

Pastoral Letter #64 – April 9, 2009

Dear Friends:

1. The Rev. John Seib will be ordained priest on Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. The ordination will be held at Christ Church, Saskatoon (515 28 St. West). The preacher will be the Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin.

Clergy are invited to robe. The liturgical colour will be red.

2. At the request of the Coadjutor Bishop of Quebec, the Right Rev. Dennis Drainville, Mrs. Wilma Woods and Mr. Brian Woods will be ordained deacons on Friday, May 1, the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles.

The ordination will be held at St. John's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. The preacher will be the Right Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

Clergy are invited to robe. The liturgical colour will be red.

Brian and Wilma, who will soon graduate from the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, have been appointed to a parish and school ministry on the Magdalen Islands in the Diocese of Quebec.

3. The Rev. Florence McDonald died on Monday, March 2. She was serving as Priest in Charge of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Airdrie, Alberta in the Diocese of Calgary. Funeral services for Florence were held at St. Francis of Assisi, Airdrie on Wednesday, March 11.

Florence, a graduate of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, was ordained in the Diocese of Saskatoon. She served the Greater Watrous Parish, where she is remembered with affection. The Rev. Canon Colin Clay describes Florence as "a very warm hearted person, a very good friend to so many, and a faithful priest".

Sympathy is extended to Florence's children, Janice and Carole, her grandchildren and other family members.

4. Best wishes are extended to Mrs. Elta Fae Marlor. Elta Fae suffered a cracked ankle in an unfortunate accident at the close of the Cursillo Weekend in Muenster on March 15.
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 - a. The Rev. Debbie Ramage has returned to part-time duties at St. John's Cathedral following heart surgery.
 - b. The Rev. Peter Norman suffered a broken arm, caused by slipping on ice in the parking lot at St. Paul's Church, North Battleford.
 - c. The Rev. Gordon Lines is recuperating from a bout of cellulitis.
 - d. The Rev. Sheila Martin is in Hamilton, Ontario on short-term medical leave. Sheila was recently hospitalized in Tisdale SK with complications of diabetes.

Best wishes for a steady recovery to Debbie, Peter, Gordon and Sheila.

6. The Revs. Alex Parsons, Ann Marie Nicklin, Peter Norman and John Seib will participate in a Fresh Start Training Conference at Niagara Falls Ontario next week.

“Fresh Start is a program offered by the Diocese of Montreal that seeks to foster healthy relationships among Anglican clergy, their congregations, and their dioceses during critical periods of transition in clergy leadership.”

7. The Rev. Caroline Pinchbeck arrives on April 14 to begin her seven week experience of rural ministry in the Diocese of Saskatoon. Caroline will be hosted by the Lintlaw/Endeavour Parish. She will attend our Diocesan Clergy Conference. The Bishop of Edmonton, the Right Rev. Jane Alexander, has extended an invitation to Caroline to visit our neighbouring diocese while she is here.

Caroline is Rural Life Advisor for the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, England. Her visit to our Diocese is sponsored by the Partnerships Department of the national church, the Maple Leaf Fellowship, the Dioceses of Saskatoon, Canterbury and Edmonton, and the parish of Lintlaw/Endeavour.

Welcome to the Diocese of Saskatoon Caroline.

8. The Rev. Dr. Jan Bigland-Pritchard has been appointed Diocesan Ecumenical Officer. Thank you, Jan, for assuming this task.
9. Congratulations to Holy Trinity Church, Saskatoon on paying their loan in full to the Anglican Foundation of Canada.
10. Clergy are urged to send their registrations for the Clergy Conference to the Synod Office as soon as possible. The deadline for the Conference is April 28, 2009.
11. *Refresh*, an Annual Conference offered by Wycliffe College, Toronto, will be held May 12-15. The keynote speakers this year are Archbishop John Sentamu of York, Paul Young, author of *The Shack*, Bishop Graham Cay from Fresh Expressions in England, and preaching guest Paul Scott Wilson. For information please consult the College web site www.wycliffecollege.ca.
12. Please keep a focus on participation by your parish in the Diocesan Refugee project.
13. I received an e-mail from Michael Swaan who suggests: “In view of what is labelled as a ‘foster care crisis’ in Saskatchewan, perhaps Anglican churches could urge their members to seek prayerfully the possibility of welcoming a foster child into their home”.
14. We are all invited to participate in “Vision 2019 – Dream the Church”. There are two parts to the project:
 - a. – the Mission Studies based on the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion.
 - b. – the “Tell us Your Story” Project.

Our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, encourages us to (clergy and laity) to seize this unique opportunity to help our church set priorities for its work in the service of God’s mission.”

Please contribute your stories and ideas. The easiest method is to access the Anglican Church of Canada web site.

A DVD titled *Vision 2019 The Marks of Mission* is available from Church House, Toronto.

15. Congratulations and thanks (again!) to all who supported the *Amazing Grace* project last November. The national total of donations reached \$ 81,000 last week.

16. Today is Maundy Thursday:

“This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven”.

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Jacqueline joins me in wishing you all a glorious Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Rodney Andrews
Bishop of Saskatoon