981?__tn__=K-R). It stifles efforts at growing a thriving parish committed to evangelization, catechesis and the sacraments because it gives the impression that new people are not needed or, perhaps, even wanted. It becomes very easy to sit in the pew and believe that someone else will volunteer or that you just have no time to get involved in one more thing.

Reality check—**THE CHURCH NEEDS U.**

Volunteers are necessary in any parish that is vibrant and alive with the Spirit! Through personal invitations and communal ones from the pulpit, at

annual ministry fairs, through bulletins and parish websites, the congregation is made aware of the many ways they are needed.

Parish staff and pastoral councils need to consider these volunteer tasks carefully—what is needed; how those tasks can be broken down; where those tasks need to happen; and the time commitment for each. This allows parishioners a chance to become more involved and makes it easier to discern how they are called to belong and contribute to their parishes.

In family life, where schedules rule and parents are responsible for creating the priorities of how time is spent, quality family time must include attending weekend Mass together and sharing daily family prayer.

But interestingly enough, the rhythm and transitions within the stages of the human development change and offer their own opportunities to find time.

A newly married couple may have more time to volunteer than first time parents, families with young children or single-parent families. As the children grow, families may seek opportunities to serve and volunteer together.

Where children are already involved in particular parish activities, like altar servers, Children's Liturgy or Vacation Bible School, parents might volunteer there.

Empty nesters and the newly retired may long for new experiences to connect and meet new people through parish work. The witness of parents and grandparents who serve the Church will certainly make a long and lasting impression in their children's understanding of discipleship.

Think about the following: your time, talents and treasures and offer them to the parish ministries: Children's Liturgy; sacramental preparation for children, especially for those enrolled in public schools or homeschooled; RCIA; Vacation Bible School; youth ministry; parish dinners and annual picnics; marriage preparation, or any other of the myriad ministries that make up a vibrant parish. Speak to your pastor and explore the possibilities.

The Church needs U...please volunteer.



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NCDSB HONOURS GRADS AT TWO CELEBRATIONS

by JENNIFER PELLEGRINI

If Niagara Catholic District School Board's 1,800 students in the Class of 2019 ever had any doubt of their purpose on earth, those doubts should have easily been dispelled during the annual graduation celebration.

During the prayer service at the start of the celebration, Bishop Gerard Bergie reinforced the value of life, urging students to focus on the positive things they can do throughout their lives, rather than get caught up in the mistakes they have made, or the opportunities they have missed.

"Never doubt God. Never doubt yourself," he told the members, first in the graduation celebration for students from Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Grimsby; Notre Dame College School, Welland; Lakeshore Catholic High School, Port Colborne; Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic High Schools, Niagara Falls, at St. Alfred, St. Catharines, on May 28, 2019.

Then at St. Julia, St. Catharines, on May 29, 2019, for students from Denis Morris Catholic High School; Holy Cross Catholic Secondary; Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School, all from St. Catharines, Bishop Bergie said, "The gift of life in each of us is the ability to do good. The power of life is immortal. It is our soul. We focus on life. We focus on Jesus Christ. Why? Because he came to us so that we may have life more abundantly," he said.

That message was reinforced by keynote speaker and musician, Chris Bray, whose speech focused on how important it is for each of us to understand our role

in the world.

"Each and every one of us is longing for something," Bray said. "We're longing for love. We're longing to be fulfilled. Sometimes we settle for fast and cheap; but we're made for more than that. But we forget that sometimes."

Bray said, "It's human nature to identify ourselves with the gifts and talents we have: The athlete. The musician. The academic. We fill the void trying to answer, 'Who Am I?' with stuff.

"We grab hold of these things because we're longing to answer that question—where do I belong? But when we answer that with things that are temporary and these things pass, we're lost," he affirmed.

Bray told students it's important they understand that they don't have to have it all figured out by the time they graduate high school, but do have to know that God has a plan for them.

At crossroads in our lives – which Bray calls 'God moments', it's important to be willing to say yes to God.

"We are going to find ourselves on the wrong path sometimes, but we have a loving God, willing to meet us where we are.

"We are made, not by accident, but by design, for a purpose. We were sent here to do great things. We know who we are, because we know whose we are."

During the celebration, John Crocco, director, NCDSB, spoke about the incredible sight of seeing the Class of 2019 before him, reminding them of when they came together last was six years ago, for the Grade 7 Faith Festival.

"How much your life has changed

since then," he said. "And how much your life has yet to change. In a matter of weeks, you will be walking across that stage and for most of you it will be the culmination of 14 years of Catholic education. You walked into school through one door and will exit in a few weeks onto 1,800 different paths. You will enter a world that needs more of what you have to offer than what it can offer. Go forward and be examples of Catholic education wherever you go," he said.

In his remarks, Frank Fera, trustee chair, reminded students of the words of Pope Saint John Paul II: "What really matters in life is that we are loved by

Christ, and love Him in return."

Ken Griepsma, principal, Notre Dame College School, Welland, staff moderator of the secondary student senate, told the Class of 2019 "...no matter where life takes you, you will always be a part of the Niagara Catholic family."

As in past years, the celebration included the presentation of two \$500 scholarships to students who exemplify commitment to their school, academic achievements and Christian service. The 2019 recipients were Sara Ferro, Saint Paul Catholic High School, Niagara Falls, and Anthony Cimino, Notre Dame College School, Welland.



(l-r) Frank Fera, trustee chair NCDSB; Madison McKinney, student senate trustee co-chair, Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Grimsby; Bishop Gerard Bergie; Jade Bilodeau, student senate trustee co-chair, Saint Paul Catholic High School, Niagara Falls; John Crocco, director, NCDSB, at the May 28, 2019, graduation celebration.



Chris Bray, the keynote speaker, is a full time travelling worship leader and speaker. His ministry has spanned North America. He has headlined the National March for Life rally on Parliament Hill for 25,000 people. He has been involved in Life Teen, World Youth Day, and presents to tens of thousands each year at hundreds of conferences, retreats, schools and churches.



Lily Susin, student senator, from Saint Michael Catholic High School, Niagara Falls, carried the school flag at the 2019 graduation ceremony.



Recipients of the \$500 scholarship at the 2019 graduation were: (center) Sara Ferro, St. Paul Catholic High School, Niagara Falls, and Anthony Cimino, Notre Dame College School, Welland. They are seen here with student senate trustee co-chairs, (left) Madison McKinney, Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Grimsby, and (right) Jade Bilodeau, Saint Paul Catholic High School, Niagara Falls.



NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2019



Participants from Our Lady of the Scapular, Niagara Falls, (l-r) back: Angie Tinney, Jodi DiDomenico, Carol Grace Lundy; front: Robin Vassallo, St. Michael, Fort Erie; and Diana Conidi, St. Alfred, St. Catharines, during the New Evangelization Summit, live streamed from Ottawa to St. Michael Catholic High School, Niagara Falls, May 4, 2019.

by TERRI PAUCO

On May 4, 2019, more than 50 parishioners and clergy from nine parishes across the diocese attended the **New Evangelization Summit** which was live streamed from Ottawa into the auditorium at Saint Michael Catholic High School, Niagara Falls. The participating parishes were: St. Alfred and Star of the Sea, St. Catharines; St. Michael, Fort Erie; Our Lady of the Scapular, St. Thomas More and St. Antoine, Niagara Falls; St. Martin, Smithville; St. Andrew and St. Kevin, Welland.

Inspired by speakers like Gérald Cardinal LaCroix, Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Michelle Moran and founders of the Genesis Mission, Fr. Jon Bielawski and Michele Thompson,

participants were reminded that each baptized person is called to be a missionary disciple, both in and outside of the parish boundaries. Attendees recognized how they were agents of change and how their influence could help others catch their dreams of a dynamic, welcoming, life-giving parish centred on Christ.

Over the day, there was time to discuss the key messages and learn about local parish and lay apostolate initiatives that are sparking renewal and bringing about transformation.

The New Evangelization Summit proved to be an excellent experience for all participants.

The next Summit will be held on April 25, 2020, place to be announced. Save the date.

ALOB STIRS THE SPIRIT

by TERRI PAUCO

On May 7, 2019, people of all ages gathered for a spirit-filled evening of praise, worship and quiet adoration at St. Kevin, Welland, under the leadership of Catholic evangelist, Andrew Laubacher (a.k.a. Alob). This tour was organized by the St. Kevin's Youth & Family Ministry, in conjunction with Notre Dame College School.

Alob is a graduate of Franciscan University, Steubenville, and has made it his mission to bring the healing power of Jesus Christ to a broken world through music and speaking.

Alob was busy while in the diocese: he led the music ministry for Notre Dame College's Catholic Education Week school Mass; presented to intermediate students at the community of St Kevin's Catholic elementary schools; and was the keynote speaker at the 19th Annual Niagara Catholic Student Leadership Symposium held at Club Roma, St. Catharines.



Participants at a workshop of praise and quiet adoration held at St. Kevin, Welland, (l-r) Katrina Belcastro, Gabby Douglas, Emma Mete, Andrew Laubacher (ALOB), David Miller, Olivia Mete.

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Vacation Bible School

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CATHEDRAL RESTORATION WELL UNDERWAY

As the **Cathedral Appeal** gets under way to raise funds, work continues on the restoration and renovation of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria.

The last renovations were done in the mid to late 1980s—over 30 years ago. At that time the art work on the walls was painted over.

This project is tasked with restoring the original art and placing new paintings on the ceiling of the Cathedral. Artists' renderings of the ceiling art can be seen on page 2 of this issue.

There are many ways to donate to the appeal as you can see from the information given below. An example on

the right shows how one can contribute to a specific part of the project.

The Cathedral is the mother church of the diocese and thus holds a special place in the lives of the faithful. It is where those coming into the Church participate in the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent. It is where the Oil of

Catecumens, the Oil of the Sick and Chrism are blessed at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week.

You can follow the progress of the project in the *Vineyard* and online at www.saintcd.com/appeal, or come to the Cathedral and see for yourself. Regular Mass times are listed below.



This is one of the medallions that is set above the pinnacles of the stained glass windows. This is one of many segments that can be funded.



Here we see the work being done on the sanctuary from the west side of the Cathedral.



The entire Cathedral is getting a fresh coat of paint. Here Cesar Meraz is working in the choir loft.

HOW CAN I HELP?

The Cathedral Appeal needs the support of many to reach its target of \$1.2 million.

You can make an outright gift donation, or participate in a parish fundraising event.

You can also fund an element of the restoration such as a Station of the Cross, a statue, a ceiling medallion, or a large ceiling painting. Interested: Contact the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria at 905-684-3964 or e-mail: appeal@saintcd.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS RESTORATION PROJECT.

HOW DO I GIVE?

- Make a cheque payable in the name of your parish and indicate **Cathedral Appeal** in lower left corner.
- Donate online at www.Canadahelps.org Search: The Diocese of St. Catharines. Choose **Cathedral Appeal**. Income tax receipts issued by Canada Helps.
- You can spread your gift over time by making a pledge (see separate form).
- For gifts of stocks contact Peter Michaud, at the Catholic Centre 905-684-0154.

For information, progress updates and photos visit: www.saintcd.com/appeal

CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

The success of the Cathedral Appeal depends on the participation of many people across the diocese. The Appeal Committee is co-chaired by Fr. Greg Schmidt and Mary Catherine Reynolds, whose role is to oversee the organizational aspects of the Appeal. As we move forward into the next phase, Mary Catherine Reynolds takes a lead role as chairwoman for Fundraising, Corporate & Major Gifts. A longtime supporter of the diocese and president of J.M. Reynolds & Associates Ltd., she is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable diocesan resource available to answer questions and provide direction to potential donors of major financial gifts. She can be contacted at appeal@saintcd.com



Mary Catherine Reynolds

COME AND SEE

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CWL THEME: LIVING AS WOMEN OF FAITH

by CATHY CRABBE

Well, those faith-filled, prayerful, social justice seeking, Catholic Women's League ladies were at it again, this time hosting their 61st annual diocesan convention at the Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Centre, St. Catharines, May 21-22, 2019. Here they celebrated their accomplishments and heard about the future direction of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Just as they always do, CWL members, and many of the parish spiritual advisors, gathered at St. Alfred, St. Catharines, to celebrate Mass. They greeted fellow sisters with outstretched arms and just as warmly greeted new members to the Catholic Women's League.

The theme of the convention was **Living as Women of Faith**, and gratefully, there were many prayerful opportunities throughout the two days to nourish the faithful.

Bishop Gerard Bergie celebrated the opening Mass. Fr. Richard Kowalchuk, diocesan spiritual advisor, along with other parish spiritual advisors and deacons, joined in the inspiring occasion.

In his homily, Bishop Bergie suggested that we needed to go deep and heed Jesus' words: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you."

Using a boating/water analogy, he described the worry and concern of the people on a ship, battered by crashing waves against its bow while at the same time, a submarine, located fathoms below in the calm waters of the deep found no one in fear. Jesus is our submarine, offering peace to a world of battered ships.

Bishop Bergie urged all to take time to "...get away from the noise and turmoil and embrace Jesus Christ without fear and troubled hearts (the storms of life). Never be afraid to go deep; unite yourself with Christ and experience peace," he said.

In his opening greetings, Fr. Kowalchuk reminded members that this is an exciting time to be Catholic, and we must be steadfast, gracious and patient. He noted that there is no substitute for women of faith and encouraged the ladies of the CWL to "...keep Christianity more appealing by their love and actions."

Colleen Perry, president elect, Ontario Provincial Council, joined this year's convention bringing greetings on behalf of Anne Madden, president, Ontario Provincial Council. She reminded participants that CWL is 44,000 members strong across



Colleen Perry, president elect, provincial council, attended this year's convention.

Ontario and 85,000+ strong across Canada, representing every province, territory and the military.

The CWL pledges to serve all citizens and has often received commendation and keen appreciation from federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership.

Strategic planning to reinvigorate the parish level councils, offering interesting opportunities for its members while focusing on three core values—faith, service and social justice—is underway.



Anne Jamieson, was keynote speaker at the 2019 CWL convention. She is director of the Catechesis Office, Diocese of Hamilton.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Anne Jamieson, author, teacher, wife and mother, opened our eyes to the need to nourish our faith life. Like a good food recipe, we need to make sure the ingredients for our faith life are fresh, fragrant and abundant. Just like an old family recipe handed down for generations, we should make our faith life our own.

"There is no right way," Jamieson said, encouraging everyone "...to take time to breathe in the fragrance of silence, slow down, spend more time in prayer with the Lord and introspectively look at our lives and recognize the abundance of goodness in it...good friends, material comforts, opportunities." She cautioned that we must care for the poor, both spiritually and physically, saying "...



Bishop Gerard Bergie (far right) is seen here with: (l-r) Fr. Richard Kowalchuk, diocesan spiritual advisor; Josie Rocca, in-coming president; Frances Murdaca, out-going president; Colleen Perry, president elect, provincial council.

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CWL officers for the 2019-2021 term are (l-r) back row: Heather Tomascin, first vice-president; Karen Hofstede, treasurer; Cathy Crabbe, recording secretary; Ethel O'Brien and Diane Szydlowski, committee chairpersons; front row: Frances Murdaca, out-going president; Josie Rocca, in-coming president; Fr. Richard Kowalchuk, diocesan spiritual advisor; Lisa Fillingham, president elect.

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remember, you may be the only faith dish that is served up for your neighbours."



Ted vanderZalm, Wells of Hope founder, was afternoon guest speaker at the 2019 CWL convention.

The afternoon speaker was Ted vanderZalm, founder of **Wells of Hope**. Through the urging of Italian priests many years ago, he learned

to step outside of his comfort zone and to trust in God. "God has equipped us all with the tools needed to fulfill the commandments: to love your God with all your heart and to love your neighbour as yourself," he said.

Wells of Hope now brings abundant fresh water to more than 60,000 people in Third World countries. "It is a wonderful thing what God has done to help us help our brothers and sisters," he professed.

At the end of his presentation, vanderZalm was presented with the proceeds of the Tuesday Mass totalling \$1,330.

The afternoon business session saw the election and installation of a new slate of officers for the 2019-2021 term. Josie Rocca, in-coming diocesan president, will lead the following officers—Lisa

Fillingham, president elect; Heather Tomascin, first vice-president; Deedee Alexandre, second vice-president; Cathy Crabbe, recording secretary; Karen Hofstede, treasurer; Ethel O'Brien, Sue Pellerin and Diane Szydlowski, committee chairpersons.

Frances Murdaca, outgoing diocesan president, expressed her sincere gratitude and the blessing it has been to have served on the council. She encouraged members "...to stay rooted in prayer, trusting in God's goodness. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts to inspire us, re-energize and transform us, to radiate the peace and love of Christ to all whom we encounter," she said.

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GALA RAISES FUNDS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

by JENNIFER PELLEGRINI

Pat Stapleton's former team may have lost 3-2 in overtime in Los Angeles on March 30, 2019, but that same night the Chicago Blackhawks defenseman won the hearts of the more than 230 supporters of Catholic education at the annual Benefit Gala for the



Pat Stapleton, former NHL legend and 1972 Team Canada member.

Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education.

Stapleton, who was also a member of the much-storied 1972 Team Canada, brought some of those stories to the gala, focusing on the power of teamwork during his keynote address. He noted that the team, made up of a sort of rag-tag group of professional players—heroes in their own right—played their first shaky games against a powerhouse Soviet team as rivals, rather than teammates, and the results showed on the ice.

"When we started thinking like a team and playing like a team, that all changed," Stapleton said of that parallel cold war.

The result, of course, is hockey (and world) history. The Canadian team beat the Soviet juggernaut on their home ice in Moscow and became one of the most recognized and recognizable sports teams in Canadian history.

Stapleton's folksy storytelling held the crowd's attention at the end of an evening celebrating partnerships, a shared commitment to Catholic education and supporting students in need. This year's Benefit Gala raised over \$9,000 for the Foundation.

More than 230 people attended the event, held at Club Roma, St. Catharines. The event began with a cocktail reception and antipasto bar, followed by greetings from Frank Fera, trustee chair; John Crocco, NCDSB director; Bishop Gerard Bergie; and by the awards presentation to this

year's winners, Bill Amadio and Pat Hudak.

Amadio followed in his father's footsteps and served as a trustee chair for many years, beginning at the age of 26. In addition to both he and his father serving as elected trustees, Amadio's children attended (and now teach) in Catholic schools, and his grandchildren currently attend them. He is a member of the Foundation's founding board and was NCDSB's lawyer for many years before retiring in 2008.

"I have enjoyed every minute of it, and I have met some very interesting people," Amadio said during his acceptance speech.

"The people that I work with always had the interest of students at the forefront of their minds and could bring something to the table. That is why it is an honour to receive this award."

The founding principal of Lakeshore Catholic High School, Port Colborne, Pat Hudak, recalled hearing about the idea of a Catholic high school to serve people in south Niagara.

"No name for the school; no location; no staff; and an unknown number of students entering the school in September, which was only nine months away," Hudak said of his initial conversation with Brian Kelly, former superintendent, about taking on the role of founding principal.

He recounted the milestones accomplished throughout the following months as the first day of the 1987-1988 school year approached and spoke about the singular goal staff had.

"Our vision for the school was inspired by the words of Matthew when he scribed Jesus's comment to the supposedly learned Pharisees; 'The greatest commandment is to love the Lord thy God with your whole heart, your whole mind and your whole soul.'"

Hudak also created the school's motto, borne from the prophet Micah: Think clearly, feel deeply, act wisely.

Both men thanked their families for the years of support and NCDSB for the honour of recognizing them with the **Award of Distinction**.

Niagara Falls Saint Michael Catholic High School Band & Choir provided the music and the evening concluded with Pat Stapleton's address to the guests.



The band and choir from Saint Michael Catholic High School, Niagara Falls, provided entertainment at the Benefit Gala celebration. They are seen here (l-r) back row: Steve DeAngelis, band/choir leader, Adrian Roberto, Cole Allen, Austin Mucciante, Jack Du, Frank Mancuso, band/choir leader: front row: Sam Koabel, Melody Cabatino, Michelle Bigelow, Nadine Bongers, Royce Crown.



(l-r) Bishop Gerard Bergie; Frank Fera, trustee chair, NCDSB; Patrick Hudak, Award of Distinction recipient; John Crocco, director, NCDSB.



(l-r) Bishop Gerard Bergie; Frank Fera, trustee chair, NCDSB; William Amadio, Award of Distinction recipient; John Crocco, director, NCDSB.



NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION: POINTS TO PONDER

by JIM MARINO

One in five students goes to school hungry every day. They wait in line at school for breakfast. For lunch, some have pizza scraps from the previous night's supper.

Statistics tell us that during the 2017-2018 school year Niagara Catholic District School Board had 54 programs serving over one million meals.

One child in four suffers from some kind of vision problem severe enough to impact their learning, and many students do not have the financial resources to purchase eyeglasses.

Poverty is often associated with Third World countries, but it exists right here in Canada. Any support to help students in need is greatly appreciated.

In his scripture writings about the Lord's judgement of the nations the apostle, Matthew tells us about the words of Christ when he speaks of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving drink to the thirsty and welcoming the stranger. Christ says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers, you did it to me". (Matthew 25:40)

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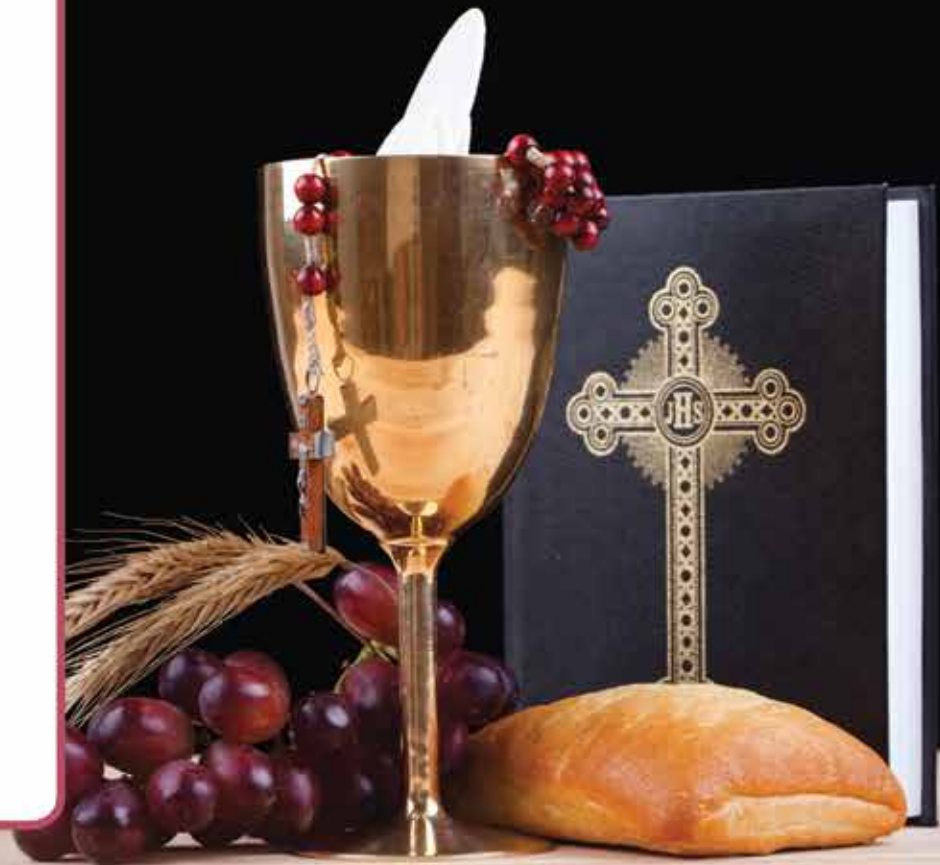
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SENIOR MATTERS

READING, SUMMER AND LIBRARIES



Patricia Waters

by PATRICIA WATERS

Have you been to the public library recently?

I must confess that, although my library card is in my wallet, it hasn't been used in awhile.

There was a time, many years ago now, that the Carnegie Library at the corner of Church and James Streets in St. Catharines was an integral part of my centre of activity along with: St. Joseph's Convent where I attended high school and took piano lessons from Sr. St. Michael; St. Catherine of Alexandria (it wasn't a Cathedral yet) where I worshipped; the Lyceum across from the church where in the daytime I attended classes and on Friday night,

the CYO dances.

Memories of the library include weekly visits by bicycle from my home on St. Patrick Street, participation in the Saturday morning Players Club, but mostly the opportunity to choose several new books to read and enjoy each week until it was time to return them for a new selection.

However, a library isn't just a place to borrow books that you might otherwise buy—though it is that. It is a place where you have an opportunity to refer to thousands of books, journals and databases to access information you would be unable to find on your own without thousands of dollars worth of subscriptions. It is a place to work and study away from the distractions of home or maybe just a place to hang out, sitting in a comfortable chair, surrounded by reading material when you have time to spare between appointments.

By now the lazy, hazy days of summer should be upon us, the perfect time to catch up on your reading. Time to find the perfect reading spot and break open that novel, journal or biography that has been waiting for a day like today. Maybe it is time to find your library card (or get a new one) and borrow a few books to wile away the summer afternoons ahead.

Looks like it is time for me to put my library card into action once again.

THE ENVIRONMENT

OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

by DENNIS MALONE



Dennis Malone

The news is filled daily with warnings about climate change and the need to reduce carbon emissions. There is heated debate in political circles about carbon offsets, carbon taxes, resource consumption and global warming.

It often seems to focus on national goals and long-term percentage reductions to comply with the Paris Agreement.

But how does it apply to us as individuals or families?

First, it is important to understand that carbon – CO2 – is produced in many ways far beyond what comes out of the exhaust pipe of a car. It is a result of virtually every aspect of our lifestyle. The output is typically measured in tons of CO2.

An interesting and informative way to determine where we stand personally, as either being part of the problem or part of the solution, is to do an audit of our own carbon output, or as it is popularly called, our carbon footprint.

Go to www.carbonfootprint.com and try the household carbon footprint calculator. It asks you to complete (completely anonymously) estimates of various activities and consumption patterns, many of which you would not normally associate with carbon consumption. It starts with the obvious ones like the number and distance of airline flights you have taken, the kind of vehicle driven and the number of kilometers travelled annually.

But then it has you respond to

estimated annual expenditures on food and drink, clothes, furniture, restaurant meals, books and magazines and newspapers, even cell phone use.

As each section is completed, the running total of tons of CO2 is calculated. At the end you have a reasonably accurate estimate of your personal carbon footprint.

Living, as most of us do, in the reasonable comfort and affluence of a lovely area like Niagara, you may be shocked at the impact our lifestyle has when our carbon output is compared to global averages and worldwide targets needed to reverse climate change.

It is a worthwhile exercise for families to do together and then to decide together what steps they can take to reduce their collective carbon footprint. Even small changes in activities and consumption patterns can produce positive results.

30 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH COMMITMENT AND LOVE

by FR. VICTOR FERNANDES, O.C.D.



Mary Lane

Mary Lane will retire June 28, 2019, after 30 years of service to the Church. The community of St. Mary/St. Ann, Hagersville, sincerely appreciates and thanks her for serving as parish secretary and bookkeeper. The late Fr. Paul Vernooy, SCJ, appointed her parish secretary September 1989. Gladly accepting this part-time employment, she was found to be a most worthy and excellent person for the job.

Lane was well appreciated for her commitment, patience and kindness towards the parish work and the community. She also volunteered at the local Food Bank, sang in the church choir, arranged flowers and decorations on special feast days as well as doing many other odd jobs. She has been a benefit to the parish community who could always approach her with trust and friendliness.

"Mary you have made a remarkable journey at your work experience as a humble and simple servant and you will always be remembered in the minds of the many old and young parishioners

who have crossed paths with you in one way or the other," said pastor Fr. Fernandes.

"It was my great honor to be with such a kind hearted, soft spoken and experienced secretary in my time as pastor here (November 2014 – May 2019). I admire the goodness, commitment and faithfulness you showed to the Church and community at large.

"God bless you. We wish you good health, happy retirement and a wonderful time with your family," Fr. Fernandes concluded.



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 JUNE 15: Day Retreat (10:00am-4:30pm)

JULY 6: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & Intercessory Prayer (10:00am-1:00pm)
 JULY 13: 4th Anniversary & Picnic (11:00am-3:30pm)
 JULY 20: Day Retreat (10:00am-4:30pm)

AUG. 3: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & Intercessory Prayer (10:00am-1:00pm)
 AUG. 17: Day Retreat (10:00am-4:30pm)
 AUG. 20-24: Summer Flat (Children's Camp - Grades 3-7)

SEPT. 7: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & Intercessory Prayer (10:00am-1:00pm)
 SEPT. 21: Day Retreat (10:00am-4:30pm)
 SEPT. 27-29: "Fire of the Holy Spirit" with Maria Vadia (Weekend Retreat)

OCT. 5: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & Intercessory Prayer (10:00am-1:00pm)
 OCT. 5-6: "Enter Through the Narrow Gate" with Fr. Xavier Raj, CSsR (Weekend Retreat)
 OCT. 19: Day Retreat (10:00am-4:30pm)

NOV. 2: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & Intercessory Prayer (10:00am-1:00pm)
 NOV. 16: Day Retreat (10:00am-4:30pm)

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par GILLES
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Depuis deux ans, un comité de paroissiens du Sacré-Coeur, nommé Groupe-Ami du Centenaire, prépare de grandes fêtes pour célébrer le centenaire de leur paroisse.

Fondée en 1920 à la demande insistante et grâce au dévouement sans borne des chrétiens francophones convaincus de Welland, cette paroisse a vite grandi et a étendu son rayonnement à travers la péninsule du Niagara.

En effet, c'est sous la direction des Franciscains desservant la paroisse Sacré-Coeur depuis 1940 que les paroisses Saint-Jean de Brébeuf de Port Colborne et Saint-Antoine de Padoue de Niagara Falls virent le jour en 1951 et 1955 respectivement. La paroisse de Welland devenait aussi nourricière de la paroisse Immaculée-Conception de St. Catharines quand les Pères rédemptoristes la prirent en charge en 2003. Aujourd'hui encore, trois des quatre paroisses francophones du diocèse bénéficient des services des pasteurs domiciliés à Welland.

Des célébrations liturgiques et culturelles spéciales s'échelonnent en trois volets sur une période d'un an, d'octobre



2019 à octobre 2020. Dans un premier volet, un gala d'ouverture aura lieu le samedi 19 octobre 2019 à l'église Sacré-Coeur; on planifie une journée familiale à l'Auberge Richelieu pour le samedi 20 juin 2020 et la messe solennelle de célébration du centenaire à l'église le dimanche 21 juin 2020 pour le deuxième volet; dans le troisième volet, la cérémonie de la clôture du centenaire se tiendra le dimanche 18 octobre 2020.

Pour le gala d'ouverture du 19 octobre 2019, le Groupe-Ami du Centenaire a organisé les activités suivantes: une messe interparoissiale à 15 heures, ouverte au grand public, présidée par notre évêque monseigneur Gerard Bergie, avec la présence d'anciens curés, vicaires et diacres; des retrouvailles, cocktail et souper à compter de 16h30, pour lesquels il faudra acheter un billet; une galerie interparoissiale sera installée sur l'estrade de la salle paroissiale et dans les salles avoisinantes; les détenteurs de billets pourront y visionner



Monseigneur Bergie désire féliciter la paroisse Sacré-Coeur de Welland à l'occasion du centième anniversaire de sa fondation.

photos, albums, tableaux et vidéos fournis par les différents organismes des paroisses soulignant des moments importants des derniers cent ans.

Grâce au talent de plusieurs bénévoles, on a déjà créé un logo, composé une prière spéciale et un chant du centenaire sur un air connu de Robert

Lebel. D'autres objets avec éclat. Ne manquez pas promotionnels pour d'y participer. Inscrivez les commémorer cette période dates de ces célébrations historique sont en voie de à votre calendrier dès développement. Certains maintenant car cent ans ... articles seront en vente ça se fête chez nous!

alors que d'autres seront Pour en connaître distribués gratuitement au plus long sur la paroisse et vous tenir au courant cours de l'année.

Chose certaine, le des dernières nouvelles, centenaire de la paroisse naviguez vers son site web: Sacré-Coeur sera célébré www.sacrecoeurwld.com

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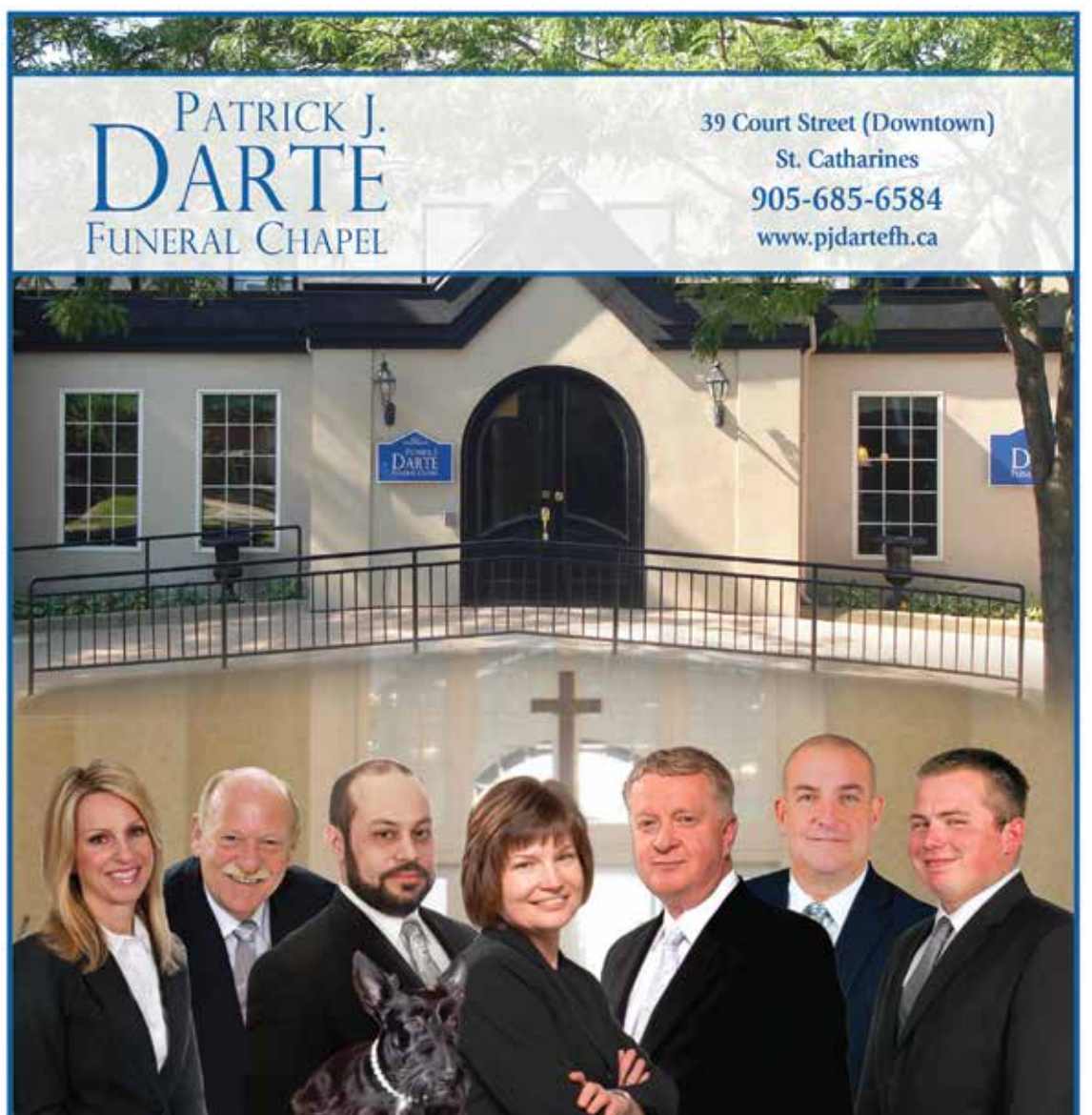
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Blessed Titus Brandsma: Everyone is welcome at the annual celebration for Blessed Titus Brandsma, O.Carm, July 14, 2019. The Mass with the Gregorian Chant will be at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. Bring a lawn

chair and food basket for a picnic on the grounds following Mass. For information contact fniesink@cogeco.ca or 905-935-9457.

Book Study: Christus Vivit-Christ is Alive: Beginning September 19, 2019, (for five Thursdays) all are welcome to read, learn and engage in Pope Francis' reflection and proposals to young people and the whole Church, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Hwy. Cost \$20 for book (due on first night). Snacks provided. Register by September 9 at 905-684-0154 #209 or familyandyouth@saintcd.com

Contemplative Prayer Ecumenical Workshop: Learn to pray in silence at this introductory workshop being presented Saturday July 13, 2019,

at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Facilitators: Central Ontario Contemplative Outreach, Niagara Region. Cost \$50 includes lunch. Registration: bcoleman@bell.net or 905-646-1995.

Global Rosary Relay: On June 28, 2019, (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) join this annual event to pray the rosary for the sanctification of priests at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, 4706 Miller Road, Port Colborne, 7 p.m. For information call Cathy Kruger 289-820-7433 or cathykruger37@gmail.com

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Join Fr. Krzysztof Szczepanik, St. Helen, Beamsville, on pilgrimage to the Holy Land September 29 – October 11, 2019. Bethlehem, Cana, Jerusalem and Elijah as well as other points of interest will be visited. For registration and information contact the parish office 905-562-7427.

Portugal, Spain, France, Italy: Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Jose Karikompil, St. Ann, Niagara Falls, this pilgrimage tour will visit Fatima, Santarem, Salamanca, Nazare, Avila, Madrid, Lourdes, Turin and Rome. For travel arrangements contact QS Travel &

Tours Inc., at aggiewilfred@bell.net or 1-800-565-3619.

Quebec Pilgrimage: The Italian Association at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Thorold, will be hosting a 4-day pilgrimage to Quebec departing July 24, 2019. Destinations will include St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal; Cap-de-la Madeleine, Trois-Rivières; Lourdes, Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupré, Quebec City. Package includes bus, lodging and meals. Contact Margaret Cosentini 905-227-9236 for information.

The Sacred Gift of Listening Workshop: Rev. Bob Bond, Niagara Health Systems Coordinator of Spiritual & Religious Care, will present this workshop at the Diocesan Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Hwy., 7-9 p.m. September 24, 2019. The workshop is designed to help participants understand the importance and necessary skills needed to apply careful and empathetic listening to recognize the presence and activity of God in all encounters, especially between family members and within ministries of service and outreach. No cost. Register by September 18 at 905-684-0154 #209 or familyandyouth@saintcd.com

IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Joseph Ingrao, CSC, died March 14, 2019, at age 90. He was born and raised in Welland, Ontario, (youngest of 13 children) and attended elementary and secondary schools there. After graduating from Notre Dame College School, he attended St. Joseph's College, New Brunswick, Seminary of Philosophy, then went to St. Genevieve (CSC), Quebec, Seminary of Theology. In graduate studies he received a MA at Cardinal Stritch, Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin.



In 1955 Fr. Ingrao was ordained by Bishop Benjamin Webster for the Congregation of the Holy Cross in Welland.

During his lifetime, Fr. Ingrao served as associate pastor, teacher, department head and consultant at universities and schools in Canada and the United States.

In the Diocese of St. Catharines his duties encompassed: teacher and assistant principal, Notre Dame College School, Welland (1963-1968); teacher, Brock University Continuing Education, St. Catharines (1981); parish administrator, St. Joseph, Snyder (1993-1996); chaplain, Redemptoristine Nuns, Fort Erie (1986-2008).

For those he ministered to, Fr. Ingrao was a good listener and always found a way to make others feel welcome and comfortable. One area he excelled at and seemed to have a natural talent for was ministering to people with special needs and disabilities, including members of the Kennedy family.

Living at Rapelje Lodge for the last few months, Fr. Ingrao felt he was coming home—home to where he grew up, home to where he went to school, home with his family, and home with his brothers in Holy Cross.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Kevin, Welland, March 18, 2019. Homilist was Fr. Andrew Morasse, superior of the Holy Cross Retirement Home. The Rite of Committal was at Holy Cross Cemetery.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Fr. Anthony Inneo died peacefully on May 21, 2019, at the age of 86.

Born on January 10, 1933, in Accadia, Italy, he began his spiritual education at St. Francis Seminary in Assisi. He immigrated to Canada in 1957 and entered St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto.

Fr. Inneo was ordained in May 1961 by the late Bishop Thomas McCarthy for the Diocese of St. Catharines, serving the English and Italian communities. He also served in Spanish in Oaxaca, Mexico during his holidays and sabbatical years.

Fr. Inneo served as associate pastor at several parishes: St. Alfred, St. Catharines (1961-1964); St. John Bosco, Port Colborne (1964-1968); St. Michael, Fort Erie (1968-1971) Holy Rosary, Thorold (1971-1976). He was pastor at: St. Mary, Welland (1976-1979). After taking a sabbatical year, he returned to the area and served as chaplain at Greater Niagara General Hospital (1981-1988), then as pastor at St. Ann, Niagara Falls (1988-1998) until his retirement.

Thanks to his brother priests, parishioners and friends as well as the staff at Meadows of Dorchester, Niagara Falls, for their kindness and visits to him during his elder care.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Alfred, St. Catharines, May 25, 2019. Rite of Committal followed at the Priests' Plot, Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



CLERGY APPOINTMENTS 2019

(effective August 1 unless otherwise indicated)

Appointment of Pastors

Fr. William Derousie—St. Stephen, Cayuga
Fr. Vincent D'Souza, O.C.D.—St. Mary/St. Ann, Hagersville (June 1)
Fr. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.—St. Patrick, Caledonia (July 9)
Fr. Robert Novokowsky, F.S.S.P.—St. Aloysius, Thorold (July 15)
Fr. Greg Schmidt—St. Julia, St. Catharines (July 2)

Appointment of Parochial Vicars

Fr. Ronald Angervil—St. Thomas More, Niagara Falls
Fr. Gustave Mombo Mabiala—Sacré-Coeur, Welland; St-Jean-de-Brébeuf, Port Colborne; St-Antoine, Niagara Falls; Immaculée-Conception, St. Catharines (June)

Appointment of Administrator

Fr. Michael Wastag, O.Carm—Our Lady of Peace, Niagara Falls

New clergy to diocese

Fr. Vincent D'Souza, O.C.D. (from St. Edmund, N. Vancouver)
Fr. Gustave Mombo Mabiala (from St. Mary, Barrie)
Fr. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D. (from St. Aloysius, Kitchener)
Fr. Robert Novokowsky, F.S.S.P. (from St. Joseph, Richmond, Va)

Retirements

Msgr. Leo Clutterbuck, in residence, St. Alfred, St. Catharines (July 2)
Fr. Philip English
Fr. Thomas Hakala, O.Carm

Msgr. Clutterbuck and Fr. English are retiring for health reasons. I am most grateful to Msgr. Clutterbuck, Fr. English and Fr. Hakala for their dedicated service to the Diocese of St. Catharines and wish them many blessings as they begin their retirement.

Transfers out of the diocese

Fr. Victor Fernandes, O.C.D.—chaplain, Saint Paul Hospital; in residence, Guardian Angels, Archdiocese of Vancouver BC (July 11)
Fr. Vijay Martin, O.C.D.—pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kamloops, BC; parochial administrator, St. John Vianney, Kamloops, BC, and attached Missions in the Diocese of Kamloops (July 10)
Fr. Kenneth Webb, F.S.S.P.—assigned as a military chaplain

Brock University Campus Ministry

Fr. Gregory Schmidt will celebrate Mass at Brock University on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. September-April. I wish to sincerely thank Fr. William Derousie for celebrating Mass for Brock Catholic Campus Ministry in the past.

For your information

Seminarian Daniel Corso will begin a second internship in September at St. Alfred, St. Catharines
Seminarian Robert Greene—St. Alfred, St. Catharines (May 6 – August 19)
Seminarian John Paul Tabios—Our Lady of the Scapular, Niagara Falls (May 21 – August 19)

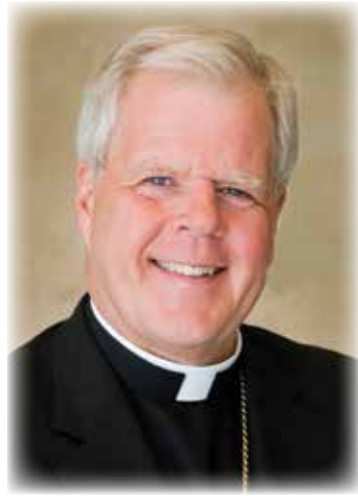
I sincerely thank all those who agreed to these transfers and assure them of my prayerful best wishes.



DIOCESAN BUDGET 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I wish to begin by thanking you for your support. Our parishes and diocese could not function without your generous financial contributions. Please be assured that the funds that we receive are used efficiently and effectively. To that end, we hold ourselves accountable to you, the good people of the diocese, to our auditors who annually review the financial records and financial procedures and to Revenue Canada.



Most Reverend Gerard Bergie
photo by Denis Cahill

To ensure accountability and transparency, each year four parishes are randomly chosen for an audit by a professional accounting firm. We also annually publish this simplified financial statement in *Vineyard*. Once again you are presented with a summary of income and expenses for 2018 and budget information for 2019 in the form of a pie chart and ledger.

Reviewing last year's (2018) performance to budget, income was \$396,715 greater than budgeted. We were fortunate and thankful to receive generous bequests and donations from parishioners and friends of the diocese to generate this surplus.

Expenses in 2018 were above budget by \$350,000. This is a result of major increases in two extraordinary items—write-offs and donations. Over \$700,000 of debt was written-off last year for parishes that, for a number of years, have not been able to meet interest payments on their loan. This debt write-off gives these parishes a fresh start by freeing them from a heavy financial burden. The remainder of the difference in expenses can be attributed to donations made to parishes. This includes the Cathedral restoration project. Excluding the two items just mentioned, the total of all other expenses was slightly less than in 2017.

For this year, 2019, the budget projects a shortfall of \$100,900. This is a \$25,000 improvement from last year's projection. In 2020 and subsequent years the hope is that the deficit will be eliminated.

As you have heard, the diocese is initiating an Annual Appeal. This year the money raised by the Appeal will be directed to the Cathedral renovations. Next year, and in the following years, the funds will be used to expand the ministry of the diocesan Family Life and Youth Office and to eliminate the deficit. I pray that it is successful and ask for your prayers and generous support of this much-needed initiative.

There are a number of people that play a part in the financial management of the diocese including our employees, the members of the diocesan finance council, the auditing firm—Crawford Smith and Swallow, and our financial institutions. I am truly thankful for their guidance and wisdom.

Also, I owe a debt of gratitude to you, the people of our diocese, who do so much for your parishes and our Catholic organizations. May God bless your generosity.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie D.D.
Bishop of St. Catharines

Summary of Income & Expenses 2018

| Income | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Budget | Actual |
| Annual Appeal | \$0 | \$103,253 |
| Tax on parishes | 610,000 | 653,523 |
| Contributions & donations | 187,000 | 656,724 |
| Interest | 65,000 | 106,477 |
| Capital Campaign (Harvest of Hope Fund) | 300,000 | 299,533 |
| Investment income & miscellaneous | <u>216,000</u> | <u>467,589</u> |
| Total income | \$1,378,000 | \$2,287,098 |
| Expenses | | |
| Administration | \$489,414 | \$923,579 |
| Support of parishes | 598,172 | 1,128,819 |
| Ministries | 498,169 | 493,826 |
| CCCB & ACBO assessments | 80,000 | 75,999 |
| Less depreciation & write-offs | <u>(135,000)</u> | <u>(731,839)</u> |
| Total expenses | \$1,530,755 | \$1,890,383 |
| Surplus (deficit) | (\$152,755) | \$396,715 |

Income & Expense Budget for 2019

| Ministry/Department/Category | Expenses |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Diocesan administration | \$310,739 |
| Salaries – administration | 182,250 |
| Support services for parishes | 538,960 |
| Salaries – support & services | 222,750 |
| Diaconate | 22,700 |
| Marriage Tribunal | 73,800 |
| Clergy education & renewal | 87,150 |
| Office of Religious Education | 126,954 |
| Brock University ministry | 66,729 |
| Family & Youth ministry | 38,182 |
| CCCB & ACBO assessments | 80,000 |
| Refugee ministry | 83,665 |
| <i>Vineyard</i> | 31,050 |
| Depreciation | (45,000) |
| Write-offs | (50,000) |
| Investment expense | <u>(40,000)</u> |
| Total expenses | \$1,729,929 |

| | Income |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Annual Appeal | \$250,000 |
| Tax on parishes | 610,000 |
| Contributions & donations | 189,000 |
| Interest on loans to parishes | 65,000 |
| Investment income (realized) | 200,000 |
| Harvest of Hope income (realized) | 300,000 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>15,000</u> |
| Total income | \$1,629,000 |
| Deficit (income less expenses) | (\$100,929) |

| Capital Investments | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Parish deposits invested | \$4,054,474 |
| Diocesan funds invested | <u>\$3,955,591</u> |
| Total invested | \$8,010,065 |

Note: Current outstanding parish loans for capital projects \$5,387,014

If you have any questions contact Peter Michaud, business manger,
Diocesan Catholic Centre 905-684-0154 ext 222.

