

# Coast to Coast

News and photos from the canadian district activities !!!

## Late Summer 2009 in Winnipeg

By Mr. Craig MacFarlane



And I do mean LATE Summer – as summer still has not arrived, but the rain has - daily! Ah! the joys of living in Manitoba. Our Parish has been quiet with Father Rusak away in July for the family camp in Ontario, where I hear it, yes – rained, but everyone had a great time. As you can see from the accompanying photo on page 25, the camp was well attended.

Father Girouard was busy during July packing his things for his move to BC, we will all miss him. He is currently away for his much needed vacation and rest before his big move. He will be leaving us the end of August once we give him one of our famous Pot-Luck Dinners after Mass on August 30. We are awaiting the arrival of our new priest Father Raymond Lillis who will join us mid September. I haven't personally met Father Lillis, but I hear he is a very gentle and kind priest with a wonderful smile. Many in our Parish have met him during their trips to Winona.

Now for some very sad news. For those that have not visited our parish, in front of our Priory was a large, white statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 'was' being the operative word here. A few weeks ago some of the locals thought it might look much better moved forward, onto its face.

They also wanted a souvenir of their moving experience, so they took the right arm away with them. The statue was made of concrete and shattered across the back and left arm. One of our parishioners has taken it home to try and restore it. A replacement statue of the same size will cost \$7,000 and up, if we can find one. But that is not all, we have also had our brick stairs re-



arranged and parts removed, some of the brick flying at other items. For those that know the placement of our statues, Our Lady is still standing, only scared a bit and in need of a paint touch-up, but she is fine.

Another of our famous figures was injured on or about the same day as the

Sacred Heart statue, Stan Zigarlisky, our Sacristan, fell off a ladder and broke his wrist. When you see Stan ask him how he managed this, the story will make you smile.

We had a visit from our Seminarian Jonathan Prescott. He was home for a short vacation and to celebrate his birthday. I was fortunate to be in attendance for his birthday lunch where he tried to blow out a sparkler on top of his swan cake, sorry no pictures available. When Jonathan left us there were those of us who never thought he would make it, call us the doubters. I am please to say the young priest to be who was home this summer has grown into a gentle soul, a kind man and a future strong leader of our church. Jonathan, you have done us all proud! It takes more than studies to make a Priest.

As far as weddings and births, nothing to report this time, again, but I hear something is in the air in one of those departments. Promise to update as soon as I know who and when.

A very happy birthday to our Housekeeper extraordinaire Rose Pommer.

From the wet and soggy Winnipeg, I send everyone Blessings and Love.

## A Triumph for Tradition in Regina (SK)

By Mr. Craig MacFarlane

Sunday June 14th, 2009, was a historic day for the parishioners of the Society's mission in Regina. The Traditional Latin Mass was once again celebrated at the 112 year old St. Joseph's church for the first time in over 42 years. The church is located approximately fifteen minutes east of Regina in the village of St. Joseph. The village is home to the historic church and rectory, also called St. Joseph's, which was built in 1897 by German Catholic settlers. In 1967, the church was abandoned, and a new modernist church was built in another town five minutes away. Most of the sacred items were all left behind: the high altar and two side altars, the beautiful elevated pulpit, statues, stations of the cross, confessional, vest-



ments, altar stones, altar cards, and altar cloths. In the early 1990's both the church and the three story stone rectory beside it, were sold to a private owner who providentially preserved all the sacred items the church housed.

The faithful from the mission in Regina knew that beautiful St. Joseph's church was just sitting empty, and so determined to try to have Mass said there. The idea was brought to Fr. Girouard in November of 2008, and he agreed that we should try to have permission to use the church. The owner was then contacted, and he graciously agreed to let the church be used for Mass. However, Mass could only be celebrated in the summer, since the heating system no longer works. The parishioners started planning for two summer Masses to be held at St. Joseph's in June and July. Beginning in February after Mass in Regina, the faithful held a meeting to plan out the details for the June and July Masses. Committees were formed to take care of the cleaning, singing, altar serving, Mass supplies and vestments, etc. Two weeks before the June Mass, a number of the faithful got together and gave the church a thorough cleaning - which it needed since it wasn't being used, except for storage.

Finally the day arrived to go to Mass at St. Joseph's. The church bells once again rang out, announcing the start of Mass. The feast was the solemnity of Corpus Christi, and everyone was more than thrilled to have Mass in this glorious

church, especially considering that the Mission in Regina normally has Mass in a rented hall. Many other faithful came from Yorkton and Weyn to assist at the Mass, and many of them helped to sing in the choir and serve as altar boys. The holy sacrifice of the cross was once again offered to God, in the true manner for which St. Joseph's church was built 112 years ago. This was certainly a day of triumph for Tradition, and it was a dream come true for the faithful.



After Mass, the faithful gathered on the church grounds to have lunch. There were even some new people who came to this special Mass. We thank St. Joseph, in whose honor both the church and village are named after, for the help he gave us to have Mass celebrated in this beautiful church. We know that he was looking down from heaven with joy, at the fact that this church was once again being used for the worship of Almighty God after so many years of abandonment. Finally, we also had the joy of having a Mass there on July 12th and September 13th as well.

Deo Gratias!

## Some more News from Winnipeg & Dryden

By Mrs. Randi Gage



We have learned that our much loved Father Girouard will be leaving us for a warmer place, so British Columbia we reluctantly send him your way. For those of you that do not know Father Girouard is a gentle Father who loves to laugh and can be a grump as well. But the most important thing to know about our Fr. Girouard is he is always thinking of what is best for each of us. Oh yes, and he loves Rose's cookies!

It has been a quiet July, so our most exciting thing has been watching the garden and the grass grow. No wedding or babies to report this time, but stay tuned we do have some developing news we are following.

For now I send Blessings and Sunshine to everyone. Until next time....

Well according to the calendar it is summer, but here in Winnipeg it has been more like fall with rain and rain and cool temperatures. But we are hearty stock and find time to enjoy the outdoors as much as we can.

Father Rusak is away on his summer break and attending the Family Camp in Ontario. This year all the campers will be introduced to the wonders and beauty of heavens we can see through a telescope. Late nights will be spent watching the many shooting stars, finding different planets and feeling the joy that the heavens hold, if only on a minimal scale. It can only increase the awe and wanting of the full scope of wonder that heaven holds for us all.



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## From Welwyn (SK) to... Manitoba!

By Mr. Craig MacFarlane



On the final day of school for St. Michael's Academy (Welwyn, SK), the students and staff went on a field trip to Brandon Manitoba, and Shilo Military Base, which is twenty minutes east of Brandon. In Brandon the first place the school went was to the Riverbank Discovery Centre. This is a wildlife refuge right in the city of

Brandon. The students were able to see various wildlife such as a deer, a turtle, frogs, and a variety of birds. The next stop was the Commonwealth Air Training Museum. This museum is a national historic site, and was used during world war II to train pilots for battle. The last place visited was Shilo Military base, for a guided tour of the Canadian Artillery Museum, which houses an impressive display of tanks and artillery.



## Farewell Luncheons For Fathers de Vriendt and Girouard



Today the parishioners of Christ the King Church in Langley hosted a farewell luncheon for Father De Vriendt. On this occasion

Fr. Gerspacher was also present, back from his trip in Northern BC. Father De Vriendt was presented with a spiritual bouquet. The nicely framed document was presented by Miss Mary-Kate Goody and Krista Suzuki on behalf of the parishioners.

Attached is a photo of the going away cake Rose made for Father Girouard. If

you would like to add it to the Prairie Report, please do. For your information, if you look at the two crosses you will see one has a heart and the other a star. The heart has an arrow pointing to Winnipeg where Father "Left his Heart" and the other arrow points to BC where he will be "Reaching for the Stars", those are Rose's words. The event was

very well attended and Father seemed very pleased with all his "Hugs". He received many Spiritual Bouquets, a new alb and surplice, a limited edition coin of Our Lady and Mrs. Gage made him 4 of his favourite big linen dinner napkins.



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## Parish Mission in Langley (BC)

Fr Alphonsus Maria, C.S.S.R, has come to deliver a Parish Mission to us August 31st to September 2nd. The Parishioners of Christ the King thoroughly enjoyed the sermons delivered by Father. His rhetorical style has really captured the attention of many of us.

After the first sermon on Gerard Majella, patron of expected mothers, we lined up to venerate the relic of the saint. Father celebrated the Sung Mass on Sunday. Here, Father can be seen giving the papal blessing to the faithful. About 40 people were in attendance.



## Readers' Letters

Dear Editor,

I am writing to alert the readers of Convictions to a new venue for the study of the Latin language, something which may be of great interest to those with a special devotion to the Latin Liturgy, whether they be clergy or laypeople. It is called the "Carmenta Online Latin Classroom" ([www.CarmentaLatin.com](http://www.CarmentaLatin.com)), and is offering an eight-semester Latin course completely online. Classes are taught by a real, live teacher, and they utilize web conferencing technology, allowing a group of students, each participating by means of his own home computer and connected to each other and to the instructor by live group audio and video, to converse and interact as though in a traditional face-to-face classroom setting. I thought I would pass this information on to you, as some of your readers might benefit from it like I do.

Continue your good work of apostolate,

Andrew Kuhry-Haeuser



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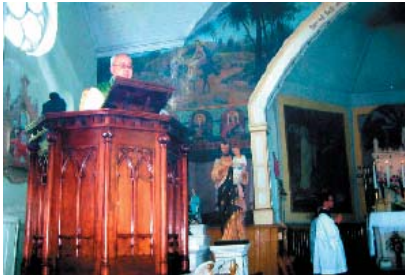
### Sacrament of Confirmation

**Administered by Our Lordship  
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<b>Langley :</b>	Church of Christ the King Sunday Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> 10 am
<b>Nanaimo :</b>	Our Lady of Good Counsel Monday Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 11 am
<b>Winnipeg :</b>	St. Raphael's Priory Wed., Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 pm
<b>Rocky Mountain House :</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows Church Saturday, Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup> 3 pm
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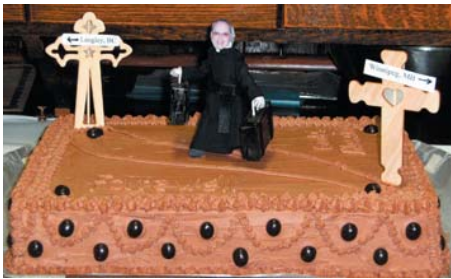






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Winnipeg: The going away cake Mrs Rose Pommer made for Father Girouard.

Mass, procession and parish feast in Shawinigan on the Feast day of the Assumption.



Priestly Jubilees: Fathers Violette and Méry celebrated respectively their 25 and 30 years of priesthood.

Farewell party for Father de Vriendt. He leaves Canada to continue his priestly work as chaplain of the traditional Carmel in Quiévrain in Belgium.



Marriage Jubilee in Montreal: Fr. Boulet blesses the couple after 25 years of married life. Photo of the Family with children, grandchildren...

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