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From the Editor

BEGIN this, my first editorial message, with a thank you to my predecessor, Father Glenn Galenkamp, for the tremendous work that he has put into the Chronicle. Father Glenn is leaving his post as Editor in order to give full attention to his pastoral duties as Rector of St. Barnabas Parish in Moose Jaw.

Some of you may already know me in my capacity as Executive Assistant to Archbishop Shane Janzen. You may not, however, be aware that I also act as Diocesan Archivist. In seeking inspiration for this message, I turned to the archival collections and came across the first edition of the diocesan newsletter. published, coincidentally, in Eastertide 1988. I reproduce for you now the Vol. 1 - No. 1 letter by Bishop Alfred Woolcock, second Bishop Ordinary of The Anglican Catholic Church of Canada:

"Dear Friends:

For sometime we have all realized our need of a Diocesan News-letter. It is with much pleasure we now introduce this first edition with every hope that many more will follow. However, the success of this hoped-for on-going ministry will depend

upon the fullest cooperation. We anticipate news from all parishes, not forgetting the few members living in isolated circumstances, being far from the opportunity of regular ministrations, but join the whole Church in offering the daily offices.

So often I have been asked if I would see that copies of our diocesan magazine or news-letter be sent, but until now, we have not been able to respond in a positive manner. At last, we are now able to circulate news of the church, not only amongst ourselves but to others living in various countries.

We trust that you will give your full support to this venture, because such a 'media' as this news-letter can be an important 'instrument of evangelisation' [sic] in God's Hands."

+Alfred Woolcock

I pray that in continuing this ministry, we as a Diocese may remember the spirit of evangelization with which it was originally intended, and share with joy the great work that we perform for the glory of God and the edification of His Church.

Sonia Nicholson

ARCHBISHOP JANZEN'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Archbishop Shane Janzen will be traveling throughout Atlantic Canada from May 31 to June 8. His Episcopal Visitations will include the Parishes in Halifax and Mosers River, NS; as well as St. John's, NL.



A Message from
The Most Reverend
Shane B. Janzen
Metropolitan &
Diocesan Ordinary

Passiontide and Holy Week have given way to the joy of Eastertide! More than any other Season, Easter is the time of Christian joy and celebration. Christmas, with all its wonder and beauty, only announces the birth of the Christ-Child, who would one day redeem the world from sin and evil. Easter on the other hand brings to us the announcement of new life, eternal life, and the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ, who has defeated death and risen in glory.

Ours is an Easter Faith. During the fifty days of Easter we will celebrate as people of faith; an Easter people charged with the spirit of the Risen Christ; eager to spread the good news, and to share with all we meet the joy which is ours as Christians. And in the conditions of our present world, with war and violence, terrorism, and so many innocent lives taken without thought, it is all the more important that we live as people of faith, hope, and love. People of faith who believe in Jesus Christ, the Lord of all and Saviour of the world – the 'same yesterday, today, and for ever'.

Regardless of what may happen in our world or in our lives, we know Christ lives. He has told us not to be anxious or afraid – He is ever with us, even in our darkest hours; has overcome the world. In His abiding presence we need not fear the powers of evil and terror at work around us. We need not fear the power

of the enemy nor the power of death. We need not fear the grave nor gates of hell; Jesus has overcome all and shown us the way to God.

We, who profess belief in the Resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ, profess not only an historical fact, a religious belief, but a way of life. As Christians, we walk with the risen Christ each day; we know the power of His presence in their lives: transforming, healing, forgiving, loving, empowering. As we read in the Easter Gospel. it was only when Mary Magdalene turned her back away from the grave that she beheld the living Lord. When we turn our backs on sin and death, and away from a life lived only for self, then we too are transformed and experience the power and the joy of the Risen Christ in our lives. Life was not the same for the Apostles and disciples who, on Easter morning, stood before the empty tomb and then beheld Jesus, risen from the dead; and it will never be the same for us who profess with our hearts and lives the reality of the Resurrection as people of faith and hope.

As we rejoice in the blessings of Easter, we know our journey of faith is not yet complete. We have many more trials and joys to encounter but we do overcome: so in the knowledge that we are not alone; we are part of the family of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, much loved by the Father and precious in His sight. Let us therefore live on in His love as 'the children of God, members of Christ, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven'.

May I extend to you all my blessings and prayers for a most joyous Eastertide.

IN AND AROUND THE ACCC



Ordination of Father Jack Archbold (Front row left to right: Rory Kulmala, Subdeacon; Canon Richard Root, Deacon & Preacher; Father Jack Archbold; Archbishop Shane Janzen. Middle row: Canon Edward Gale; Father Douglas Ohs; Father Robert Short. Back row: Servers James Shaw, Brian Kennedy, Fred Essery, and Brent Nicholson.)

On Saturday May 3rd, 2014, at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist in Victoria BC, the Reverend Jack Archbold was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priest by the Most Reverend Shane B. Janzen, Metropolitan Archbishop and Diocesan Ordinary. Father Archbold was presented by Canon Richard Root, who also preached the sermon and acted as Deacon of the Mass.

Father Jack Archbold was joined on this special day by his wife, Sonja; their children; and one of their grandchildren, Liam. A small reception followed in the Church Hall, at which gifts were presented to Father Jack including a home communion set from his family, and a set of four stoles from the Cathedral Parish.

Father Jack celebrated his first Mass the following day, Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray God's blessing upon Father Jack and his ministry among us.

Clergy Retreat in Diocese of the Missouri Valley

On March 9th, at the invitation of Bishop Stephen Strawn, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley, Archbishop Janzen lead a Diocesan Clergy Retreat at Holy Trinity Church in Kansas City. Prior to the retreat, the Archbishop was the guest Preacher at Saint John's Cathedral in Quincey, Illinois.



Saint John's Cathedral, Quincey, Illinois

A number of the Diocesan Clergy, along with Bishop Strawn, were in attendance, as well as one young postulant. The theme of the Clergy Retreat was the Apostolic Ministry and life of a Priest, and involved eight talks over 2 days.



TAC Missionary Journey to Guatemala

The Most Rev. Brian R. Marsh, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in America (TAC) and Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the North East, The Rt. Rev. Stephen D. Strawn, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley, and The Rt. Rev. Juan Garcia, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Puerto Rico, visited missions on behalf of the Traditional Anglican Communion in Central America in order to provide support to Bishop Ruben Rodriguez, recognize the TAC Province of Latin America, interview candidates for the episcopate, and assess the financial needs of his missions.



The church in Columbia, which was placed under the authority of Bishop Rodriguez, was admitted, and the bishops met clergy from Honduras and Nicaragua, and considered these missions for the perspective of the International Anglican Fellowship (IAF).

Bishop Marsh tells how he and Bishop Strawn visited Central America and witnessed the work of the shepherds of Christ as they themselves give their lives to the faithful Christians they serve in very remote regions of Guatemala. Bishop Marsh shares some of their experience. He begins, "What does it mean to be a shepherd in this part of the world? This question was very much on my mind as we traveled through the very remote regions of northern Guatemala."

"Our journey began as soon as we landed at the airport in Guatemala City. Bishop Rodriguez met us at the airport and drove us to our hotel. Bishop Rodriguez speaks very little English and Bishop Strawn and I exhausted our entire Spanish vocabulary while we offered our greetings to Bishop Rodriguez. Then, we made do with hand gestures, smiles and quizzical looks."



The people of Chumanzana spoke no English and only limited Spanish. Fortunately, the parish priest at Transfiguration mission was fluent in both English and Spanish, as well as in kee CHE, the Mayan dialect. We listened to him describe the work of the church in this area of Guatemala."



"This is the oldest church in the Province outside Guatemala City. Parishioners there speak an ancient Mayan dialect. The parish priest is translating the Book of Common Prayer into this dialect, kee CHE. It would be the first time that the Book of Common Prayer would be translated into the ancient Mayan language."