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Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

A Potential for Renewing Ministry in St. Francis Deanery

On Sunday, September 15, Paul MacLean and Janet Marshall, consultants with *Potentials*, gave a presentation of a major report to Anglicans in the Deanery of St Francis. The same report was presented to a meeting of the Deanery Council of St Francis on October 28th by members of the Steering Team that had worked within *Potentials* over the past year.

The 129 page report contains a vision for the future, a wealth of information and data regarding the congregations in the Deanery, and reports reflecting on the four open Deanery meetings held between January and June.

The vision for ministry calls upon the people of the St. Francis Deanery to commit themselves to working together beyond their congregations as parishes and as a deanery to become a viable and attractive Anglican presence. There are four strategies to use to support this vision:

- Creating new parishes
- Creating deanery ministries for the good of the whole
- Developing organizational clarity and good working relationships
- Holding our vision through a period of change.

There are 36 separate congregations in the deanery, most created many years ago as "village churches". These congregations no longer meet the spiritual needs of Anglicans in the 21st century. The report states "we can do this better by working together and using our

resources of people, money and buildings for the mission of the church. Together we will be able to create better worship, Christian community, pastoral care and church programs, than we can as 36 separate congregations" Six models or scenarios for "parish" are presented

in the report, congregations will meet with the Bishop and steering team to choose one of the six as best representing their future direction and ministry. Using that consultation and information about resources, the deanery will then recommend the creation of new parishes. The report suggests that these parishes have one vestry, one board and one corporation for advice and decision making, have a unified budget and a priest who oversees a ministry team.

The second strategy is the setting up of a Team Ministry for a pastoral care program for the elderly and hospitalized. Funding for this will come from across the Deanery with the deanery Council setting ministry goals and plans in a two-year cycle.

Organizational clarity will be dealt with by three taskforces looking into the questions of finances, ownership and staff hiring and evaluation.

Change is not easy and the report recognizes that this process will take time and there may be congregations that choose not to participate. The important reminder of the report is that if a congregation chooses not to participate they must not sap the resources of congregations who are participating. They will have to exist

as separate congregations and need to be self-sufficient, supporting their own priests and lay volunteers and not relying on those who are focusing on building a parish ministry nearby.

The proposal for renewing ministry in the deanery of St Francis now moves to the implementation stage. Nine of the twelve members of the Steering Team that served over the past year will continue to work together along with two new people chosen by the Deanery Council.

In the coming months members of the Steering Team will be visiting each congregation in the Deanery to discuss the report. The congregations will be asked to respond to the deanery vision and to indicate their preferences from a selection of possible scenarios for the future ministry of each congregation.

Meanwhile three task forces will be created to address various aspects church life in the deanery:

The Financial Task Force will address the questions that will arise when congregations move their resources into a single uni-
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St Francis Deanery "Renewing Ministry" Steering Team as of October 2002

Bill Rowe (St Luke's, Magog), Kay Hartwell (St George's, Lennoxville), Canon Quentin Robinson (Quebec Lodge), Mary Sylvester (Greater Parish of Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria), Bill Lyon (Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria), Jim Ferrabee (Greater Parish of Coaticook), Brian Wharry (Greater Parish of Coaticook), Rev. Rose Howe (Border Parish), Ruth Sheeran (St Mark's Chapel, Bishops University).

Not present: Ven Howard Hawes (St Anne's, Richmond & St Francis of Assisi), Ben Hodge (Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria)

Government and the Anglican Church agree to Residential School Settlement

On November 20th an agreement in principal was announced between the Government of Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada with regards to sexual and physical abuse claims resulting from residential schools. Public Works Minister Ralph Goodale, minister in charge of the federal Office of Indian Residential Schools Resolution, and the Anglican primate, Archbishop Michael Peers, made the announcement at a joint news conference in Ottawa.

According to the agreement, which now goes to the church's 30 dioceses for ratification, the church will contribute \$25 million over five years toward a litigation settlement fund under Anglican auspices to go directly to victims of validated

physical and sexual abuse. Once the fund is exhausted, General Synod and the dioceses will be relieved of further liability with respect to physical and sexual abuse claims over Indian residential schools. The accord allows the national office - General Synod - and the dioceses to wind up the cost of maintaining legal defences in court cases. The General Synod alone has been spending about \$100,000 a month on its legal defence. In addition the agreement offers renewed support for alternative dispute resolution processes and encouragement for a programmatic approach by both the Government and the Church to respond to loss of first nations' language and culture.

The Presbyterian, United, Ro-

man Catholic and Anglican churches operated for the government a residential school system that from the mid-19th century into the 1970s Hundreds of natives have made alleged and proven claims of sexual and physical abuse More than 2,100 plaintiffs named the Anglican Church or a diocese in law-

"I want to commend the remarkable moral leadership shown by the Anglican church" Goodale.

suits. Until 1969 the Anglican Church was involved in operating

26 of the 80 schools, one of which was located in La Tuque. Our diocese is the only diocese, which participated in the residential school system that has not been sued.

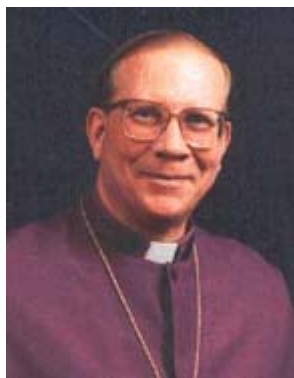
The Diocesan Executive Council will have to meet and review the terms of the 29-page document and make a decision regarding our participation. Archdeacon Jim Boyles, General Secretary of the General Synod, hopes that the ratification process will be completed by the end of January. The Federal cabinet has already given its approval.

Under the agreement, General Synod would contribute \$3 million to the fund and dioceses would contribute \$22 million. It is expected dioceses would contribute the same percent-

age of their budget to the fund as they now do to General Synod. The diocese gift to the national budget is approximately \$55,000. Depending upon what base year is used for the calculation the Diocesan contribution to this settlement fund would be roughly \$135,000. The diocese of Toronto, who also had no schools, will be asked for close to \$4.5 million.

In a related development, a Calgary judge on Oct. 24 dismissed lawsuits against the Anglican church by people who claimed abuse in residential schools, saying there is "no evidence of direct involvement by the General Synod." Justice Terrence
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From the Bishop's desk:



Dear Friends:

I have always loved the way some fine artists and poets have tried to put the Christmas mystery into contemporary settings to show how the divine and extraordinary can be discerned within the ordinary.

The best known example to many of us, perhaps, is the so called Huron Carol where St. Jean de Brébeuf wrote a hymn in Huron to interpret the Christmas story to native converts:

*Within a lodge of broken bark
The tender babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapped his beauty round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel-song rang loud and high.
Jesus your King is born
Jesus is born
In excelsis gloria.*

Lots of us will be singing that again at carol services this coming Christmas season.

The late Canadian artist, William Kurelek, some twenty-five years ago published a book entitled 'A Northern Nativity: Christmas Dreams of a Prairie Boy'. He painted a series of nativity scenes in which the child Jesus and Mary and Joseph are situated as extraordinary characters within the most commonplace, ordinary scenes. There is the Christ child as an Inuit child, cuddling a husky pup in the shelter of an igloo. There is Jesus swaddled in straw in a Rocky Mountain cattle ranch shed. There is the Christ child as a black baby, held by a black Mary as they sit at table at a Salvation Army Christmas dinner for homeless people.

Each of Kurelek's paintings, described as his dreams as a child, is accompanied by his written reflection. At the beginning of the book Kurelek writes of our calling to see the Christ child among people of our own time:

*If it happened here
As it happened there...
If it happened now
As it happened then...
Who would have seen the miracle?
Who would have brought gifts?
Who would have taken them in?*

One place where you don't expect to come across the Christmas story is in contemporary pop or rock music. A few years ago though Bruce Cockburn wrote and sang a poetic retelling of the Christmas story and its ripple effect through history to our own day and our own lives.

*Mary grows a child without the help of a man
Joseph gets upset because he doesn't understand
Angel comes to Joseph in a powerful dream
Says 'God did this and you're part of his scheme.*

*For it isn't to the palace that the Christ child comes
But to shepherds and street people, hookers and bums.
And the message is clear if you've got ears to hear (...)
It's a Christmas gift you don't have to buy
There's a future shining in a baby's eyes.*

And Cockburn's repeating chorus in this song was:
*Like a stone on the surface of a still river
Driving the ripples on for ever.
Redemption rips through the surface of time
In the cry of a tiny babe.*

May the nativity story of God entering human life be a real and present reality in your life this Christmas season.

Diana and our children join me in wishing one and all a very Happy Christmas.

+Bruce

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fied budget. The resources include the cemetery funds. The questions will include the diocesan fair share assessments. The Task Force will also help the parishes set up responsible accounting practices where necessary.

The Ownership Task Force will address questions about the stewardship of the building resources of the deanery. How are decisions taken and who is responsible for what? What is the legal position regarding decisions on buildings?

A third task force will look at Personnel Policy issues such as job descriptions, hiring policy, and evaluation processes.

The Steering Team is asking all congregations in the deanery to nominate people to serve on these Task Forces. It is hoped that nominations will be submitted to either Ruth Sheeran (819) 822-9600 ext 2483 or Quentin Robinson (819) 842-2286 by December 31st. Individuals may also volunteer to serve.

One very practical step forward will be the creation of a Deanery Pastoral Care Team. This team will be chaired by Archdeacon Howard Hawes and will include a variety of people with experience and expertise in meeting the needs of those in hospitals, residences and those who are home-bound. Nominations for people to serve on this Pastoral Care Team are also being sought.

The report includes a prayer written by Steering Team member Bill Rowe of St Luke's in Magog.

"Lord, Grant that your guiding Spirit may direct the thoughts and actions of all of us in Saint Francis Deanery, the Steering Team and our Bishop, so that with your help we may be able to solve the many problems that we face in this part of our diocese and find hope and new life in your love and service. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."

The majority of those who were in attendance at the two presentations seemed to come away with a glimpse of the "hope and new life" we prayed for.

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McMahon of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench also limited the involvement of two dioceses in Alberta to cases before 1920 and after 1969. He said only the church's Missionary Society could be named in native residential schools lawsuits, since it was the body that signed contracts with the federal government to run the schools. This reinforced the position held that, as separate legal entities the dioceses are not responsible for the legal obligations and debts of other diocese. However "We are more than simply legal entities. We are a church. The idea that some entities would stand by and see others fold is not who we are as a church," is quoted as saying in the press release.

The full text of the agreement can be found on the Anglican church of Canada web site, www.anglican.ca, by following the links to residential schools.

In 1991 the Residential Schools Advisory Group was implemented to assist the Anglican Church of Canada in responding to residential school

issues in an ongoing, sensitive and just manner, to the end that Christ's healing and reconciliation is realized. Grants from the church's Healing and Reconciliation Fund are administered by the Advisory Group to encourage and initiate programs which help educate and heal. Grants for community healing initiatives total more than \$1,154,000 to date. As part of the joint companion diocese Jubilee program the diocese of Quebec directed its giving in support of that fund. This program will continue as will the national Council of the North grants which are mainly directed to those dioceses in Canada with large first nations membership.

There are over 200 first nations congregations in the Anglican Church many of whom have been hurt by both the legacy of the residential schools and by the grief the legal process has caused with the wider church of which they are full members. The preoccupation with litigation has not been helpful to anyone in the church. As Archbishop Michael Peers said "We can now return to our principal occupation, serving God and God's world in ministries of healing, reconciliation and compassion."



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Restoration of Carter Hall

1880 Building Houses Diocesan Church House, Cathedral offices and Parish Hall

by The Dean

A year ago, the Quebec Ministry of Culture and Communications announced that it would grant \$389,000 as its part in a project to undertake much needed restoration work to the Cathedral's Carter Hall building (1880). After many months of planning, expertise gathering, and negotiations with architects, engineers, and trades people, the long awaited and much need refurbishment project finally got underway at the beginning of September. This important restoration project focuses on three critical areas: the building's foundation, stone walls and cooper roof.



There has long been a problem of water seepage in the basement of Carter Hall. Aside from damaging archival materials once stored there, the damp cool basement became a breeding ground for fungi and moulds. Staff members upstairs in the Church Society office have long complained of respiratory and other problems resulting directly from this water seepage problem. The architects report that the problem must have begun in the 1920's when the Hall was retro-fitted for central hot water heating. A basement large enough to accommodate a furnace and boiler was dug in from the East side of the building, without regard or with little attention to neighbourhood water tables. One of the first stages of the present restoration project was to knock out the old cement basement from the 1920s, put in proper drainage along the outside walls, and pour a new basement.



Once done mortar was applied, for the first time, to the original piled field stone foundation stone. The foundation was then water sealed, and insulated on three sides (East, West, and South). The result is that the basement area is now quite dry and serviceable for

storage and possibly other uses.

The mortar between the stones of the outside walls above the foundation of Carter Hall, particularly on the Garden Street side, has deteriorated terribly over the years. In some places the mortar was little more than sand. Thanks to the government grant, all of the stonework on the outside of the building is now being repointed (old mortar removed, new mortar applied) and the stone is being washed to remove the

stains from over 100 years of soot and grime.

The cooper roof, while relatively new (c. 1947), has been punctured in several places along the edges of the roof due to excessive axe work in removing winter ice accumulations. Owen Carter made sure that the roof was properly insulated when the refurbishment of the building's interior took place 11 years ago, thus pretty much solving the roof's winter ice problem. But the damage had already been done and, in recent years, visitors to Carter Hall were witnesses to much deterioration, due to leaks from the punctured roof, to the plaster work particularly along the West wall of parish hall. The damaged panels of cooper roofing are now being replaced, and the damaged walls and windows, repaired.

Many churches and halls throughout the diocese have benefited from the generous support of our provincial government under the Religious Heritage Foundation restoration programme. The list of future projects for the programme remains quite long, and we certainly hope that funding for this important work of preventive maintenance and repair will survive the approaching election and last for years to come.

A Blue Christmas Service

Many feel "the blues" rather than joy at Christmas

Not everyone finds Christmas a joyful time. Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without loved family members who have recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friend, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation – all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of celebrating and spending.

In order to help those people in the Lennoxville area community take the time to acknowledge their sadness and to understand that they are not alone St Mark's Chapel has an annual "Blue Christmas" service. St Mark's is located on the campus of Bishop's University and Champlain Regional College. Since 1994 the Reverend Canon Heather Thomson has offered this service to all those who feel the need to come together, to hear and share prayers, scripture and music. It provides encouragement to live the days ahead, to help remember that God's presence is with those who mourn and that God's word comes to give light to our darkness.

This year's service will take place on **Tuesday December 10th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Chapel, Lennoxville.** All are welcome; if you find that Christmas hurts or is a "blue" time, feel free to attend. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

Christmas Shoeboxes for seafarers

Small gifts that reach out and say Merry Christmas to sailors far from home

Everyday and from all over the world ships arrive in the Port of Quebec. For the seafarers on those ships the Mission to Seafarers located on the waterfront, provides a place to rest, play a few games, meet other sailors, phone home, exchange books and from those used to warmer weather sometimes warmer clothes. Ships ply the sea year round and seafarers are often away from home and family at Christmas. For many years the Mission in the Port of Quebec has been collecting shoeboxes filled with handy little gifts to give to those in Port at Christmas or who will be at sea over the holiday period.

Congregations, A.C.W. groups, schools, Scouts and Guides all contribute to this program. Last year over 900 boxes were handed out. Boxes for this season have already begun to arrive at the Mission, a hundred from the Gaspé were picked up and the students at Bishop's College School and Bishop's University are preparing another 500.

It is not too late to assemble a box or two as they

continue to distribute them right through until Epiphany as that is the Orthodox Christmas and many of the seafarers come from those Russian and Greek traditions. Boxes typically contain items like playing cards, toothbrushes and paste, combs, shampoo, soap, lib balm, chocolate or hard candies, hats, gloves, pens writing paper and envelopes. Little things that show someone is thinking of them. A number of groups have had letters of appreciation mailed from their next port of call.

The idea of a Mission to Seafarers started in 1835 when the Reverend John Ashley began visiting ships at anchor in the Bristol Channel in western England. The organization officially began in 1856 and provides practical and spiritual support, including justice and welfare issues to seafarers of all nationalities and creeds in more than 300 ports worldwide. The all use the Flying Angel as their sign so seafarers know where to turn eve in a strange port or country.



Caring for seafarers around the world

Cyber Bugs

Due to some glitch in cyberspace the credit for the front page story in the November's **Diocesan Gazette** was lost between the editor's computer and the printing press. The excellent article was by Bruce Myers, a seminarian from our diocese.

REST IN PEACE

Jean-Marie Fortier, Archbishop Emeritus

Archbishop Fortier died October 31st in Quebec City after a short battle with leukemia. The Archbishop was 82. His funeral was held in Cathedral St-Michel on November 6th. Hundreds crowded into the church to pay their respects, the funeral opened with a procession of more than 150 priests and deacons and two dozen Bishops including Bishop Stavert.

Many in our diocese will have known the Archbishop as he served in Roman Catholic dioceses within the boundaries of our diocese. Fortier was appointed the auxiliary Bishop in Ste-Anne-de-la-Pocatière in 1961, then served as the Bishop of Gaspé from 1965 until his appointment as Archbishop of Sherbrooke in 1968. He held that post for 28 years until his retirement in 1996.

The current Archbishop of Sherbrooke, Msgr. André Gaumond delivered the homily based on the Parable of the Sower from the Gospel of Matthew. He said, "Msgr Fortier sowed seeds all his life, he was a good sower, a good pastor and his seeds bore good fruit." The ecumenical campus ministry in Lennoxville is a good example of this. The late Bishop Tim Matthews and Archbishop Fortier were good friends and both understood the need for chaplaincy at Bishop's and Champlain but also realized that there were not the funds to have a large staff. They worked together with the United Church to begin the Religion on Campus Committee that continues to this day as the employer of the Chaplain on the campus. The chaplaincy has had Roman Catholic, United and Anglicans priests in their employ and is a model of the main-line churches working together. Seeds well sown!

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bishop's Calendar

December 1	Admission of Claude Lamarre as Anglican Priest	Grand'Mère
December 3 to 8	Visitations	Kawawachikamach Sept-Iles
December 12	Senator Molson Memorial	Montréal
December 13 to 15	Visitation	Baie-Comeau
January 23	Anglican -RC Dialogue Committee Meeting	Montréal
January 25	Quebec Lodge AGM	Lennoxville
January 28	Special Convocation	Bishop's University

Diocesan Fellowship of Prayer creates network

by Mia Anderson

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The diocesan representatives for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, Canada branch, met recently in a Consultation at the Manresa retreat centre in Pickering just outside Toronto. We came from Newfoundland, from Saskatchewan, from Kenora (whose rep was part of the search for a new Dean – and you know where they found him: in the archdeaconry of the Gaspé!), from New Brunswick, from Québec, from Montreal...anyway you get the picture. It was a kind of self-help or mutual-help group: how can we help each other do the job better of securing a higher priority for prayer in the lives of our churches? The first evening, the Metropolitan of Ontario, Archbishop Terry Finlay, gave us an address by turns funny, encouraging, urgent, constructive and contemplative. He led us at the end into a silent space within ourselves which endured some considerable time, and which he confessed he was loath to break into!

Many of our sessions were entirely practical: should we reissue this pamphlet, do we have an up-to-date list of this or that, how shall we disseminate that or this; but we also explored different models of prayer. Your Québec rep led an evening worship in Taizé chant – having arranged the chapel chairs in a near circle and scoured the retreat centre for every usable candle but shucks, no icon – and it was gratifying to find that

many people who had never experienced Taizé were intent on taking this prayerful chant back to their own settings.

We held many workshops – you couldn't get to them all; you had to make a choice. I chose to listen to a young man whose ministry is youth, Pentecostal background but hired by an Anglican Church in Toronto, and you know what? I didn't even go to the second workshop I'd signed up for; I stayed and listened to him again! I hope this is not the last you will hear of him. He went to college at Bishop's, so he knows Québec, and I want very much to invite him here.

This Québec rep of yours left the Consultation a bit early in order to arrive at our own diocesan conference (Beacons of Light) in the Gaspé a bit late, and it provided an excellent opportunity to pick some parish prayer reps to help me in this diocesan task of focusing on prayer. We are creating a network. We have now about nine or ten around the diocese – including Kawawachikamach – and I invite you to come forward if you'd like to be involved. And I ask those clergy I have not already spoken to to offer me their suggestions. I was able to give out some preliminary material to the members of the network, in the Gaspé, and can mail to those who join. Let us be in touch with each other, and just see what God has in store to do with us.

Bishop's to hold Special Winter Convocation January 28th 2003



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was issued as "Bishop's College." The college corporation, headed by the Lord Bishop, worked hard over the next ten years to have its status raised and were successful in 1853 when Queen Victoria granted them a Royal charter as the University of Bishop's College. That name remained until officially changed to Bishop's University in the late 1940s.

been given degrees. It has also been common to honour the Bishop of Montreal, who along with the Bishop of Quebec serve as the University Visitors.

Archbishop Hutchison



Governor General Clarkson

Not everyone gets too celebrate being 150 twice, but that is what Bishop's University will be doing in January. Nine years ago the university celebrated its 150th anniversary. Bishop's was created in 1843 by an Act of the colonial legislature. Those politicians had been burned a couple of years earlier when they had granted a university charter to the University of Kingston only to be told by the Colonial Office in London that Queen Victoria was not amused and that only she could create universities. In this case she agreed to their wishes but granted the charter under the name Queen's University. So having learned from that experience the first charter for Bishop's

To mark the 150th anniversary of this new status, Bishop's University has decided to hold a special winter convocation. Honorary degrees will be awarded to the Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and to Archbishop Andrew Hutchison Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. The approximately 70 students who completed their degree requirements over the summer or in this fall will also have the option of graduating at this time as well. These honorary degrees continues a long tradition at Bishop's where all past Governors General have



Also to mark this special day in the life of both the University and the country, Canada Post will be issuing a commemorative stamp. The stamp will be unveiled as part of the convocation ceremony.

As in traditional with Bishop's Convocations the day will begin with a Eucharist in St. Mark's Chapel, the convocation will take place in Centennial Theatre beginning at 2 p.m. and be followed by a reception at the Gaiter Grill. The ceremony is open to members of the Bishop's Community and to guests of the graduates, but seating is limited as there is only seating for 600 in the theatre.

Bus Load of Diocesan Anglicans join our companion diocese of New Hampshire

by Kay Hartwell

Sunday, August 25th dawned bright with 46 people from the Diocese of Quebec ready to board a bus for Wolfeboro, N.H. to attend the 200th anniversary **Celebration of Life Festival Eucharist** and Gala celebrating the founding of the Diocese of New Hampshire. It was held on the grounds of the Brewster Academy on the shore of lake Winnepisaukee.

Arriving in Wolfeboro about 11:30a.m. we were able to view god's awesome scenery, have lunch in the local restaurants, browse the shops, ride the trolley and learn more of this historic setting.

The festival eucharist was held under a large tent with approximately 1,000 people in attendance. Bishop Douglas Theuner was the celebrant, welcoming all who had travelled to be a part of the celebrations on this day. Liturgy for the

eucharistic service was of a canonically approved, contemporary style as was the music - thus depicting some of the change in the church of New Hampshire, as well as others, over the past 200 years.

A mystery box was opened, it revealed many letters from people 50 years ago with some of the predictions or prophecies being right on! Another box of current moments was created, this one to be opened at an appropriate date in the diocese's future.

As a 200th anniversary gift from the Diocese of Quebec, a framed painting of our Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Quebec City was presented to Bishop Theuner and the diocese of New Hampshire, by Kay Hartwell, on behalf of Bishop Stavert and the people of the Diocese of Quebec.

A delicious barbeque supper

followed with the desert being cup cakes. As part of the event everyone was invited to bring along some cup cakes decorated to fit in with the celebration that were entered into a competition. Cup cakes taken by our group were decorated with lilacs (the flower of N.H.), the maple leaf, Irish shamrocks and the Quebec fleur de lys.

Before departing each traveller from Quebec was presented with a 200th souvenir coffee mug filled with candy! The atmosphere of the companion diocese program event portrayed in the warmth, hospitality and friendliness of the people of Wolfeboro and of New Hampshire was like measles; it was catching and carried on throughout the journey home! (Talk about Christian love!!) We were well fed spiritually and physically, which contributed to 46 happy companions!

Bishop's Gaiters and St. Francis Xavier X-Men compete for

Rev. H.R. Canon Bigg Bowl

Saturday October 19th, marked the first ever encounter of the AUS-QSSF football interlock. Coulter Field in Lennoxville was the site as the Bishop's Gaiters played host to the St. Francis Xavier X-men. A major feature of this game was the presentation of The Reverend Canon H.R. Bigg Bowl trophy to the winning team.

Donated through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Brian McA'Nulty this beautiful trophy, which was crafted in England, ties in the historical traditions of both universities and honours a great man.

The Reverend Canon H.R. Bigg was the Rector of St. Peter's Church in Sherbrooke, Qc., from 1915-1940. His son-in-law, Colonel M.W.McA'Nulty, was the Commanding Officer of the Bishop's Cadet Officers Training Corps (C.O.T.C.) in 1936. Colonel McA'Nulty's grandson Brian is the kind benefactor behind the prestigious trophy that was presented on Saturday. Brian McA'Nulty in fact attended St. Francis Xavier University, as did his wife Mary. Their daughter Shannon, a great grand daughter of Reverend Bigg, is presently a student at Bishop's University.

St. Francis Xavier and Bishop's are both small liberal arts universities who share a rich history of athletic excellence as well as community outreach and who are celebrating their 150th and 160th anniversaries respectively. Unfortunately for the host Bishop's, they lost in a well-fought rain drenched game and the Rev. Canon H.R. Bigg Bowl will reside at St Francis Xavier until next year.