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WITH this May 2012 edition of *The Anglican Catholic Chronicle*, we resume the regular publication of the newsletter of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. Suggestions for articles, regular columns, and improvements are always welcome (bearing in mind our newsletter is written and produced by volunteers not paid professionals).

It is perhaps fitting that the new release of our newsletter should come out between Easter and Whitsunday. Much has transpired since the March edition of the former so-called, "Archdiocesan News". We have come through some trying times of late but throughout we have maintained the Faith of Christ's holy Church, and tried to the best of our abilities to practice Christian charity with godly patience.

In the Sundays preceding and following Easter Day a number of former members of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada in Kitchener/Waterloo, Calgary, Ottawa, and Victoria were received into the Roman Catholic Church, with the Sacrament of Confirmation administered to them at the hands of the their local Roman Catholic bishop in the respective Roman Catholic dioceses to which they now belong. A few others scattered across the country will join them in the next weeks. At some point, the newly formed four Anglican Use Parishes in Canada may become part of the American Ordinariate or even perhaps parishes within a Canadian Ordinariate – time will tell. Wherever their journey of faith takes them, we pray them God's blessing and offer them our very best wishes.

For our part we continue on as clergy and laity of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, with parishes from coast to coast. We continue on as a Province of the world-wide Traditional Anglican Communion. We continue in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We continue to offer a place of worship and welcome where the

traditional Anglican liturgy according to the Book of Common Prayer is reverently celebrated and the teaching is biblical based and Christ-centred.

We remain a community of Christians who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and hold to the historic Anglican expression of the Catholic Faith. We profess and believe 'the Faith once delivered to the Saints' set forth in the Sacred Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. We abide by the Biblical standards of morality and marriage. We defend the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. We hold and foster family life as the divinely instituted 'domestic church' for the living out of marriage between one man and one woman, and for the raising of children in the love and fear of God. Our ways are ancient because the Faith is unchanging. We stand on the Rock of our faith — the revelation of Jesus Christ — in the midst of the turbulent sea of an ever-changing world.

It is this Faith, this evangelical Witness, this orthodox Worship and Christian Fellowship which we offer to all who come our way, and to all we encounter on our journey of faith, in order that they and we may know Jesus Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and the peace of God which passes all understanding.

In the months ahead, we look forward to gathering together in Synod, offering all of us an opportunity for renewal and recommitment. So too, we look forward to the nomination and election of a new Metropolitan and Bishop Ordinary for the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. It is expected that the Provincial/Diocesan Council will announce the timing of this episcopal election in the near future – details to follow.

Finally, may we celebrate this Easter Season with joy; giving thanks to our Heavenly Father for His gift of new life and eternal salvation in His Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 🙏



*From our
Acting Metropolitan
and Apostolic
Administrator*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This is an exciting time for the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, the Canadian Province of the Traditional Anglican Communion. It is spring, and the theme of rebirth and new life that resound in the Eastertide message shapes the inertia and direction of our pilgrimage together. This is not a time to look back and to rehash decisions or mistakes of the past. This is a time to look forward with our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, and to boldly proclaim His redeeming love to the broken world in which we live.

Our mission in the Traditional Anglican Communion (TAC) is to recall Anglicanism to its heritage, to heal divisions caused by departures from the Faith, and to build a vibrant church for the future based on powerful local leadership. The TAC seeks to uphold the Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness of the Anglican tradition within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ. The Communion holds Holy Scripture and the ancient Creeds of the Undivided Church as authentic and authoritative, and worships according to the traditional Liturgies of the Church. Along with the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches, it is one of the three branches of the universal Catholic Church.

An exciting development in TAC was the conference held February 28 – March 1, 2012 in Johannesburg, South Africa by its international College of Bishops (COB). This meeting of the COB, the highest legislative body in the Communion, was the first since its Portsmouth, 2007 petition to Rome for Church unity. The College affirmed by resolution its faithfulness to the Traditional Anglican Communion. The TAC will remain fully Anglican. While the COB received, with thanks, the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus* from the Holy See, it voted as a Communion to decline the invitation, concluding that it did not represent a positive response to our petition for Church unity, but

rather amounted to a requirement for Anglicans to make individual conversions to Roman Catholicism.

The College of Bishops accepted the resignation of Archbishop John Hepworth and elected a new Primate. Archbishop Samuel Prakash, as the senior active Metropolitan, was elected Acting Primate by acclamation. In so doing, the entire assembly expressed complete confidence in Archbishop Prakash, who was consecrated Bishop in 1984 and currently serves as Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of India. Archbishop Prakash was one of the original founding Bishops of the TAC. Bishop Michael Gill of South Africa was appointed Secretary of the College of Bishops.

During its three day meeting, the College of Bishops passed several resolutions relating to the International Anglican Fellowship (our overseas missionary fund), Episcopal Oversight and Ecumenical relations between Continuing Jurisdictions. A concordat of intercommunion with a major American Continuing Church jurisdiction was ratified. Several appointments were made by the new Primate, including my own appointment as Episcopal Visitor to the TAC parishes in the United Kingdom. Finally, and most importantly, the College of Bishops resolved to commit itself to Mission and Evangelism, recognizing that the central purpose of God's people is to bring others to Christ. Several moving statements were made by members about the need to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world deeply in need of hearing it. A program of equipping the saints for the work of Evangelism was supported by the College of Bishops with enthusiasm.

These are indeed exciting times for our Church. I am heartened that the majority of parishes of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada have remained faithful to the Traditional Anglican Communion and that together our Canadian Province will play an important role in maintaining the historic Anglican expression of the Christian Faith. As I continue my round of parish visits across the country I look forward to working with each of you to accomplish our shared mission.

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Acting Metropolitan
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THE Anglican Catholic Church of Canada remains a strong, viable, united traditional Anglican church. We continue to have parishes, clergy and laity from coast to coast who are determined to maintain the historic Anglican expression of the Catholic faith. To that end, the following parishes and clergy have voted/chosen to remain in the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (though some final decisions by individual clergy and laity may still need to be made over the coming weeks):

ACCC Parishes & Missions

Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist,
Victoria B.C.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Vancouver, B.C.
Saint Michael and All Angels, Matsqui, B.C.
Our Lady and St Michael, Edmonton, Alberta
All Saints (Renfrew), Calgary, Alberta
Holy Redeemer (Mission), Claresholm, Alberta
Holy Trinity, Medicine Hat, Alberta
Saint Barnabas, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
Mission of St Francis of Assisi, Thunder Bay, ON
Saint Athanasius, Montreal, Quebec
Pro-Cathedral of Saint Aidan, Halifax, N.S.
St. George's by the Sea, Mosers River, N.S.
St. Francis Mission, Lower Shinimicas, N.S.
St. Joseph's Priory, Springfield, N.S.
Chapel of Our Lady of the Sign, Fredericton
Junction, New Brunswick
Saint Michael, Grand Le Pierre, Nfld.
Saint Stephen Proto Martyr, St. John's, Nfld.

ACCC Bishops & Clergy

Rt. Rev. Bishop Craig Botterill
Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert Crawley
Rev. Ted Bowles
Rev. Reid Croft
Rev. Alan Edwardson
Rev. Trevor Elliot
Rev. Edward Fizzard
Rev. Dn. Glenn Galenkamp
Rev. John Hall
Rev. Canon Richard Harris
Rev. Fred Highmore
Rev. John Hilton
Very Rev. Dean Shane Janzen
Rev. Harley Kynock
Rev. Lance Lyons
Rev. Ron McBrine
Rev. Douglas Nicholson
Rev. Douglas Ohs
Rev. Fabian (Glen) Ollerhead
Rev. Howard Patterson
Rev. Canon Richard Root
Rev. Dr. James Schovaneck

Rev. Dn. Robert Short
Rev. Canon Doug Skoyles
Rev. Lee Whitney

Those of us who have chosen to remain in the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada offer our sincere best wishes and prayers to those of our former brethren who have been received into the Roman Catholic Church. Freedom of conscience is an important religious and spiritual freedom, not only from the perspective of the State but more importantly in one's own journey of faith and Christian life. While necessarily causing partings and even some divisions within congregations, in the end let us 'agree to disagree' and then proceed along our respective ways; parting as brothers and sisters in Christ.

To the recent statements that the 'majority' of the clergy and laity of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada are proceeding toward reception into the Roman Catholic Church, it needs to be stated that while that may be true in central Canada it is not true in the rest of the country (as the list above confirms). In the West (including British Columbia), the number of laity and clergy going to Rome do not constitute a 'majority'. The same is true in Atlantic Canada, where in fact very few have decided to be received into the communion of the Roman Catholic Church.

As a result of the relatively small numbers of Anglican being received into the Roman Catholic Church, four "Anglican Use parishes" (called 'sodalities') have been established (Ottawa, Kitchener, Calgary and Victoria) within the respective local Roman Catholic Dioceses under the authority of the local Roman Catholic diocesan bishop. While the new Ordinary for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter in the United States (Monsignor Jeffrey Steenson) has stated that he envisions a "Canadian Deanery" within which these Canadian Anglican Use parishes or 'sodalities' would come together pending the erection of an Ordinariate for Canada, he has also stated that that decision will be determined by the Vatican in consultation with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Until then it remains four 'Anglican Use' parishes within the Canadian Roman Catholic hierarchy. This is very much the practice provided for in the 1980s for Anglicans wishing to join the Roman Catholic Church, and a far cry from what we were led to believe would be the outcome under *Anglicanorum Coetibus*.

The upshot of all of this is that what was petitioned for by the Traditional Anglican Communion College of Bishops at Portsmouth in 2007, and subsequently believed would be the case by the clergy and laity of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, namely corporate reception into full communion with the Catholic Church (See of Peter) as an entire and whole ecclesial body comprising clergy and laity, without the requirement for conversion to Roman Catholicism did NOT come about. Rather, *Anglicanorum Coetibus* requires and entails individual conversion to the Roman Catholic Church through the Rite of Reception and administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by and at the hands of the local Roman Catholic bishop. On the part of clergy, it also entails the resignation of one's Orders and jurisdiction, with only the possibility of absolute ordination (not conditional ordination) as a Roman Catholic priest and incardination in either the local Roman Catholic diocese or in the Personal Ordinariate (if and when one is established).

Anglicanorum Coetibus does not result in an "Anglican Rite" within the Catholic Church; it does not result in a "church within a church"; it does not result in a parallel 'Anglican' ecclesial body alongside of but not part of the Roman Catholic Church. Nor does it result in a person remaining an 'Anglican' or 'Anglican Catholic' in communion with the Catholic Church. Once received and confirmed, or ordained, as the case may be, that person becomes a "Roman Catholic coming from the Anglican tradition" – "a former Anglican" (as stated in the documents coming from Rome). In other words, it does not result in 'unity without absorption' but rather the exact opposite.

The divisions, the hurt, the acrimony, the disappointments, and misleading information which has accompanied the Vatican's invitation for Anglicans to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church is regrettable. Instead of greater unity among Christians there is now further disunity and further division. What has transpired is more than the actions of "arrogant, sinful people not accepting the generous offer of Rome" (as some of our former brethren have tried to characterize it), but it is the outcome of a flawed process requiring full and complete submission and obedience to the doctrines, authority and liturgical practices of the Roman Catholic Church; and, for us in particular, the splintering and division of the

Anglican Catholic Church of Canada and that of the world-wide Traditional Anglican Communion.

One can only continue to hope and pray for genuine Christian unity 'without absorption'. Until that day, we who remain in the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (Traditional Anglican Communion) will, by the help and grace of God, continue to maintain, promote and honour the Anglican expression of the Catholic faith as we have received the same; wishing our separated brethren in the Roman Catholic Church God's peace and blessing along their way.

THE NO-EXCUSE SUNDAY

In order to make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we are planning a special "no-excuse Sunday."

Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day for sleeping in."

Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late on Saturday night.

We will have steel helmets for those who believe the roof will cave in if they show up for church services.

Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the church is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say the church is too hot.

We will have hearing aids for the parishioners who say, "The rector doesn't talk loud enough" There will be cotton for those who say, "The rector talks too loud."

Score cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.

We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.

There will be TV dinners available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner too.

One section of the church will have some trees and grass for those who see God in nature, especially on the golf course.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas and Easter symbols, for those who only come to Church on the holidays.



IN AND AROUND THE ACCC Snapshots of some of our Parishes

*Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist
Victoria, British Columbia*



**Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

WITH a full church and sunshine streaming through the stained glass windows, the parishioners of the Cathedral Church in Victoria celebrated a joyous Easter together! The Paschal mystery is the most profound of the Christian faith -- that God would come in flesh and die for sinners upon the Cross, so that the sting of death and the victory of the grave would be destroyed forever! Having 'tasted death' our Lord Jesus Christ 'opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers' and we, through His most precious Blood, are 'numbered among the saints in glory everlasting'. "This is the which day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Now the moving and solemn ceremonies of Holy Week have given over to the joy and simplicity of Eastertide. Each year, I cannot help but be moved by the richness of our Liturgy in this holy Season. We are transported back in time to the Upper Room, to the Garden in Gethsemane, to that lonely Cross upon a hill; with Mary Magdelene, Peter, and John we peer into the empty tomb on Easter morning and with joy raise the ancient anthem: "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" We have been truly blessed in our 'little white God-box'.



Very shortly, on the first Sunday in May (May 6th), we will celebrate our Patronal Festival ~ the Feast of Saint John in Eastertide. That Sunday will prove to be an extra special time of worship and celebration for us with the baptism and confirmation of one of our handsome young men, 'twenty-something' Andrew Wilson, whose grandparents are long-time members of the parish. In addition, joining us this year all the way from Halifax, will be Bishop Craig Botterill and his wife, Angela. We look forward to their first visit together to Victoria; and to Bishop Craig's official visitation to our Cathedral Parish. Following the High Mass that Sunday, we will partake of a Parish Luncheon downstairs in the Church Hall -- an opportunity for everyone to officially 'welcome' our new Christian, Andrew, into the Church and Parish; and to greet and speak with Bishop Craig and Angela, who will return home to Halifax on Friday, May 11th.

As many know, the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Victoria, is also the headquarters for Saint Bede's Anglican Catholic Theological College. Over the past few years, we have hosted the postulants while they attended a number of intensive theological weeks of instruction here in Victoria. In June and July, we will be hosting our newly ordained deacon, Rev. Glenn Galenkamp, for eight weeks while he completes his studies and practicum in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood.

Our Cathedral Parish continues to grow, particularly with the addition of children to our Sunday School. Always energetic, always happy and joyful, the teachers and children of our Sunday School bring vitality, laughter, learning, music and song, and great hope for the future of our parish; and more importantly, for the life of the Church and the Christian Faith. Even one of our Sunday School teachers is doing her part for parish growth, with her and her husband expecting their second child in early September.

So, we have much to be thankful for, much to be joyous over. We know who we are, we know where we are going, and we know on Whom we believe! Trusting in His Word, relying upon His grace, and faithfully witnessing to His Truth, we face the future with confidence and hope.

May Almighty God continue to bless His Church in this Parish; and may we remain ever faithful to our calling in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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