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From the Editor

"If some countries have too much history, we have too much geography". W.L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister

THERE is no question that Canada is a large country. Intellectually, we know that it includes six time zones, for example. But as we carry on with our daily lives, immersed in immediate, local concerns, there is a tendency to put other regions out of mind. In June, I was privileged to fly across this great nation, from one "rock" to another, (see the Episcopal Visit article on p.3). Standing at Cape Spear, Newfoundland, the easternmost point in Canada and continental North America, I marveled at a sign indicating various distances. It is over 7,000 km to Victoria, BC; an incredible span, and the size of our Diocese.

While a Province and Diocese the size of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada certainly has undeniable challenges, it also offers to us tremendous possibilities. In Halifax, Moser River, and St. John's, I always felt at home in our parishes; I have no doubt that this would be the case anywhere in the ACCC. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, united in our worship and our faith. Whatever the trials and tasks in our own parishes may be, we must not forget our "extended family" in God. In fact, in times of challenge, we must turn to each other all the more. In this era of advanced technology, there are many resources available to support one another. Beyond the Cycle of Prayer, I would encourage you to use modern tools to foster communication between parishioners, Rectors, Regional Deans, and the Diocesan Office. We may be spread across a vast expanse, but we share common difficulties and are thus in a position to help one another with advice and solutions.

In Moser River, Father Harley Kynock told me that I would miss the people of St. George's-by-the-Sea when I returned home. He was right.

Sonia Nicholson

THE SEASON OF TRINITYTIDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty,
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!*

THE Season of Trinitytide begins in many parishes with the great traditional hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" The Season of Trinitytide draws together the holy mysteries which we have celebrated through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Passiontide, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. In and through His ministry and word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ revealed to us the mystery of God the Holy Trinity – the love of the Father, the saving grace of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's innermost mystery is that He is the Trinity, and everything that we believe about God and His works is interfused with this mystery. Our finite, mortal minds cannot possibly plumb the depth of this mystery revealed to us in Jesus Christ. But this we can know – that from the Father's love everything originates; that through the Son we receive all the Father's grace and love; and that just as the Father and Son are one in the communion of the Holy Spirit, so all who are touched by God's grace share in this communion of life and love.

Through time, God has revealed His Nature; and in the progress of human existence, revealed His divine plan of salvation -- a plan formed from the life, power, and love of the Holy Trinity. When we speak about beauty, truth, goodness, and love; or when we speak of God as a great spiritual force, we touch on the nature of the Trinity but only in an impersonal, imperfect, and incomplete way. For the God revealed to us in the Most Holy Trinity has a definite nature and character; He gives definite commands, and does definite acts. Although outside of time and space, the Holy Trinity entered into the drama of life through being Life itself. At the beginning of time, the love and life-giving nature of the Holy

Trinity brought forth creation. The universe was formed, and through the breath of God, man became a living soul. But unlike the 'watch-maker' of philosophic argument, God the Holy Trinity did not abandon His creation nor remain a formless life-force surging through us -- the 'unknown and unknowable Supreme Being'.

Scripture records, God "did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." He is the living God, "who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them. And He made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that men might seek for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being."

The discovery of God in the beauty and wonder of His creation reveals only that He is God the Creator, still distant and impersonal. We will only come to understand His true nature if we allow ourselves to be drawn into His self-revelation, and to encounter the Holy Trinity in the treasured memories of God's judgements, promises, and mercies. Our journey of discovery reaches back to a covenant made between a nomad and the 'God of the mountain top' -- *El Shaddai*. It moves from such concrete things as the Law, the Passover, the Ark and the Temple -- *Yahweh*; to the stable at Bethlehem, the hill of Calvary, and the empty rock-hewn tomb -- *Jesus Christ*. It leads us to an upper room, to men and women filled with the utter force and power of God's own Spirit, and to the trials and testimonies of millions through the ages. And it brings us to our present moment, for it is in the retelling of the story of salvation, in the listening anew to the spoken Word of God, and in the partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion -- in the worshipping and obeying of God -- that we come to know His true nature and the reality of His presence in our lives.

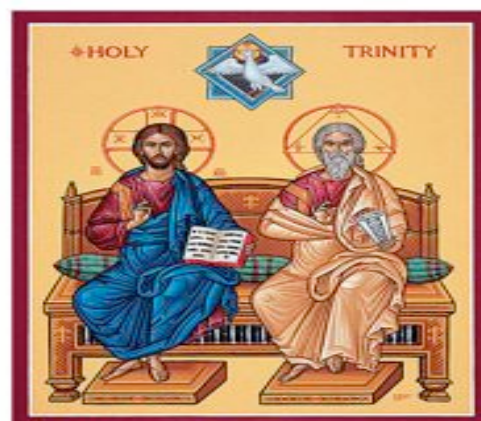
For the God who is the bodiless, timeless, transcendent Being of the whole universe, is also the Incarnate Lord who is 'not far from any one of us'; Whose nail-scarred Hands and riven-side reveal, even now, the depth of His love for those whom He made in His very image. Jesus said, if you want to know God the Father, then look at Me, God the Son. If you want to share in the

love of the Father and the Son, then welcome into your heart the Spirit who proceeds from that love.

C.S. Lewis likened our personal glimpses of God to our glimpse of a fringe of the ocean when we walk on the beach. Mystical or personal experiences of God are real but fragmentary, like a walk on the beach. But the Christian faith and the Christian revelation in Jesus Christ is like a map of the ocean. Reading a nautical map is less real and less exciting than walking along the beach; but one cannot cross the oceans without such a map -- and one cannot know God, nor reach the end of the journey to God, by simply feeling the presence of God -- we need to know of Whom we believe and in Whom we are seeking. God has not left us without such a map -- we have the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments -- The Bible -- the inspired word of God; we have the Church, the Body of Christ and the People of God, chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and guided by the Holy Spirit; and we have the witness and teachings of Christian men and women who have walked the walk of faith, and who, in pondering the waves upon the sea of faith, have come to know the timeless truths of God.

We have said that Christian belief is a discovery of the works and words of the Holy Trinity. And as life is known by being lived, so Christian belief is known by living in this discovery. So the first and last goal of all God's works and words is that we should come to know and love Him and thus, now and forevermore, gain entry into the blessed communion of the One, Holy and Triune God -- revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Whom we worship and adore, for ever!

Archbishop Shane B. Janzen





*A Message from
Archbishop Shane Janzen
Metropolitan &
Diocesan Ordinary*

WITH the month of August we find ourselves in the midst 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.

Over the last six months I have had the privilege and pleasure of visiting every one of our parishes across the Diocese, with the exception of our parish in Montreal (which I plan to visit in the autumn). On the last Sunday in July (July 27) I traveled up-Island to the Comox Valley, where I inaugurated our newest Parish, St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church, and inducted their first incumbent, Father George Daley. Please take time to read the article about the grand day, including the picture of the first members of the Parish gathered together for worship and fellowship in the old train station in Courtenay,

B.C. I cannot speak highly enough of the people there who have come together in faith and hard work to establish a traditional Anglican parish and presence; and to thank Father George Daley for his leadership, confidence and faith even as he continues to recover from cancer. Please keep our newest parish in your prayers that by God's grace and providence they may grow and prosper in proclaiming the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the historic Anglican expression of the Christian Faith.

Along with the inauguration of our newest ACCC parish, I know too there are a number of baptisms and confirmations planned for August. All of which gives proof of God's grace in people's lives and of growth in our parishes and missions across the Diocese.

On the international scene, the Traditional Anglican Communion also continues to grow and thrive. New bishops are to be consecrated for the growing areas of our Communion in Africa and in Latin America. In response to increased demands for theological education for our postulants in Canada and around the TAC, St. Bede's Anglican Catholic Theological College is being restructured and the curriculum revised to provide more extensive on-line theological courses taught by qualified instructors, while maintaining flexibility and cost-effectiveness.

With an eye to the future, I will be preparing (with the assistance of the local clergy and church wardens) parish profiles for three of our parishes in need of new incumbents – Parish of Our Lady and Saint Michael, Edmonton, Alberta; Holy Cross Parish, Medicine Hat, Alberta; and St. George's-by-the-Sea, Moser River, Nova Scotia.

Finally, congratulations to Bishop Craig Botterill, who officially retires on July 31st from his position as a senior Crown Prosecutor with the Province of Nova Scotia. God willing, he will now have more time to dedicate to his responsibilities as Bishop Suffragan and Rector of St. Aidan's Pro-Cathedral in Halifax (and as a husband, father and grandfather). I am sure Angela has a few projects in mind to fill his days.

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.

IN AND AROUND THE ACCC

Episcopal Visit to Atlantic Canada

From May 31st through June 8th, Archbishop Janzen traveled throughout Atlantic Canada on his first Episcopal visit to that part of the Diocese.

His first official stop was at the Parish of St. George's-by-the-Sea in Moser River, on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore. Following the service, there was a banquet held at the local community centre. Archbishop Janzen updated the people of St. George's on happenings in the Diocese as well as the Traditional Anglican Communion around the world, answered questions, and enjoyed a time of fellowship. St. George's-by-the-Sea is located in a very small community, but the parish is large in numbers, and strong in spirit.



Archbishop Janzen with the people of the Parish of St. George's-by-the-Sea, Moser River, Nova Scotia. Father Harley Kynock, Rector, standing at left. Photograph by Sonia Nicholson.

Archbishop Janzen then spent a number of days in Halifax. During this time, he met with Bishop Craig Botterill as well as some of the clergy and laity. Bishop Craig also served as local tour guide. The Archbishop said Mass on the Wednesday evening at the Pro-Cathedral of Saint Aidan. Refreshments and desserts were then served in the church hall. It was encouraging to see the many children in attendance, and the vibrancy that they bring to the church.



Altar at the Pro-Cathedral of Saint Aidan, Halifax. Photograph by Sonia Nicholson.

The final destination was the Parish of Saint Stephen Proto Martyr in Mount Pearl, Newfoundland, just outside St. John's. The dedicated parishioners meet in the Saint Maurice Coptic Orthodox Church. During the luncheon following the service, Archbishop Janzen had an opportunity to answer questions and converse with the people.



Archbishop Janzen with the Clergy and People of Saint Stephen Proto Martyr, Mount Pearl, Newfoundland. Fr. Fabian Ollerhead, Rector and Fr. Fred Highmore are standing on either side of the Archbishop. Photograph by Sonia Nicholson.

Inauguration of St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church, Courtenay BC

St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church met on July 27th in the Courtenay Train Station (899 Cumberland Rd) at 11am. It was an auspicious occasion with twenty-five present including guests from as far away as Victoria, Mayne Island, and Powell River. There were also some guests from some of the other churches in the Comox Valley. The Parish of St. Thomas is new to the Comox Valley, and on Sunday July 27th enjoyed her first visit by Archbishop Janzen. While there are already many Anglicans living within the Comox Valley and several Anglican Church of Canada parishes, St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church is the first belonging to the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada.

In his sermon to the congregation Archbishop Janzen congratulated the parish for its inception and mission within the region. He also reminded members of the congregation of their mission as well as their Christian identity as traditional Anglicans, holding to the truth of the Scriptures, the faith of the ancient Church set out in the Creeds, and the doctrine and worship of the Book of Common Prayer. Recalling the words of the first ACCC Bishop in 1979, Dr. Joseph Carmino deCatanzaro, he stated: "We therefore accept all that Jesus Christ has taught. He is the eternal Son of God, 'the Way, the Truth, and the Life,' who was born into this world as a human child of the Virgin Mary, lived among us as a perfect human being, died on the Cross, rose from the dead, and lives and reigns for evermore. He is the Centre of our Faith – no one else. What we believe, we believe because of Him. He is the standard of what is right or wrong, true or false – not what society or the contemporary world thinks."

The Rev. George Daley was inducted as the church's first incumbent during the service, and has played an integral role in the conception of this new parish.

A light luncheon organized by members of the parish was enjoyed by all following the Service.



*Archbishop Janzen, Father Daley & Congregation
St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church
Courtenay, British Columbia.*

Afterwards everyone moved outside and Archbishop Janzen blessed a rowboat built by Bill Henderson and Fr. George Daley. According to Fr. Daley, "The symbolic meaning of a ship, also called the bark of St. Peter, was an ancient Christian symbol. It is the Church tossed on the sea of disbelief, worldliness, and persecution but finally reaching safe harbor with its shipment of human souls. Part of the imagery comes from the ark saving Noah's family during the Flood (*1 Peter 3:20-21*). Jesus protected Peter's boat and the apostles on the stormy Sea of Galilee (*Mark 4:35-41*). It was also a great symbol during times when Christians needed to disguise the cross, since the ship's mast forms a cross in many of its depictions."





STATEMENT ON THE DECISION OF THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND GENERAL SYNOD

THE decision taken by the General Synod of the Church of England today to approve legislation enabling the appointment of women to the episcopate is very regrettable indeed, although it might be argued that it was inevitable after the passage of previous measures which introduced them into the diaconate and presbyterate.

The feminist/liberal leadership of the State Church claims to be reflecting the will of the vast majority of its membership and of the wider public as though this were a theological principle, but has been forced by the orthodox minority and their supporters to institutionalize recommendations and provisions which allow opponents to continue to deny the validity of Orders conferred upon women. It is remarkable that anyone has been persuaded to go forward on such an unsatisfactory basis.

Life will be particularly tough for the valiant but shrunken band of dissenters and they may ultimately find that they will be pressurized to move on and shake the dust from their feet like the thousands who have already walked away from the beloved church of their baptism.

I write as the Bishop of the Traditional Anglican Church in Britain, which is a Member Church of the Traditional Anglican Communion (TAC), the largest Continuing Anglican Communion in the world today. The TAC did not even exist before parts of the Canterbury Communion embarked on their divisive and damaging course nearly

forty years ago. Our very existence is a direct consequence of the recklessness that is destroying mainstream Anglicanism on a global scale.

We feel that Almighty God has called us and laid it upon us as a solemn duty to reach out in love to our beleaguered brothers and sisters still immured in Churches which are now 'Anglican' in name only.

The Church of England has determined that her future will be one of ever closer conformity to the World, and in deciding to abandon her Catholic nature and Apostolic order is burning the very bridges that might have led, in the fullness of time, to the healing of the historic rifts with Rome and the Churches of the East.

Because of this sort of behaviour, the Traditional Anglican Communion is growing throughout the world at an unprecedented rate. In Africa and South America, for example, four Bishops are about to be consecrated as new dioceses are formed. By contrast, wherever authentic Anglicanism based soundly upon Biblical teaching and the Book of Common Prayer has been abandoned, numbers are declining sharply.

The good news, on this otherwise sad day, is that the Traditional Anglican Church in Britain stands ready and willing to try to meet the needs of those who no longer feel they can entrust the Church of England with their spiritual welfare. There is no necessity to leave the great Tradition in which your Christianity was formed. Please contact me directly if you wish to discuss your present situation. And do consider joining us in our vocation to keep all that is beautiful and true in Anglicanism alive and flourishing to the glory of God.

*The Right Reverend Ian Gray
Bishop Ordinary
July 15, 2014*