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THE autumn months come upon us with some much needed rain, rustling leaves and sunny wind-swept afternoons. Each of us return to our routines with renewed minds and bodies, having enjoyed the summer sun and some vacation time. With the coming of autumn comes also another year of church programs, studies, and festivals. Although the Church Year itself goes from Advent to Advent, most of us tend to consider this time of year as the start of our personal 'new year'. September offers all of us an opportunity to set new goals; to choose our spiritual reading for the season; and to prepare our hearts and souls for the Lord's Harvest -- when He shall come again in glory.

September brings with it the start of a new school year, the beginning of bible studies, Sunday School, Autumn bazaars, and patronal festivals. For us in the ACCC, this month also begins the process leading to the election and consecration of our next Metropolitan and Diocesan Bishop. Nomination forms have now gone out to the clergy of the Diocese who form the electoral college; this will be followed by the actual ballot, and eventually to the ratification (or rejection) of the clergy's choice by the laity through their respective Parishes.

The Constitution of the ACCC (s. 78) sets out that "a man may be elected a bishop if he:

- (a) *is the full age of thirty years;*
- (b) *is a priest or bishop in valid orders as defined and set forth in the Preface to the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer (1962) Canada, as understood by this Church;*
- (c) *is faithful in the doctrines and discipline of The Anglican Catholic Church of Canada as determined and defined by this Constitution;*
- (d) *is known and recognized within his community as a man of integrity and oral stature;*
- (e) *has those qualities and abilities of leadership, experience, and learning that will enable him to fulfil the duties of a chief pastor in the Church of God."*

In addition, Article 12.3(A) of the *Concordat of the Traditional Anglican Communion* sets out that a prospective bishop must be:-

*"A man of significant pastoral experience at the parish, deanery and/or diocesan level;*

*"A man of spiritual discipline in private prayer, the daily offices and the regular resort to the Sacraments of the Church; and*

*"A man who has studied and demonstrated competence at an academic level such that he is able to participate capably in international and ecumenical discussion and debate on theological issues."*

As we undertake this important process, let us pray the Holy Spirit to lead us in the right way that we may elect a devout and good man to be our chief shepherd.

With a diocese extending from coast to coast, it is sometimes difficult to communicate in a timely manner. Which is why the editor of the *Anglican Catholic Chronicle* invites clergy and laity from our various parishes to send in news, events, commemorations, and pictures to be included in future editions. Send in your information and photos to [ccsje@shaw.ca](mailto:ccsje@shaw.ca) (the email address of our Cathedral Church in Victoria). Your contributions will help keep our diocesan newsletter informative and current.

As we now turn ourselves away from the summer months to autumn days, let us be reminded of the many blessings that God has graciously bestowed upon His Church and in our lives. Let us be thankful for the lives of so many who have passed our way, witnessing to Christ in their love and service to others. Let us give thanks too for those whom God will yet send to bless our way in the days and months ahead. May each of us be a constant sign of the commitment and faith we hold in Christ crucified and risen; and may we, in our respective parishes, be a welcoming community of believers to all who would seek for an authentic expression of faith in God and in His Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**SUMMER TRAVELS WITH  
FATHER ALAN EDWARDSON**

It was with great enthusiasm and anticipation that my wife, Alice, and our two youngest sons, Daniel (aged 14 years) and Benjamin (aged 12 years), headed out on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from Thunder Bay bound for Calgary, Alberta. After a whirlwind two-day drive, we arrived in Calgary on the afternoon of Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Once we checked into our hotel room, the cost of which was generously borne by the parish of All Saints', Calgary, we were met by Mrs. Diana Harten, Secretary at All Saints', who kindly showed us the route to the church. Upon our arrival there, Alice and I were warmly greeted by Mr. Archie Adams, the Rector's Warden, Mr. George Langley, the organist, and Fr. Jim Schovanek, Regional Dean for the Prairie Deanery, who was leaving shortly for St. Barnabas parish in Moose Jaw. The rest of the afternoon was spent rehearsing my woefully rusty Merbecke. A good time was had by all, as Archie and George gave not only great instruction, but also supplied witty commentary coupled with a joyful playfulness that revealed their evident passion and love for the beauty of the Prayer Book liturgy.



Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> dawned sunny and very warm. The church was beautiful, the brasses shone, and the altar gleamed. Following an intimate Said Mass at 8:30 a.m., we celebrated a glorious Sung Mass at 10:30; all told, there were in excess of 40 communicants who attended the two services – quite a turnout for a Sunday in July! Following the 10:30 service, Alice, the boys, and I were treated to a marvelous time of

fellowship. A delicious cake was served in honour of the occasion of our visit, a big “welcome” on the icing echoing the sentiments of the parishioners of All Saints'. Later in the day, the four of us were invited to barbeque hosted by the People's Warden, Mr. Mark Pollard, and his wife Carol. An abundance of good food and warm fellowship made for a perfect summer evening spent with friends new and old. I think Benjamin and Daniel, who were royally treated (spoiled?) by our gracious hosts, would have been quite happy to stay much, much longer.

Nevertheless, we had to push on the next day. Having been given skilled directions for a drive through Kananaskis Country by Mark Pollard, the four Edwardsons were treated to some incredibly beautiful mountain scenery on Monday morning. Later in the day found us at the Royal Tyrell Museum in Drumheller, where the boys availed us of their dinosaur expertise, explaining to us what everything meant – it was like having our own private tour guides! We gradually worked our way back to Thunder Bay over the next few days, with stops in Portage la Prairie and at the Winnipeg Zoo, and arrived safely home on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. We were grateful that God had granted us travelling mercies during our six-day 4,000 km adventure out to Alberta and the experience of meaningful worship with a particularly wonderful parish family.

Our western travels for the summer of 2012 did not end there, however. Leaving Alice and the children behind this time, I found myself on the road again early on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, bound for the two B.C. mainland parishes of St. Michael and All Angels, Abbotsford, and St. Peter and St. Paul, Burnaby. After overnighting in Moose Jaw, I arrived for a very pleasant noon-hour coffee meeting on Friday at one of the Medicine Hat Timmy's with Mrs. Maggy Onoferychuck, Diocesan Council Elected Lay Representative for the Prairies, and Senior Warden at Holy Trinity Parish, Medicine Hat. After providing me with a 'lay of the land' regarding the parish situation in the Gas City, Mrs. Onoferychuck saw me off on the next leg of my journey to Calgary, where I safely arrived later that afternoon. I was met at the hotel with a message from Diana Harten, inviting me to a barbeque at her home with some friends from All Saints' parish. I eagerly accepted and was

treated to another evening of great food and western hospitality. With my batteries thus fully recharged, I pressed on to B.C. early the next morning (Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>) and arrived in Abbotsford by mid-afternoon. Mrs. Sheila Slade, People's Warden at St. Michael and All Angels, Abbotsford, met with me and provided me with much-needed rest and refreshment, before seeing me off to Burnaby, my final destination. Ms. Maureen Gee, People's Warden at St. Peter and St. Paul in Burnaby, greeted me warmly when I appeared, only slightly worse for wear, at her front door at just after 7:00 p.m.

Since my safe arrival on the beautiful West Coast I have enjoyed unseasonably warm and sunny weather and have divided my time between the two parishes, providing pastoral and sacramental ministry on a temporary basis, until a new Rector is appointed for them. I spend three nights each week in Abbotsford, staying in a well-appointed basement suite, graciously provided by a friend of Sheila Slade. In addition to encouraging Sheila's husband, Peter (who is also the Treasurer at St. Michael and All Angels), with his lay reading studies, much of my time is spent on initiatives to build up the parish and in visiting parishioners. The rest of my time each week is spent in Burnaby (where I am kindly billeted by Maureen Gee), performing similar parish work. Sung Mass is celebrated on Sundays at each parish – at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter and St. Paul (preceded by Matins at 8:45) and 12:30 p.m. (traffic allowing!) at St. Michael and All Angels. Between the two parishes, we have been averaging nearly 25 communicants each week. Once summer has ended, the two parishes can look forward to the reinstatement of mid-week said Masses and Bible Studies.

Indeed, the future looks bright for the two mainland parishes in B.C. and I am most grateful to Our Lord Jesus for the opportunity to have served in His Name and to have shared this uplifting worship time with the good people of St. Michaels and All Angels and St. Peter and St. Paul.



**WE**, Craig Botterill, Q.C., by Divine Permission Acting Metropolitan, Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Suffragan, and Provincial Chancellor of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada.

To Our Beloved in Christ:

The Clergy and Laity of the  
Province and Diocese of Canada

Greetings:

**WHEREAS** on the Twenty-Sixth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven, the Right Reverend Peter D. Wilkinson, OSG did resign his office as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Canada of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, thereby causing a vacancy in that See and Bishopric;

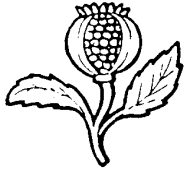
**AND WHEREAS** on the Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve, the Right Reverend Peter D. Wilkinson, OSG did resign his office as Metropolitan of the Province of Canada of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, thereby causing a vacancy in the Office of Metropolitan of the Province of Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** it is incumbent upon Us as Acting Metropolitan of the Province of Canada and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Canada, as well as in Our capacity as Provincial Chancellor of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, to ensure the due election of a canonically qualified priest or bishop to the Office of Metropolitan of the Province of Canada and Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Canada of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (Traditional Anglican Communion);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We do hereby call for the Election of the Metropolitan of the Province of Canada and Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Canada of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada; with Nominations to be open to any priest or bishop in valid Orders as defined and set forth in Section 78 of the *Constitution of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada*, and with the said Election to conform to the rules set out in Section 42 of the *Diocesan Ordinance, 2004/2007* of the Diocese of Canada of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada; such Nominations to be submitted in accordance with the rules set out in the aforesaid Diocesan Ordinance not later than Holy Cross Day, being the Fourteenth Day of September A.D. 2012.

**GIVEN** under Our Hand on the Feast of Saint Bartholomew, being the Twenty-Fourth day of August in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve and in the year of Our Consecration the Sixth.





...from  
**MAGGIE'S  
KITCHEN**

**T**HE life of St. Peter Claver (commemorated, especially in the United States, on Sept. 9) is a difficult one in which to relate, because the circumstances of his priestly ministry were so appalling. In the Covenant Service of the 1962 *Book of Common Worship* of the Church of South India there are the following words: "Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves."

Fr. Claver was a shy, academically-inclined young Spanish Jesuit who volunteered to work among the slaves, in particular those Africans newly arrived in Cartagena, in what is now Colombia. Conditions on the slave ships were so foul and inhumane that fully a third of their human cargo perished, a loss which the slavers merely wrote off as the cost of doing business. The Jesuits could do nothing to stop this human trafficking, though they tried. They were left with the work of re-humanizing the slaves, presenting the Gospel and ministering to their physical and medical needs, and this with neither praise nor funding.

Fr. Claver succeeded Fr. Alfonso de Sandoval, who had spent forty years in service to the slaves. Fr. Claver declared himself "the slave of the Negroes forever." Despite his natural lack of self-confidence, he approached the work with careful organization, enlisting the help of whomever he could. Language was a barrier in communicating with the slaves. So, he advised, "We must speak to them with our hands, before we try to speak to them with our lips." The conditions under which he worked were so vile that many who intended to help simply could not bear it. He explained his own indifference to the stench and disease with characteristic self-deprecation: "If being a saint consists in having no taste and having a strong stomach, I admit that I may be one."

Fr. Claver is credited with having taught and baptized more than 300,000 slaves in the course

of his forty years in Cartagena. Some ten thousand were off-loaded there every year, so it is clear that he took responsibility for virtually all of them. At the same time, he instructed them in such matters as making sacramental confessions (and hearing them) and signing themselves with the cross. He was a moral force both for them and, as far as possible, for the slave owners.

I've been considering in recent days, what with so many summer visitors, what constitutes a friend. We've had acquaintances who know how to be disciples of their mentors and mentors to their own disciples, but haven't a clue how to be a friend. And there is St. Peter Claver, who could become a friend to innumerable slaves, those whose very humanity had been dismissed by society. He didn't merely pity them, as one might an abused dog or cat, but showed them that despite their sufferings and rejection they were still fully men and women, his brothers and sisters, his friends, created in the image of God, loved by Him, and answerable ultimately to Him.

It has been noted that Protestant Englishmen played a large part in establishing the slave trade, and that a Protestant Englishman was also responsible in 1815 for the abolition of the slave trade in England. In the intervening centuries, however, it was primarily Roman Catholics, and of them primarily Jesuits, who devoted themselves at great personal cost to relieving the misery of the slaves and pleading for an end to slavery. St. Peter Claver, who did so much, was honoured only in his death, and was buried with great pomp and circumstance, perhaps because he was no longer a thorn in the side of the authorities. He was canonized in 1888, along with the lay brother and friend who first fired his desire to take up the work, St. Alphonsus Rodriguez. From Colombia, a peasant dish to remember St. Peter Claver:

**AREPAS CON QUESO**

*Grind smooth in a food processor or blender 1-1/2 cups canned hominy with 1/4 cup liquid from the can. In a bowl, mix with 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal, 1 cup grated cheese, 1 Tbsp brown sugar, and 1/4 tsp salt. Form into 12 small balls; flatten each into a 2"-3" patty. Fry on a lightly greased griddle over medium-high heat, turning as the first side begins to brown. Serve at a meal in place of bread, as an excellent source of calcium (the hominy is treated with lime, like corn tortillas).*