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WE begin the summer with the traditional observance of our national holiday, Canada Day (formerly known as 'Dominion Day'), which is observed on the Octave Day of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, patron saint of Canada). As we celebrate once again the anniversary of the Confederation of the colonies of British North America into the Dominion of Canada, we should pause to consider the great blessings God has bestowed upon our country. Ours is a land of plenty. In Nazi Germany, in the concentration camp of Auschwitz, there stood a building the starving inmates referred to as "Canada". It was in this building that all the gold, extracted from the teeth of those who were marched to the crematoria, along with all the possessions of arriving prisoners were stored – warm clothing, musical instruments, eye glasses, books, art, diamonds, even scraps of food. Prisoners called the building Canada, because to them Canada was a land of plenty, a land of hope, and a land of freedom. God has bestowed many blessings on Canada. Many nations and empires have been founded on the principle of power, or on the conquest of territory, or for the enrichment of an elite class, and they have all failed. But God moved in the lives of the Fathers of Confederation to motivate them to create a country based on the principles of hope, freedom, and opportunity. As Canadians we have so much to thank to Almighty God for. This is indeed a land of plenty, a land of hope, and a land of freedom. It is therefore meet and right that when we sing our National Anthem we humbly pray "God keep our land, glorious and free".

With the first of July comes the official start, as it were, of summer – a time when family and friends are able to enjoy each other's company without the usual demands of work and chores. For the people of God there is much value in taking time off to rest, to recreate, to renew oneself through visiting new places, seeing new sites, and spending time with a good book.

These lazy summer days are also excellent times to renew our relationships with those we love, including most especially our relationship with God. Our day to day lives are so often filled with demands to do this or that; with distractions which sometimes drive us crazy; with the things we *must do* rather than those things which we would *like to do*. In the midst of which we may neglect our life of prayer and praise of God. Frequently, our Lord Jesus Christ called His disciples away to a quiet place where they were able to commune with Him, and through Him, with their Heavenly Father. Our Lord knew the value of rest, recreation, and spiritual renewal. So it should not come as a surprise that we too need time away, time for ourselves and time for communion with God. Be sure then to spend some time in these summer months with our Lord in prayer and meditation. Spiritual reading, regular attendance at Church, days of quiet and reflection are all spiritual exercises which will enliven our souls and renew our minds and bodies.

It will prove to be a busy summer for Bishop Craig Botterill, as at the end of July, God willing, Deacon Glenn Galenkamp will be ordained to the priesthood at our Cathedral Church in Victoria; and Bishop Craig will travel over to Vancouver to celebrate Mass for the parishioners of the Parish of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and the Parish of Saint Michael and All Angels. On August 28th, God willing, Bishop Craig will ordain Deacon Robert Short to the Sacred Order of Priest at Saint Stephen the Proto Martyr in St. John's, Newfoundland. In addition, Bishop Craig will be in Moose Jaw in early July visiting the parish there and spending some time with his mother.

As each of us, clergy and laity, take time to rest and recreate, to travel and visit others, may God bless His Church in this Diocese, and may He see us all safely along our way this summer; that we may return home to our daily routines renewed in mind, body and soul. May you all enjoy a blessed, safe and enjoyable summer.

CANADA DAY 2012

I N 1867, the Fathers of Confederation chose to bind together the new Dominion of Canada with the three-fold cord of constitutional monarchy, parliamentary democracy, and the rule of law. Upon this venture the people of Canada sought the blessings of Almighty God; putting their trust and confidence in divine providence by choosing as the motto of the new Dominion the words from Psalm 72 verse 8: "He shall have dominion from sea to sea". In 1980, the Parliament of Canada enacted into law the music and lyrics of our National Anthem, *O Canada*. The French lyrics had always referenced the Cross of Christ; however, the English lyrics made no such reference, so Parliament, in keeping with our historic religious tradition, amended the English words by adding the phrase: "God keep our land, glorious and free." In 1982, the Canadian Constitution was significantly amended by adding the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* yet all the while affirming our historical roots by setting out in the Preamble to the Charter that "Canada is founded upon principles which acknowledge the supremacy of God and the rule of law."

The founders of this nation, the law-makers, the pioneers and the people of this land have, through the years, acknowledged the admonition set out in the 127th Psalm: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

God has truly blessed our land. In shaping our country, those who have gone before us were like the householder who, out of his treasure, brought things new and old. We grafted onto ourselves an ancient Throne together with a modern system of responsible government. While welcoming peoples from different faiths and languages, Canada and Canadians have remained loyal to the ideals upon which our nation was founded. Millions who have come to this land from distance places around the globe, my own family included, have found opportunities to realize their dreams and aspirations amidst a thriving, vigorous and peaceable kingdom. And for those of us who share in their vision of Canada as a great nation, the place of God and the importance of faith are an integral part of who we are as a nation and a people.

And now on this July 1, 2012, we commemorate the 145th anniversary of Confederation. According to the latest national census (2011), we remain a people of faith, a predominately Christian nation. However, much of what generations of Canadians have taken for granted, or fought to preserve, are in many ways being slowly eroded away.

On July 1, 1960, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker stood in the House of Commons to speak on the introduction of the *Canadian Bill of Rights*. In his address to Parliament and to the Canadian people he made the following declaration:

"I am a Canadian, a free Canadian, free to speak without fear, free to worship God in my own way, free to stand for what I think right, free to oppose what I believe wrong, free to choose those who shall govern my country. This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold for myself and all mankind."

The Fathers of Confederation and those who succeeded them in the governance of this country took seriously the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." (*St. Mark 12:17*) They envisioned within the framework of our constitution and laws the freedom to worship God, the freedom to obey one's conscience, the freedom to live out one's faith in God within a free and democratic society. They also envisioned that the supremacy of God would be acknowledged; and that the people of this nation would worship God in some way.

It is significant that the very first freedom enumerated in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* is that of "freedom of conscience and religion". The Canadian Constitution did not envision nor enumerate a separation of church and state (as in the US Constitution); nor did it envision or enumerate 'freedom from religion'. It clearly envisioned a role for the church in the life of the state; and it clearly envisioned a role for religion in the life of the country. In our Constitution, in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, in our National Anthem, in our Royal Anthem, God is clearly recognized and acknowledged. Prayer still attends the opening of every Parliamentary day in Ottawa, and across the Provincial and Territorial Legislatures of this land. The holding of the Bible and the swearing of an oath before God still attend the

appointment of the great officers of State. Our Sovereign Head of State, Queen Elizabeth II, was consecrated with Holy Oil at her Coronation (the 'Eighth Sacrament') and swore before God in her Coronation Oath to rule the peoples entrusted to her care with mercy and justice, and to "maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel". Generations fought and died to preserve our way of life – and the memorial of their service and sacrifice is to be found in churches across this great land – 'For God, King and Country'.

Yet, some in this present generation have distorted religious freedom to mean freedom *from* religion. We find the courts of our land declaring unconstitutional things which honour God and the advancement of the Christian faith. It is unconstitutional to include in the curriculum of our children's education any knowledge of God; but we are permitted to teach them the ways and means of perversion and sin. Tolerance is to be inculcated, so long as that tolerance does not include the teachings of faith, or dare it be said, respect for people of faith, particularly Christians.

Our children are precious, for they are made in the image of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ rebuked His disciples and commanded them: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." (*St. Mark 10:14*) In the name of democracy, in the name of freedom of religion, our children need to be taught the things of God without the interference or the intimidation of the State. If the state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation; then the state has no place in the souls, consciences and moral values of our young. As our Jewish brethren have long known, and now the Muslims have also come to know, one has only to stand up to the powers of the State in the name of God to discover that even Caesar must bow to the influence and power of religion exercised by people of faith.

Even now some of our highest courts are beginning to overturn judicial rulings which have tried to thwart and undermine religious freedom and the practice of Christianity in this country. Each of us as citizens of Canada, as subjects of Christ our King, must do our part to ensure that freedom of religion is more than words on a parchment; and that our voice is heard in the corridors of power, in our courts of law, and in our institutions of learning.

Let us remember on this Canada Day, when we commemorate the Confederation of this Dominion, that we are a nation under God. That our rights and freedoms are only as strong as is our faith in the One who gives us those rights and freedoms. That as citizens of heaven, and citizens of Canada, we can only expect God to prosper our ways and to bless our land when we ourselves, and as a nation, make our ways His ways. The blessings of freedom and peace are not the product of politics or good government; they are the fruits of righteousness.

In the words of the fourth stanza of our National Anthem, let us pray:

*Ruler supreme, who hearest humble prayer,
Hold our dominion within thy loving care;
Help us to find, O God, in thee
A lasting, rich reward,
As waiting for the Better Day,
We ever stand on guard.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

The Very Reverend Shane B. Janzen
Dean and Rector
Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist
Victoria, British Columbia



✠ God Willing ✠

*The Right Reverend Craig Botterill, QC
Acting Metropolitan of the
Anglican Catholic Church of Canada*

Will Ordain

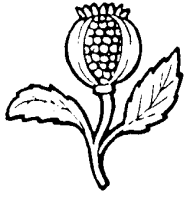
The Reverend Mr. Glenn Galenkamp

*To the
Sacred Order of Priest
in the Church of God*

*Saturday, July 28 A.D. 2012 at
One Thirty o'clock in the Afternoon*

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

A Reception to follow.



...from
MAGGIE'S
KITCHEN

OCCASIONALLY there is a word or phrase on the radio that catches Katie's attention (admittedly there usually isn't much there to catch *anyone's* attention). Today it was "July 4th", which happens to be her birthday. The fact that it's also U. S. Independence Day was irrelevant to her. But not to the day's homilist on EWTN: July 4th will mark the end of two weeks of concerted prayer for religious liberty, the "Fortnight of Freedom" to which the faithful have been called by the unanimous decision of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). If you receive and read LifeSiteNews, you'll know that the Obama administration is determined to force Catholic health and adoption agencies to toe the government line on contraception, abortion and gay "rights", however contrary to Church teaching that is. Not just Catholics are at risk, of course, though too many non-Catholics are willing to let Catholics take all the heat.

Anyway, these two weeks are an opportunity for us Anglican Catholics in Canada to examine our own support (or lack thereof) of the cause of religious liberty, including but not limited to the freedom to proclaim marriage as ordained by God Himself, children and family life as the normal purpose of marriage, and all human life as sacred to Him, regardless of what misguided governors or courts might think. Shame on us if we find it distasteful to go public with our proclamation of His truth!

In this regard, the USCCB has also encouraged the faithful to wear the Cross as a witness to our Christian identity. It's time, so to speak, to come out of the closet. Of course, if we wear the Cross of our Saviour, we must be sure that our words and actions back up the statement that we are His, whatever suffering that may entail. The world needs above all His redeeming love, and we, poor earthen vessels that we are, are His means of conveying that love to the world.

St Vincent de Paul, born in France in 1580, was one such earthen vessel, whose clay was turned to gold by the treasure he bore. Perhaps

you have a St Vincent de Paul Society store near you. Have you ever wondered about the man it was named for? An earthen vessel indeed, of poor peasant stock. It is reported by those who knew him that he was "by nature of a bilious temperament and very subject to anger". By divine grace, however, and his cooperation therewith, he became "tender, affectionate, acutely sensible to the calls of charity and religion." In other words, as with St Peter, God took the energy in the man and transfigured it. So might He well do with us! Then we too might be inflamed with the kind of love demonstrated by St Vincent in his devotion to the impoverished and the sick, galley slaves and peasantry – those least esteemed by the society. And we might display a similar passion for God's truth, strongly opposing heretical teaching and doing everything we can to encourage sound Catholic teaching. The Fortnight for Freedom is as good a place as any to begin the latter.

St Vincent de Paul died peacefully on September 27, 1660. He was canonized in 1737. Because September 27 was already taken, his feast was arbitrarily assigned to a free day in July. More recently, with growing interest in St Vincent, the Roman calendar has moved his commemoration to the September date, a date already in use by Anglicans in the UK and USA.

In lieu of a special recipe either for the Fortnight (during which fasting would be more appropriate) or the commemoration of St Vincent de Paul (for which there seem to be no special recipes), may I suggest that you make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society in your area, or if none, to your local food bank or soup kitchen?

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O GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, we bless and praise thy holy Name that thou didst move our rulers and statesmen to bring together under one government the scattered communities of this land, and to unite them into one Dominion from sea to sea. We beseech thee to grant that the heritage received from our fathers may be preserved in our time, and handed down unimpaired to our children; and that from generation to generation we may remain a united people, loyal to our Sovereign and our Country; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP, p. 59, #3.