

## A Joyous Event at the Cathedral

By Graham Jackson Photos by Yvan Bélanger

On the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016, at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Cynthia Ann Patterson was ordained Priest. The Choir, Lay Readers, and Clergy Processed during the entrance hymn, let by crucifer, Molai Rukundo

The opening hymn's first line was: "I bind unto myself today". Then, between the Choir Stalls in the Chancel, we received a ceremony from the First Nations lnnu, from the Lac St. Jean Region. They performed the traditional water ceremony. Greetings were then offered by the presiding bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, OGS.

Following this greeting, a moving ceremony took place, led by the Lord Bishop of Quebec., the Rt. Rev. Dennis, P. Drainville, D.D. where Bishop Dennis dedicated the Archbishop's Chair (the throne opposite his own) . Bishop Dennis recalled the time When Bishop Jacob Mountain first came to Quebec, and was welcomed by the Roman Catholic Bishop Hebert.

Since that time, Bishop Dennis noted that fraternal relations between our two Communities have hap-





Bishop Myers presenting the newly ordained priest Cynthia Patterson

pily continued to this day, and that we remain brothers and sisters, in Christ, because we are all God's people. Bishop Dennis warmly welcomed the Cardinal Archbishop Gerald Cyprien Lacroix, to the Cathedral, saying: That it was a joy that we could all be together, and that the Archbishop's Chair, remains a symbol of the love and grace that exists between us. Bishop Denis allowed that the placing of the Archbishop in his special chair was one of the most significant acts of his episcopacy, as the ecumenical relationships between our two communities

"Thy Word is a lantern unto my feet, and a light unto my path".

The second reading was read, effectively, by Sarah Blair: Ephesians 4: 1-6.

The Gradual Hymn begins: "Vous qui sur terre habitez",, followed by the reading of the Gospel, which was expertly read by the Rev. Darla Sloan, of the United Church, in English and French.

The Rev. Cynthia had appropriately selected the Benedictus, as the Gospel reading: "and Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and not. God has called Cynthia to serve Him and she will serve Him faithfully as a priest of the church.

FollowingBruce's humorous and profound remarks, Sandra Bender, with the support of the Cathedral Choir, in her lovely operatic voice, sang the moving anthem: "I want Jesus to walk with me". Sandra, who is classically trained, arranged the entire anthem herself. Then followed the Nicene Creed which was recited by all present.

The candidate, the Rev. Cynthia, was next presented to the Bishop, by the following: presenters: Margery Cary Patterson, Brigitte LeBlond, Isabelle McKenzie, Yael Mugwaneza, and the Venerable Garth Bulmer. The Rt. Rev. Bruce, Coadjutor Bishop, presided, as he examined the candidate for ordination, asking in English and French a variety of questions. The congregation was then asked: "Will you uphold her in her ministry?" to which there was a resounding reply:

"We Will":

Among the many questions asked of Cynthia, to which she replied in the affirmative:

Was, "Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?"

A litany was sung, everyone kneeling, and led by the Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Rev. Christian Schreiner, who also acted as Litanist and Master of Ceremonies.

The traditional hymn, "Veni Creator Spiritus" was sung entirely in Latin. The Holy Spirit was certainly in evidence during this lovely hymn. Following this hymn, the process of consecrating a Priest began .. Bishop Bruce, with hands extended, said: Almighty Father, give to this your servant, grace and power to fulfil her Ministry among the people committed to her charge; ...

The new Priest was vested according to the Order of Priests, and the celebrant said: "Receive this Bible and this chalice and paten as signs of the authority given to you to preach the word of God and to administer his holy sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as priest of the Church of God."

At this point the Peace was enthusiastically exchanged.

The Offertory Hymn followed and included these words: "Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you, nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true."

Cardinal Archbishop Gerald Cyprien Lacroix speaking from the Archbishop's Throne remain at a very high level.

The Service then continued with the reading of the first lesson: Proverbs 6: 20-23 - "My child, keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake your mother's teaching."

It is important to note that the Reverend Cynthia played a significant part in the design of the entire service, and that the whole service was appropriately conducted in both English and French. The Psalm the Rev. Cynthia selected was Psalm 119 ... my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

A sermon followed given by the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, OGS. Bishop Bruce began his sermon with these words: "Different people arrive at this moment in different ways." Some calls to priest take a more circuitous path Bruce says. He cites the examples of St Augustine, Mary the mother of Jesus and St. Paul. He said that Cynthia's path to the priesthood had been rather more Augustinian that

The Holy Communion Service was held, with Bishop Bruce celebrating beautifully.

"Let all mortal flesh keep silence".: was the hymn during Communion, sung by the Choir, under the direction of Sandra Bender, Choirmaster, and played by Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, the Cathe-

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#### Dear Friends:

I am writing to tell you that as of December 13th I will have to step aside, on doctor's orders because of health reasons. Many of you have suspected that something was amiss when I began using a cane. But as the months have passed it has been increasingly difficult to continue to put in the hours and continue travelling throughout the Diocese.

I am sure Bishop Bruce will be able to take on the tasks I had hoped to continue with for a few months.

I would like to thank all those who have expressed their kind concern about my health. I deeply appreciate the support, and of course, the prayers.

May God bless you all.

+Dennís

## FROM THE BISHOP



#### Mes chers amis,

Je vous écris pour vous aviser que depuis le 13 décembre dernier, j'ai dû, pour des raisons de santé et sur ordonnance de mon médecin, mettre un terme à mes fonctions. Plusieurs d'entre vous se doutaient que quelque chose n'allait pas bien quand j'ai dû commencer à utiliser une canne pour me déplacer. Avec le passage du temps, il est devenu de plus en plus difficile pour moi de travailler de pleines journées et de continuer à voyager à travers le diocèse.

Je suis certain que notre évêque Bruce sera à la hauteur de mener à bien les tâches que je voulais compléter au cours des prochains mois.

Je veux remercier tous ceux qui ont exprimé leur bienveillante sollicitude à propos de ma santé. J'apprécie énormément votre soutien, ainsi, bien sûr, que vos prières.

Que Dieu vous bénisse tous.

+Dennís

## Palm Crosses for Development

#### **By Simon Chanbers**



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Like all Quebecers Bruce enjoys a trip to Maine





At the end of November Bishop Bruce enjoyed a daylong visit in Portland with the Bishop of Maine, Stephen Lane, who is his peer coach in the "Living Our Vows" program for newly ordained bishops. Bruce said "It's been great discovering how much our neighbouring dioceses have in common in terms of size, structure, geography, challenges and opportunities. I'm looking forward to Bishop Stephen's experienced mentorship over the next few years." Support PWRDF's development work in Africa by ordering **palm crosses** through African Palms

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## Georgeville welcomes the Primate

### By John Hoblin, photos by J. Hoblin & B. Myers

Our Primate, the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, fulfilled his commitment to come to St. George's to help celebrate its 150th anniversary and led a beautiful service of Holy Communion on Sunday, November 13th. He was supported by Bishop Myers who had stood in for him at the major service of celebration in August when he had had to attend a funeral service in Calgary, and also by the Ven. Dean Ross, St. George's incumbent, his brother Rev. Lynn Ross and the Postulant Gene Ross. 14 members of the Georgeville Occasional

choir were directed by Sarah Hoblyn at the organ.

Our service was a regular sung communion as we have in Georgeville once a month, the Communion setting in current use being Mass of Hope by Becket Senchur. On this special occasion, however, we sung the setting of psalm 84 and the anthem during the collection, How lovely is thy dwelling place arranged by William Llewellyn and Old time religious medley, traditional spirituals arranged by Mark Hayes, both pieces having been used at the August service of celebration. The anthem during communion was



"Shoebox Sunday" Honors Graham Reynolds





The Primate covered many aspects of the church's work in his sermon. He told how he really was inspired by the commitment and enthusiasm he found attending services in small churches throughout Canada.

He told us he travelled 300 days every year. He talked about the plight of the refugees in the Mediterranean and produced a rough wooden cross he had been given that was made from the timbers of one of the sunken refugee ships.



Of behalf of the PWRDF Dean Ross presented a gift of funds for the purchase of four Solar Suit Cases, two from St. George's and two from the Church of the Advent.

We were so honoured to welcome the Primate - this was indeed a very special day in the life of St. George's.



By Barbara Wintle

On Sunday, November 27th, the congregations of St. Stephen's, Coaticook and St. George's, Ayer's Cliff joined together for the Holy Eucharist Service for Advent Sunday, officiated by Rev. Barb Wintle. This service is lovingly known as "Shoebox Sunday" because this is the time of the year that the shoeboxes are packed and readied to be sent off to the Port of Quebec for the sailors for Christmas.

cheon following at the Jack-O Restaurant in Coaticook. Because Graham has retired as Manager after 22 years of dedicated work for the sailors, we honored him with a special cake, made and decorated by Lauraine Denis...so of course pictures were taken to hold onto all the precious memories that Graham has given us during his annual visits.



En partant de la gauche nous voyons sur la photo : Judy Kupecs-Scott (présentatrice), le Révérend Michel Royer, Sylvain Laperrière, Marc Fiset (présentateur), le Chanoine Graham Jackson et le ministre laïque Glen Marcotte.

## Un nouveau Ministre laïque à St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf

Our dear friend, Graham Reynolds, accompanied by Gilles and Janette Martin from La Maison du Marin were present for the service and were our guests for the lun-

Over 100 boxes were transported and will be enjoyed by the sailors who are away from home over the holidays. Thank you Graham for all you have done...you deserve a rest....but just maybe you can come and see us again next year....the good Lord willing.

#### Par Glen Marcotte

Les paroissiens d'expression française et anglaise ont exprimé leur gratitude pour l'amour inlassable de Dieu en accueillant Sylvain Laperrière comme ministre laïque. L'admission de Sylvain dans l'ordre des ministres laïque du Diocèse anglican de Québec a eu lieu lors de la célébration eucharistique du 20 novembre 2016. La présentation de Sylvain aux membres a été effectuée par Judy Kupecz Scott et Marc Fiset.

célébrant Le de l'office, le Révérend Michel Royer, a présenté la licence & une bible à Sylvain et le Titulaire Chanoine Graham Jackson, l'écharpe bleue du prédicateur laïque. La présentation du Livre de prière commune de l'Église épiscopale a été effectuée par Glen Marcotte, ministre laïque.

L'esprit de camaraderie qui régnait à la célébration dominicale s'est maintenu au domicile de Rosemary Minnich et Sylain Trudel après le service. Le mariage de félicitations et de bouffe, une tradition anglicane, était de mise lors de la réception.

Nous tenons à remercier tous les ministres laïques du Diocèse anglican de Québec pour leurs dévouements et leurs services au maintien de nos paroisses.

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# Gleanings

Gleanings is a monthly column by Meb Reisner Wright, the diocesan historian, who delves in to the back issues of the Quebec Diocesan Gazette to present us with interesting nuggets of our past.

The possibilities of special activities for Quebec youngsters, bringing them into direct contact with travellers to distant lands-not connected to the War-who brought with them souvenirs from unfamiliar cultures were few and far between in the winter of 1917.

Not only was there no internet then, and no TV, but the cinema itself was in its infancy. A showing of magic lantern slides with flickering projection was the most to be hoped for. Imagine, therefore, what excitement there would have been at the prospect of meeting someone who had actually lived and worked half way around the world in exotic India and had come specifically to talk bout it to youthful members the Girls' Auxiliary and their guests in wintry Sillery! Such was the case, as reported in the Diocesan Gazette, of a meeting of the Junior Auxiliary of the Woman's Auxiliary held in January at St Michael's Church, in what was then known as Bergerville.

"The Annual Meeting of the Junior Branch of St Michael's W.A. had this year a new feature" the article begins. "After the conclusion of business and tea, a drawing room missionary meeting was held which was addressed by Miss Seevers who has worked as a C.M.S. Missionary in Bombay [present-day Mumbai], India."

The Church Missionary Society, usually referred to simply as the CMS had been founded in London, England, in 1799 and was active in Africa, the Far East, India, and elsewhere as well as closer at hand in western and northern Canada. According to the CMS website, the mission centred in Bombay was always one of the smallest in India. The first CMS missionary had arrived there in 1820.

By exception, "the Juniors had invited mothers and brothers to the meeting," the article continued, "and the room was full of children. The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn and the repetition of the Creed. After offering some missionary prayers, the Rector welcomed the little visitors, telling them that, as he walked up to the Rectory, he had noticed in the snow the marks of many little feet and he had thanked God that there were so many little folks eager to be about their Master's business."

This Junior Branch was of relatively new standing and that year's Annual Meeting marked a change in its initial leadership.

"The retiring President, Dorothy Penny, then read her address" that is, her Report of the year's activities "setting forth in beautiful and simple language the Spiritual aim of the Junior Auxiliary, and the ways in which its members may try to realize them. The Superintendent, Mrs Dunn, thanked her for her Address and spoke of the quiet, faithful work of this young officer, since the inauguration of the Branch in 1913. The new President, Dorothy Bracegirdle, rendered her a vote of thanks, and expressed the desire of all that she would still remain an officer of the Branch." Business over with, the event everyone had come for got underway. "Miss Seevers, wearing a real native costume [undoubtedly an airy colourful sari which would have seemed particularly exotic among the wartime winter woolies worn by almost all the rest of those present] then gave a deeply interesting address" the details of which, most unfortunately, are not given.

"A little girl [not identified], a member of the Babies' Branch of St Michael's, was also arrayed in an Indian dress, kindly provided by Miss Seevers. Her forehead was carefully marked with the sign of her caste and of her early marriage. Miss Seevers told of the life that such a little girl would lead in India and of the pathetic widowhood of children in that vast country.

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Laying on of hands by diocesan clergy as part of Cynthia's ordination to the priesthood.

dral Organist.

The Episcopal Blessing was pronounced by Bishop Dennis, and the closing hymn was: "A toi la gloire, 0 Ressusite."

In spite of the conflict that evening, with the Grey Cup game, the Cathedral Nave was packed, representing all parts of the Diocese, including Naskapi, Kawawachikamach -near Schefferville, people from the outlying country parishes outside the Quebec area, people came from Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, including North Hatley, and people from the Gaspe, and even Montreal.

It is of special note that the mainline churches also sent representatives: from the United Church, the Presbyterian Church and the Roman Catholic Church, including des soeurs du Bon Paster, des Augustines, des Ursulines and assorted Ecumenical guests.

The Rev. Cynthia will continue her ministry in the Magdalene Islands, and as interim priest in the Greater Parish of Gaspe.

A reception followed, at Cynthia's gracious invitation, in the Church Hall.



The Rev. Francie Keats, Pauline Thomas and the Rev. Norman Cutler Fond Memories ...

#### By Francie Keats

At the Service of the Reign of Christ at St Paul's Church we were extremely blessed to have in attendance Pauline Thomas who is 99 years young who was born in St Paul's River, but left home to go to Montreal where she has lived up until a month ago. She fondly remembers attending the much smaller St. Paul's Church up to three times on a Sunday and enjoyed the wonderful hymns played on the organ that is still in use. Her favourite hymns being "Nearer My God to Thee" and "What a Friend we have in Jesus." She was so pleased when Rev. Norman Cutler offered to play those hymns for her and we sang along with her - a true gift on this joyous celebration of Christ the King.

She also touched on the medical, evangelical and educational work of the missionaries, and shewed the children some interesting curios." Wisely, the children's concentration was not over-taxed by an overly long presentation, so, as the article continues "she held the delighted attention of her audience for fully half an hour, when a very enthusiastic vote of thanks was passed by the young people.

"A recitation entitled 'The Little Brown Girl and I' [probably entirely politically incorrect by today's standards, but undoubtedly regarded as charmingly broadminded and inclusive at the time] was nicely given by two little fair-haired members of the Babies' Branch" with the little especially-costumed 'Indian girl' taking part. The program then concluded with singing the National Anthem.

"The Juniors then handed round tea and cake provided by themselves to their visitors." The author notes that there had been "a small charge for admission" which "brought in a little money for the Junior Branch Fund" some of which, undoubtedly, would have been contributed for Missionary activity.

Miss Pauline was living in a fancy Nursing Home in Montreal where she had all the comforts in life but she decided recently that she wanted to move back home for her remaining years where she can stay in her jammies all day if she felt like it rather than have to dress up to go to all her meals!

Her niece Kate is her caregiver who is nothing short of an angel, Kate has cared for her Mother and another Aunt who both suffered from Alzeimer's. Miss Pauline has always said "There is no place on earth like St. Paul's to watch the full moon on the water." Spoken like a true Coaster!