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The Rev. Martha Spence inducted as the first aboriginal priest to serve in the diocese



Rev. Martha Spence and Bishop Bruce at her Induction service. Photo by Silias Nabinicaboo See another photo on page 4

By The Bishop

St. John's Church in Kawawachikamach was full for the Induction of the Rev. Martha Spence on Thursday, February 19. The service called "the celebration of a new ministry" from the Canadian Book of Occasional Celebrations was used for the service of Induction, which was then followed by the Eucharist.

This service emphasizes in an impressive way that any parish ministry is a ministry of the whole people of God and not just that of the ordained. As usual a variety of symbols of ministry were presented to the new Priest - by a number of parishioners. The symbols included a bible, a prayer book, water, oil, the book of Canons, the keys to the church and bread and wine. I read the letter of Institution. The service was in Naskapi and English - all printed in English and syllabics in a leaflet carefully prepared by Silas Nabinicaboo.

Martha Spence has come to the Diocese of Quebec from the Diocese of Keewatin where she was the Priest in Charge of the Parish of Split Lake in Northern Manitoba - her original home. She was also an employee there of the Split Lake Band Council directing their Native Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program.

Martha and her husband celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary two days after the Induction. Albert Spence is originally from York Factory near Churchill and they lived many years in Thompson and Lynn Lake. Martha, who is the first aboriginal priest to serve in the Diocese of Quebec studied theology at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in Saskatoon from 1992 graduating in 1996. Over the years she has been involved in a variety of women's organizations. In 1995, while a theology student, she attended the huge international women's conference in China as a representation of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Diocese and the Parish of Kawawachikamach are blessed to have this warm, articulate and above all prayerful pastor amongst us.

Programme Committee meets in Quebec City

By Graham Jackson

The members of the Programme Committee of the diocese met in Carter Hall on the evening of Friday, January 23 and again until 1:30 on Saturday, January 24 when, the business having been completed, we broke for a late lunch.

As a general rule, our meetings open with a short prayer asking for God's guidance and then close with a prayer of thanksgiving. This time, however, the meetings were characterized by complete services of worship.

We began on the Friday evening with the service of

Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer with the Bishop pronouncing the blessing and we ended with the lovely Order for Compline. On Saturday morning, "de bonne heure", the Rev. Canon Pierre Voyer led us in Morning Prayer or "Priere du Matin". As Pierre has conveniently translated this service into French in order that the entire office maybe said or sung bilingually. Extra copies of this booklet are available to those who are interested. Our meetings concluded with the Rev. Susan Hutchinson leading us in a noon day service which has been specially designed by the Venerable Dennis Drainville. The Archdeacon of Gaspé, who has been recently appointed Chaplain of the Lay

readers, has spent much time and effort putting together a series of services for lay readers and lay leaders for each day of the week.

The result of his labours is now in draft form and will consist of a 90 page booklet soon to be published. Prayers for all occasions are included as well as a special service for the commissioning of lay readers. Needless to say, this will prove to be a tremendous resource for all concerned and we look forward to the finished printed version. He Programme Committee thanks Dennis for this splendid initiative.

Our meeting was efficiently conducted throughout by Phyllis Gauthier, the chair of the Programme Committee and we were fortunate to have the Very Rev. Walter Raymond as our technologically sophisticated secretary.

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Christ is Risen Christ is Risen indeed!

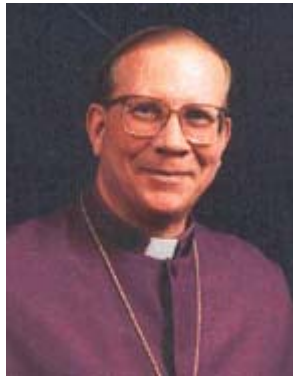


Jesus hangs on the cross. He looks down at his grieving mother, whose flowing draperies emphasize her swooning posture. By depicting him with an elongated torso, uncomfortably crossed legs, and an elegantly drooping head, the artist emphasized Jesus' human suffering and frailty. The Roman soldier at the right recognizes the divine nature of Christ and turns to the Pharisee at his side and says, "Indeed, this was the Son of God." These words were intended to fill the empty speech scroll above his head. © 1 April 2004 The J. Paul Getty Trust. All rights reserved.



The diocesan Programme Committee. Standing: Richard Jones, Susan Hutchison, Walter Raymond, Linda Stubbert, Brian Wharry Graham Jackson. Seated: Pierre Voyer, Phyllis Gauthier, The Bishop, Patsy Hayes. Photo by Graham Jackson

From the Bishop's desk:



Dear Friends,

Mel Gibson's film the Passion of the Christ has caused a storm of controversy. Before it was seen by the general public beginning on Ash Wednesday the big issue seemed to be whether or not this film is anti-Semitic. After people began to see the film and the reviewers began to write the issue seemed to turn to the violence. Apparently this film presents nearly two hours of the most horrendous depiction of the flagellation, torture, scourging and suffering of Jesus. I say apparently because I regret that as I write I have not had a chance to see the film myself. From all I have read in reviews I gather the depiction of the passion of Jesus is horrifying - so much so that its rating in Quebec was changed from PG to over 16. So the big question has been - is such a violent and explicit description of Jesus' ordeal appropriate? I cannot comment because I haven't seen the film but the question of Jesus' torture and suffering on Good Friday has long interested me.

There is no question Jesus was agonized and cut to the heart by humanity's sin - but also completely filled with love for humanity. So he suffered - he suffered to the point of asking his Father to deliver him from this tragic tension and suffering. He fell, he sweated blood, but he didn't abandon humanity.

Jesus also received all the suffering of the world - the suffering endured by humanity for the continuing creation of the world - in order to give meaning to that suffering. He endured all the useless suffering - the suffering that comes from sin - in order to reclaim it and put it to use.

How did Jesus do this? I used to struggle a lot about this problem of how the physical ordeal of our Lord's passion could actually effect the taking on of the world's suffering. After all, Jesus' body was like anyone else's - it could hardly receive the number of lashes necessary for all the sin of the world. In the passion Jesus was tortured and put to death - but he wasn't tortured any more, nor did he die any more, than have thousands of men and women through the centuries. Jesus was perhaps tortured a good deal less than many unfortunately have been.

I began to understand the answer to this when one-day years ago I had to take a fairly seriously injured child and his mother to the hospital just minutes after an accident. We took the child into an examination room and the doctor joined us. As the doctor examined the child to discern the extent of the injuries each time he touched the child the child registered pain - and so did his mother. Each time the child groaned - so did his mother. When the doctor finished his preliminary examination the child felt nauseated and was taken to a bed. The mother too felt nauseous and had to have rest and medication.

Reflecting on this incident I realized more clearly than I had before that when we love we suffer with the suffering of the one we love. Anyone who has been with a loved one dying in great pain has had this experience.

That, I think, was the true suffering of the passion of our Lord. It wasn't so much the lashes and thorns and nails. It was the suffering of love. Jesus, because of his infinite, perfect love for all of humanity saw and knew and suffered all of humanity's sufferings.

So perhaps Mel Gibson has overdone the sheer violence and physical ordeal. Perhaps not. What we know is that in the passion Jesus incorporated all of humanity into himself. He grasped all of humanity and the universe, its sins, its sufferings and its death and with one great cry gave it all the Father - "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." That was a spirit which contained all of humanity, past, present and future. It was all of humanity, all of human history, all of creation - now reoriented by love towards Eternal Love. It was the redemption of the world.

Thanks be to God for the mighty act of God in receiving the sacrifice and offering of Jesus in raising him from death! Thanks be to God for the restoration of the severed relationship between humanity and God! Thanks be to God for the fullness of life which can be experienced by those who believe this and make it their life!

Happy Easter!

+Bruce

CHURCH SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Central Board of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec has announced that the annual meeting and dinner of the Society will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2004. The meeting will take place at 5:00 pm in Carter Hall on the grounds of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. They then will move across the street to the Clarendon Hotel, where a reception with cash bar will be held at 6:15 pm followed by a dinner at 7:00 pm

The guest speaker for the evening will be **Mrs. Susan Keogh**, Consul General of the United States. She will speak on "Challenges in Foreign Policy - sustaining a culture of universal human rights protection." Susan Keogh has been the American Consul General in Quebec



Members of the Central Board of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec who attended their March 8th meeting in person. Left to right: Graham Jackson, Rodney Clark, Aline Vissers, Bishop Stavert, Archdeacon John Robertson, Brian Wharry, and Walter Raymond. Central Board is the Board of Directors for the Society and elections to the Central Board are held place at the annual meeting. Photo Walter Raymond

since August 2001. She has wide experience in foreign policy development, human rights and conflict resolution.

All are welcome to attend the Annual Dinner, you do not need to be a member of Church Society. The cost for the dinner is \$35.00 per person and you are asked to contact Church House by April 15 at (418) 692-3858 to reserve your place.

Bishop's Calendar April- May

April 6	Matrimonial Commission	Quebec
April 8	Maundy Thursday Service	Ste-Foy
April 11	Easter	Cathedral
April 15-19	House of Bishops	Regina
April 23-24	Diocesan Executive Council	Quebec
April 24	Annual Meeting Church Society	Quebec
April 25-27	Anglican RC Dialogue	Ancaster, ON
May 1	Ordination to Diaconate of Bruce Myers	Montreal
May 10	Convocation - Diocesan College	Montreal
May 11	Matrimonial Commission	Quebec
May 13-14	Visit of Bishop of Malaita	Quebec
May 15-23	Visitation	Gaspe Deanery
May 15-16	ACW Biennial	Gaspe
May 28-June 5	General Synod	St. Catharines

"Anglicans in the diocese generous in contributing to the residential school settlement fund" reports Bishop

Individuals and congregations in the diocese have been very generous in their support of the residential schools settlement fund. Donations to the fund sent to Church House in Quebec in 2003 amounted to \$7 489.76

The Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation, the corporation that manages the \$25 million residential schools settlement fund, is ahead of schedule in contributions to the fund. Thanks to five dioceses, including Quebec who paid their share up front, the fund has collected \$8.8 million to date. Last year 85 victims of abuse were awarded claims totaling \$2.45 million.

The fund pays 30 percent of the amounts awarded to plaintiffs proving sexual or physical abuse in Anglican run residential schools. The Anglican Church stopped operating these schools for the government in 1969. The federal government pays the remaining 70 percent of the settlement.

Last year, the diocese committed itself to pay \$135,000 toward the settlement fund. The agreement with the corporation could be paid in installments over a five-year period. The DEC decided to pay the whole amount up front using an interest free loan and \$35,000 grant from the Church Society. The remaining \$90,000 is part of the diocesan budget for the period 2003-2007. It was hoped that members of the diocese would donate to the fund through the diocesan office and whatever was donated would be applied against the diocesan contribution.

As this is an ongoing commitment, contributions are welcome at any time. Please send you cheque, payable to Church Society, to Church House 31 des Jardins, Quebec G1R 2J1. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued.

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Chancellor Blair walks on water!



Remember that children's riddle: "When can you walk on water?" – "When it is frozen!" David Blair, our diocesan chancellor, likes to get out of the office and exercise, his winter sport is canoe racing. He is the coxswain of the BonjourQuebec boat in the 36-boat canot a glace race circuit. He is pictured above shouting instructions to his crew as they shift from an ice flow in the middle of the St. Lawrence river into semi-open water in the race staged in February, as part of the annual Carnaval de Québec. Photo by Alexandre Boudreau. Below they race towards Levis. Photo by V. Kortés-Papp



ACW meditation for April

By Cecily Hinton

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

This time of year we think about starting seeds and growing gardens.

Whether we live on a farm or in a small apartment, we get the urge to watch plants grow. Even a few flowers growing in a pot on the windowsill brings life and joy into our homes and to all who see them. As the plants mature they produce many seeds. (Just think about the dandelions!) So it is with the generosity of God. There is more than enough in God's bountiful world for all to share and have plenty.

Paul and Timothy in this letter urge us to have the right attitude in all this - to give gladly. Giving gladly makes a world of difference to ourselves, to our relationships with others and with material things. The harvest is good relationships and enough for all, gratitude and praise and thanks to Almighty God.

O Lord our God, Creator of the universe,

Look with mercy on all of us:

On our narrow attitudes,

On our lack of faith,

On our greed,

On our prejudices,

On our mistrust of what and whom we do not understand.

Replace our fears with trust and thankfulness and generosity,

So that we may know Your peace and share it with others. Amen

"Programme committee" from page 1

Apart from the services of worship, the high points of the meeting were as follows:

- The Bishop exercised his privilege to name a member to the committee and he has selected the Rev. Martha Spence, the newly appointed incumbent at Kawawachikamach. We look forward to welcoming her at our next meeting.

- Brain Wharry gave a most interesting report from the Companion Diocese Committee, Last January the three committees were able, for the first time, to hold a face to face meeting in Ireland. Brain went on to report on his experiences sailing aboard the good ship Jeanie Johnston and the various visits associated with that event. Another trip to Ireland is being planned for this spring which will include a young person to represent the youth of our diocese. In the fall of 2004, a visit to the historic Grosse Ile is being organized and a service will take place in the Anglican chapel on the island.

- The Rev Susan

The Rev. Jervis-Read leaves Anglican Church of Canada

The Rev. Robert Jervis-Read, a retired priest of this diocese has voluntarily relinquished the exercise of ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada. Under canon XIX of the General Synod, relinquishment removes from the priest the right to exercise that office, including spiritual authority as a minister of the Word and Sacraments conferred in ordination.

In a letter to the diocesan clergy, which he also submitted to be **The Record** in Sherbrooke for publication, Rev Jervis-Read explained that he was leaving the diocese and the Anglican Church of Canada due to the shift towards a liberal-modernist theology that he feels much of the Anglican Communion is now following.

The Rev. Jervis-Read has joined the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. The Rev. William D. Clinton of Cowansville, another former priest of our diocese who left the Anglican Church of Canada over the ordination of women 25 years ago, and the Rev. Oswald Slattery are the only three clergy of that church in the province of Quebec.

ACW news from St Francis Deanery

By Serena Wintle, Representative for St Francis District

The Anglican Church Women in the St. Francis district have been busy during 2003. They met together on an average of ten times for their meetings consisting of a time of prayer, business and fellowship. Brunches, lunches and supper were held as well as food sales, teas, card parties and military whist parties. Many groups packed shoeboxes for seamen. These ladies also do a great deal of sewing, knitting, quilting.

Donations of money, food were given to needy causes. Sick and shut-ins were remembered with gifts and visits. Donations were made to various Diocesan ACW funds to help them fulfill their missionary goals. Various activities or needs of the church were supported by the ACW ladies with both their time and financial support.

May God continue to bless each an everyone with good health and happiness

At the Cathedral

By R. Clive Meredith

The Lady of the Dance:

Saturday, January 31, saw the installation of the Venerable Heather Thomson as Archdeacon of the Gaspé and the Rev. Canon Alain Milot as a Canon of the Cathedral. The preacher that day was Bishop Douglas Thuener of New Hampshire. Both at that service and at 11:00 the following morning (Candlemas), dancer Debbie Harris, also of New Hampshire, treated us to a performance of liturgical dancing in interpretation of some of the prayers. You could have heard a pin drop as, clothed in white, the lovely, graceful Debbie went through her various steps. (And after the Sunday service she gave me the honour of posing for my camera.)

A Bicentennial gift to ourselves. It seemed almost too good to be true, and for some weeks a number of parochial fingers were crossed. Then, at last, we heard that the help of a generous but strictly anonymous donor had enabled the Cathedral to purchase an 18th-century England and Sons chamber organ. This organ was built in London in 1790, and tradition has it that Franz Joseph Haydn once played it, since it had been built for one of his friends. This organ will not replace the principal one, but is intended rather to accompany the choir and be used in chamber music concerts. Cathedral Organist Benjamin Waterhouse tells us that this instrument, which belongs to the same period as the Cathedral itself, is an extremely rare surviving example of a late 18th century English chamber organ. It is now being restored in Montreal and should be in place by the end of May. It will first be heard on June 5 in a benefit concert featuring Les Violons du Roy, and the following day it will be formally dedicated.

Other Bicentennial events

Easter: Publication of a parish photo-directory;

June 5: Benefit concert with Les Violons du Roy; proceeds to eventual refurbishment of the Cathedral bells;

June 6, Trinity Sunday: Choral evensong with the Anglican Singers choir from Connecticut;

June 21: Benefit Concert by the Polokwane Choral Society, a South African village choir, with proceeds to the Cathedral's Noella Project;

August 27-29: Homecoming Weekend Friday: Wine and cheese reception, and maybe a jazz concert. Saturday: Lecture and walking tour of Old Quebec; boxed lunch picnic in the Ursulines' Garden; gala concert featuring Toronto's St James Choral Society, the Cathedral Choir and the new chamber organ; Sunday: Festival Bicentennial liturgy, featuring the Bicentennial Hymn composed by Clive Meredith with Louisa and Miriam Blair; first day of the Cathedral's third century.

Nuggets from the past

Compiled from past issues of the *Diocesan Gazette* by Dr. M.E. Reisner, Diocesan Historian

In an effort to introduce the various personalities active in the Canadian Church to its readers, the *Diocesan Gazette* sometimes printed short sketches of bishops, clergy and prominent lay leaders from across the country. On 1 October 1903, Samuel Pritchard Matheson was elected Assistant Bishop to the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and *Quebec Diocesan Gazette* readers were treated to a profile of him in the May issue of 1904. It was an interesting life - far from ordinary - and at the beginning, fraught with drama.

"Samuel Pritchard Matheson," the article began, "was son of John Matheson and Catherine Pritchard, born in Kildonan, Red River, on September 20th, 1852. His father was one of the Selkirk settlers who came to the colony in 1814. He was a Presbyterian, but his mother was a Churchwoman [that is, an Anglican]. On her death, when he was only about one year old, he was adopted by his mother's family and was brought up by his aunt, Miss Eliza Pritchard. During a very severe illness (when he was about two years old) when he was apparently at the point of death, his devoted aunt promised God that if He would spare his life she would give him up to the work of the ministry of the Church. Her prayer was answered."

"All through his childhood," the account continues, the aunt kept central in the mind of the future bishop "the object of his life."

He received his early education at the Parish School at St. Paul's, Manitoba, and at his uncle's Academy. In 1866 he entered St. John's College School, where he subsequently became a master and later on a professor of the College and Deputy Head Master of the College School. He has also been Steward and Bursar of the College for many years. "Though he has had pastoral charge of various Parishes and Missions, he has never left the College since he first entered it as a boy."

"In 1882 he was appointed Canon of St. John's Cathedral, and on the death of Dean O'Meara was appointed Dean of Rupert's Land. In the Church he has occupied various positions, having been a member of the Executive Committee of the Synod, Secretary of the Provincial Synod for nearly 20 years, and subsequently Prolocutor. He was Prolocutor of the General Synod at the last session of that body. In education the Bishop has been a member of the Council of the Provincial University, and of the Provincial Board of Education, and Inspector of the Collegiate Institutes of the Province."

In 1905 he became Archbishop and Metropolitan of Rupert's Land and eventually (in 1909) Primate of All Canada. Our own Hugh Matheson, formerly Archdeacon of the Gaspé, is a direct descendent.

A Grain of Salt

By Richard Salt

An Amazing Amount of Attention!

Thank you to the press for giving "The Passion of Christ" so much attention. I'm amazed at the amount of coverage this movie has received. It has created controversy far beyond my understanding.

It has already made more money than anyone anticipated. Crowds have flocked to the theatres. I think it must be something in the spiritual realm that gets everyone going. Yet why should I be so amazed? Jesus of Nazareth has managed to create controversy from the moment of his birth, and that continues on to this day. Generations of people have been fascinated by him and have felt compelled to make a decision about how to respond to him. I went to the movie not quite sure what to expect. It was every bit as violent as had been rumored.

The violence was certainly outside the realm of my personal experience and comfort zone. That being said, it seems to reflect with reasonable accuracy the events that took place surrounding Jesus'

death. I think that if I had gone to a movie to watch that kind of cruel punishment inflicted on any other human being rather than Jesus himself I would have left the theatre before it was over. But Jesus wasn't just any ordinary human being. He went willingly into this suffering and death. He understood that it was a part of his important mission in life. His suffering had a purpose that I could understand and relate to. His suffering was for me. To quote the prophet Isaiah "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isa 53:5 NIV) I came home repelled by my own sinfulness and by the sinfulness of humanity and yet thankful that Jesus was prepared to take punishment I deserve upon himself. I spent the rest of the evening quiet and alone.

WARNING! If you go to the Passion of Christ you too might have to decide how to respond to him!

The Ven. Richard Salt, formally of this diocese, has for several years been writing a bi-weekly article for the local paper and a monthly column in the *Huron Church News*.

A tradition continues at the cathedral

By Graham Jackson

Every Thursday, at high noon, the Very Rev. Walter Raymond holds a service of Holy Communion at the Cathedral. He is carrying on a tradition; it would appear, established by Bishop Timothy Matthews where the good bishop and Church House staff used to worship together in the chapel at Bishopthorpe. These days, however, the Dean usually celebrates the Eucharist in St Matthew's Chapel located in the south-east corner of the Cathedral.



Cecily Hinton, the Rev. Donald Hinton, Beulah Smith, Joan Gibb, the Very Rev. Walter Raymond. Photo by Graham Jackson

That chapel provides an ideal place for worship when the group is not too large.

The altar and the pews came from the original St Mathew's church, of fond memory, situated on rue St Jean. That venerable institution has now been converted into an attractive public library. The handsome semi-circular altar rail is a gift of the present Rector's

Warden, Anne Chapman, who gave it in memory of her husband, the late Captain (N) the Rev. Bob Belleville.

Those who attend these noon day services are invited by the Dean to participate fully in the readings from scripture, the saying of a psalm and praying the prayers of the people. Hymns are sung *a cappella* and the Dean usually gets us started on the right note. In the place of a regular sermon, the Dean leads the group in a discussion of the readings of the day. All present are encouraged to speak their thoughts. This, of course, is faithful to the meaning of a sermon as practiced in the early church as the word sermon comes from the Latin "sermio" meaning a conversation. Invariably, this proves to be a most enlightening exercise in exegesis.

Following the service, the participants sometimes repair to a celebratory luncheon at one of the many eateries conveniently located near the cathedral.

May this fine tradition ever continue and do join us should you be in Quebec city on a Thursday, at noon.

Companion Diocese News

By Brian Wharry

Youth Delegate:

The Companion Diocese Committee would like to thank the five deserving applicants for taking the time to apply for the youth delegate position on the trip to Ireland in May of this year. Unfortunately, the selection committee could only send one person and David Hinton was selected.

From Quebec City, David has been involved in the life of the di-

cese for many years, as a member of local youth groups and helping at various church fundraisers. David also spent 8 years as a camper at Quebec Lodge, followed by 5 summers serving on staff as a volunteer. For the last year and a half, David has been one of the "change bell ringers" at the Cathedral; on Saturday mornings, you will find him there passing along this skill to some of the local young people.

Ireland Trip 2004:

The Companion Diocese

Committee is putting the final touches on the planning of the trip to Ireland in May of this year. The group, consisting of 1 person from the Gaspé, 3 people from the Quebec City area, 2 people from the Ayers Cliff area and six people from the Lennoxville area, will be leaving Montreal on May 21 for eleven days of touring, visiting and building relationships. The group will arrive back at home on June 2. The Companion Diocese Committee would like to thank everyone that expressed interest in the trip and hopes that they will be able to take part in future trips.



Bishop Stavert reads out the licence appointing the Rev. Martha Spence to serve St John's, Kawawachikamach. Lay reader Silas Nabincaboo acts as Bishop's chaplain