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January 10, 1975 is the date
for Consecration and Enthronement

The date for the Consecration and Enthronement of the Very Rev. Frank F. Nock as the seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma, has now been set.

It is Friday, January 10, 1975 (which falls within the Octave of Epiphany) at 7:30 p.m. in St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, the See City.

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Dean Frank Nock elected seventh bishop of Algoma

Monday, October 21, 1974, was an important historic occasion in the life of the Diocese of Algoma, for on that day the seventh bishop of the Diocese was chosen, as a successor to the Most Rev. William L. Wright, who had been the Diocesan for just over 30 years.

In view of that long episcopate, only a very few clergy present had participated in the election of Archbishop Wright in 1944. The same was true for the lay delegates to this Electoral Synod. This air of novelty made the occasion an even more exciting and impressive one.

Some 68 (of 86 eligible) clergy were in attendance, while 131 of the 134 eligible lay delegates were present. A two-thirds majority of both orders was required to elect the new bishop. In the final ballot, 68 clergy voted, and 126 lay people so that the number of votes required for a two-thirds majority in each order was 45 clerical votes and 85 lay votes.

Ten ballots were required after the initial Nominating Ballot which added 19 names to the 17 already nominated in the Pre-Synod mail-in nominating ballot. This presented a slate of 36 names.

From the first ballot, in which Dean Nock gained 29 clerical votes and 50 lay votes, it seemed only a matter of time until he gained the number required for the two-thirds stipulation. That number was reached in the tenth ballot when the Dean received 52 clerical and 91 lay votes.

So it was that the Very



The Most Rev. James A. Watton, Archbishop of the Diocese of Moosonee, and Metropolitan of Ontario, has just announced the results of the 11th ballot of Algoma's Electoral Synod, and he is seen congratulating the Bishop-elect of Algoma, the Very Rev. Frank Foley Nock. At the Dean's left is Chancellor D. M. Lawson, and to the right is Mr. J. R. Littlefield, Lay Secretary of Synod. Hidden behind Archbishop Watton is the Rev. James Turner, of West Thunder Bay, the Clerical Secretary of Synod.

Rev. Frank Foley Nock, B.A., B.D., D.D., Rector of St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie, Dean of the Diocese of Algoma, and Prolocu-

tor of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, became the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Algoma.

His six predecessors are the following: Bishop F. D. Fauquier (1873-81); Bishop E. Sullivan (1882-96); Archbishop G. Thorneloe (1896-

1926); Bishop R. Smith (1926-1939); Archbishop G. Kingston (1940-44); and Archbishop W. Wright (1944-74).

St. Paul's, Thunder Bay

Freedom is theme of "Come Alive Weekend"

St. Paul's in Thunder Bay participated in a "Come Alive Weekend" from November 15 to 17. In a newsletter, the Rector, the Rev. Donald Landon, reported that during the past year St. Paul's had grown organizationally, and numerically.

This special November week-end provided an opportunity for the parish to see its need to grow spiritually. The Toronto-based priest and gifted teacher, the Rev. Ron Armstrong, visited St. Paul's to help the parish in its spiritual growth. His over-all theme was "Free in the Spirit"; he attempted to illustrate how the Holy Spirit leads the individual to new and maturer life in Christ, and how He brings renewal to the Church.

A series of general sessions took place, along with a special Saturday evening session for the young people of the Thunder Bay Deanery.

On Friday evening, November 15, a session entitled "Closing the Communication Gap" started the weekend off, and it was followed by a Coffee Hour.

Saturday, November 16, began with an Informal Eucharist at 9:30 a.m., followed by an address, "How to Find Freedom", and a panel discussion. Following a buffet luncheon at noon, there was an afternoon session, "How to Remain Free". In the evening, the Coffee House and Youth Session was held for the Deanery's young people.

Sunday was also a full day, beginning with a meditation by Fr. Armstrong at the 8:30 a.m. service. His theme at the 10 a.m. service was "Renewal of the Church in the Age of the Spirit", and the final address took place in the afternoon, entitled, "The Mission of the Church".

The entire week-end was a real spiritual treat, and a great opportunity, for personal and parochial growth. As the Assistant at St. Paul's, Capt. Roy Dickson, expressed it, "It was a real challenge and adventure in Christ. Mr. Armstrong has been used by God to open and deepen and enrich the spiritual lives of a great many Christians. His visit was a blessing to us all."

Bishop Clarke of James Bay special guest at Sudbury church

The Rt. Rev. Neville Clarke, the Bishop of James Bay, visited Sudbury on November 10, and preached at the 11 a.m. Eucharist in the Church of the Ascension on Sparks Street. In his sermon, he spoke of the Canadian Indian missions, which he has served since his ordination some 38 years ago.

A graduate of St. John's College, Winnipeg, Bishop Clarke served missions in Northern Ontario for several years before becoming a

Canon of the Diocese of Moosonee in 1947. A year later, he was appointed Archdeacon of James Bay, and in 1951, he was elected Suffragan Bishop of Moosonee, and named Bishop of James Bay.

While in Sudbury, the Bishop visited with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Varpio. He baptized his four-month old granddaughter, Lara, at a private ceremony at the Church of the Ascension.

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For further stories and pictures about Algoma's Electoral Synod and the Bishop-elect, turn to pages 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A.

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EDITORIALS

A new bishop — a new chapter!

Elsewhere in this edition of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, there are reports of the October 21 Electoral Synod in Sault Ste. Marie, when the Very Rev. Frank Foley Nock was elected as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Algoma. There are biographical sketches of the new bishop's career, and the new episcopal family is introduced.

There is an editorial assessment of the Bishop-elect, written by Mr. Richard White, the editor of the newsletter published by St. Luke's Cathedral. Finally, there are also many photos of these people and events, which are the prelude to a new chapter in the life of the Diocese of Algoma.

However, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, as it continually strives to do, would like to add a personal note to all the fanfare which is associated with any episcopal election and change-over.

Often a superficial dignity becomes the mark of political, educational, or religious officials. As a result, there tends to be an aura of the impersonal and the unapproachable about them. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN feels that the Diocese of Algoma has avoided that possibility with its choice of the next bishop of Algoma.

The Editor has not spent much time with the new bishop, but he recalls one occasion two Easters ago, when he had been asked to assist at the Cathedral, and after the service he and his family were invited to dine at the Deanery in Sault Ste. Marie.

In the middle of the living room, in the middle of a conversation, Beth (as the new First Lady seems to be affectionately called by so many) remarked to the Dean that he had his socks on inside-out. He, in turn, proceeded to remove his shoes and socks and to correct the situation, again right in the midst of the living room and guests.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN likes that. Such informality and casualness in approach tends to give an element of humanity both to the situation and the man. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN applauds that aspect in the personality of the new bishop; he is genuinely human, personal, and approachable, and these characteristics will definitely be an asset in a world of de-humanization and de-personalization.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN pledges its loyalty, devotion, and affection to Frank Algoma (as he will be known after his Consecration and Enthronement) and to Mrs. 'Beth' Nock (the new First Lady). The ALGOMA ANGLICAN knows that the entire Diocese will pray earnestly and work diligently with the new episcopal family in the Master's cause both here in Algoma and throughout the world.

May God bless them both in the years ahead.

RWM

Extra copies and photos

Increasing demand is being made for extra copies of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN with regard to certain issues containing articles or photographs of specific interest to certain individuals.

The Editor is only too pleased to supply such issues from the over-print supply which is sent to him each month. Please send your requests to the Editor, Box 1028, Espanola, indicating the number of copies required. You will be charged simply for postal charges.

Also there seems to be an increasing demand for copies of the photos which appear. In most cases, readers should check the "Courtesy lines" beneath each photo, and write the newspaper or individual concerned. Most newspapers such as the *Sault Daily Star*, the *Sudbury Star*, the *Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal*, the *North Bay Nugget*, and the *Bracebridge Herald-Gazette* will be pleased to supply you with such photos at a minimal cost.

Recently, two clerics within the Diocese of Algoma have been supplying the ALGOMA ANGLICAN with first-rate photos, and they will be happy to supply you with a copy of any photo that they may have taken. After checking the courtesy line, please write to the Rev. R. Inshaw, the Parish of Onaping, Box 309, Onaping, Ontario, or the Rev. T. Koning, Christ Church, Box 912, Englehart, Ontario.

Of special interest to readers may be photos appearing in the current edition of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN concerning the Electoral Synod and the Bishop-elect. Some of the originals of these are in colour, and will be of interest to parishes who wish to have a picture of the Bishop-elect in vestries or rectories.

If any specific information is required, please feel free to make inquiries of the Editor.

RWM

A letter from the bishop-elect

"Getting to know you"

My dear fellow Anglicans:

The Electoral Synod of October 21, 1974, is now a fact of history in our Diocese, and this is my first communication to you in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN since my election as your Bishop. As Administrator of the Diocese and Bishop-elect, my life has been very busy, so that I hope you will be tolerant if my thoughts in this issue are of a rambling nature.

My first observation is that it was a good Synod for a number of reasons. God blessed us with excellent weather—a rarity this past October! This made for pleasant travelling, and added Nature's brightness to our proceedings.

Second, our deliberations were in capable hands. Archbishop James Watton, our new Metropolitan, presided with a wonderful combination of spirituality, understanding, and patience, as we faced our first electoral Synod in over thirty years. His gentle, keen wit served to lighten what was for us all a solemn occasion and a serious responsibility.

It was also a good Synod because of the close fellowship of both clergy and laity. This has long been a mark of our diocesan life, and this historic moment was no different in that regard.

I am humbled by the fact that one of the Algoma clergy was chosen to be Bishop, and I am grateful that the outcome of the election indicated strong support from all parts of the Diocese.

This gives me much joy and confidence as I undertake to serve you as your Bishop.

The many expressions of loyalty and good will which I have received since my election have been a great strength to me. I pledge myself to serve you as your Father-in-God with dedication and devotion, and I ask for your continued prayers in the years ahead.

This letter gives me an opportunity to express sincere thanks to Archbishop Wright for his thirty years of service to our Diocese as Bishop. He leaves behind him a rich heritage of consecrated devotion to all of us in Algoma, and, together with his wife, has set us an example of unselfish love, unparalleled anywhere in the Church. We pray that they both will have much joy, contentment, and good health in the years to come.

By the time you read this letter, Mrs. Nock and I expect to be living in Bishophurst. It will take us some time to get adjusted to life in this stately home, which has seen so much history. Yet, we both want you to know there will always be a warm welcome to clergy and laity alike whenever you are in Sault Ste. Marie. Our address is 134 Simpson Street.

Many inquiries have been made about the date of my consecration as Bishop. After consultation with Archbishop Watton, and the Ontario House of Bishops, the date has been set for Friday, January 10, which falls with-

in the Octave of Epiphany.

The service will be at 7:30 p.m. in St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie. This has been planned for a Friday evening so that as many clergy and laity as possible from the Diocese can be present, and then return home on Saturday. The Enthronement, which follows, is the act by which the new Bishop is acknowledged and accepted as the Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma by his diocesan family.

In future messages in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, I hope to share with you some of the hopes and aspirations I have for the Diocese, as we work together in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. My first priority can be summed up in the words of a song from THE KING AND I — "Getting to Know You". It is as we get to know each other that mutual trust and confidence will be established. With this basis, Christ can direct and guide us to dare and do great things for Him. As soon as possible after the Consecration, I will begin a systematic visitation throughout the Diocese.

The great festival of Christmas will soon be here with its revelation of God's love for us and all men. My wife and I pray that the assurance of His love, revealed in Christ, may enrich your lives at Christmas and in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,
Frank F. Nock,
 Bishop-elect.

New bursaries established

Assistance for theological students

St. Paul's, Thunder Bay, is busy looking after the rising costs for theological students. In order to ensure financial aid for such students, who are preparing themselves for full-time ministry in the Church, two recent developments have been taking place in this Lakehead parish.

First of all, St. Paul's has set up the "Wilfrid and Katharine Balfour Bursaries" in thanksgiving to God for the Christian witness and service of Archdeacon C. W. Balfour and his wife. In this connection, a sum of money (at least \$2,000) is being raised from across the Diocese of Algoma, so that

bursary gifts can be made from the investment income.

The first choices for such bursaries will be theological students from the Algoma parishes in which Archdeacon Balfour served: St. Paul's, Thunder Bay; St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie; St. John's, North Bay; and All Saints', Huntsville.

Donations to this fund, designated 'for Balfour Bursaries' are welcomed from across the Diocese of Algoma, and can be made through your parish treasurer, or sent directly to the Treasurer, St. Paul's Church, 808 Ridge-way Street, Thunder Bay F.

He is acting as Treasurer for the Balfour Bursaries Fund.

A second Bursary Fund has been established at St. Paul's in Thunder Bay, "the Norman T. Owens Bursaries." In his will, Mr. Owens, who died on June 20, 1974, left \$2,000 to St. Paul's, Thunder Bay, for the use of theological students. This has been invested as the "Norman T. Owens Bursary Endowment", and the income will be distributed to theological students.

St. Paul's is to be commended for its foresight and attempts to assist the future priests of the Anglican Church of Canada.

St. George-the-Martyr, Espanola

Celebration of its 50th Anniversary

On Sunday, October 13, 1974, the Church of St. George the Martyr in Espanola celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a number of special observances.

Special Eucharist services were held that morning at 7:30 and 11. The special speaker at the 11 o'clock service was the Rev. William Stadnyk, Rector of the parish of Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie. Fr. Stadnyk's wife, Doreen, hails from Espanola, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, still reside there.

An Anniversary Dinner was held at 5:30 p.m. that evening, and was attended by many of the present and former members of the parish, along with representatives from other denominations in Espanola. Anniversary plates have also been on sale for \$2.50.

As part of the ongoing celebrations in connection with the 50th Anniversary, a number of former rectors of St. George's have been visiting the parish. On Sunday, October 20, the Rev. Jack Watson of Bala was the

guest, while on the following Sunday, October 27, the Rev. Canon Donald Dixon of Little Current was the special preacher. On Sunday, November 17, the Rev. W. C. S. Banting, now of the Diocese of Toronto, visited the parish.

At the time the ALGOMA ANGLICAN went to press, the present Rector of St. George's, the Rev. Lorne Sutherland reported that one further visit is anticipated, and that is from the Rev. S. W. L. Gilbert, now of the parish of Meaford in the Diocese of Huron.

MEET THE BISHOP AND FIRST LADY . . .



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

The Very Rev. Frank F. Nock, and Mrs. Elizabeth Nock, sit in their home on Queen Street, in Sault Ste. Marie. They have now moved from the Deanery to Bishopurst on Simpson Street, the home of the bishop of the Diocese of Algoma.

. . . AND THEIR FAMILY



Nora (Nock) Wilson



David Nock

The Diocese of Algoma has a new episcopal family, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN wishes to present them to the readers of the diocesan paper.

The new First Lady is Elizabeth Nock (née Adams), who was born in Toronto in April of 1917, and attended Rosedale Public School, Jarvis Collegiate and Bishop Strachan School. Mrs. Nock graduated from the School of Nursing of the University of Toronto in 1939, and worked with the Victorian Order of Nurses in Montreal and Toronto, and with the Department of Public Health in Toronto. The Dean and Mrs. Nock were married on May 30, 1942.

Mrs. Nock's activities outside the Church include her work on the Board of the VON, and her active participation in the White Cross Centre.

Both the Dean and Mrs. Nock enjoy golf, cross-country skiing, canoeing, and music. The Dean is a member of the Musical Comedy Guild, and is on the board of the Group Health Centre.

The new Episcopal couple have two children. Nora was born in Sault Ste. Marie in September of 1945, and attended public schools in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. She graduated from Laurentian University, Sudbury, in 1968, with a Bachelor of

Arts degree. She was married in 1970 to Robin Wilson of Vancouver (where they now live); the Wilsons have one son, Christopher, who is 2½ years old.

David Nock was born in Sudbury in August, 1949, and attended public schools in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. He graduated from Carleton University, Ottawa, with a B.A. in 1970; he then received his M.A. from the Institute of Canadian Studies of Carleton University in 1973. He is now following a Doctoral Programme in Sociology at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and holds the position of Teaching Assistant. David is not married.

The bishop-elect

Served within the Diocese of Algoma since 1942

The man elected as seventh bishop of the Diocese of Algoma, the Very Rev. Frank Foley Nock, has had a very long association with this Diocese. He came here in 1942, and became the Incumbent of the mission of Christ Church, Korah, St. Peter's in Harris and Buckley, and Holy Trinity in Tarentorous.

In September of 1945, he was appointed Rector of St. Thomas' in Bracebridge, and continued in that capacity until July of 1948. He was then appointed Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, and remained there for nine years.

In 1957, he was appointed Rector of St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie, and Dean of Algoma, where he has been for the last seventeen years.

The Dean was elected Pro-

locutor of General Synod in 1973, defeating Miss Betty Graham of Toronto, who had been the Church's first women deputy prolocutor. As Prolocutor, the Dean is Chairman of the House of Delegates to General Synod, and as such, he has worked closely with the Primate, and the General-Secretary of the national Church.

The Bishop-elect was born in Toronto, on February 27, 1916 and attended Riverdale Collegiate before continuing his studies at Trinity College, University of Toronto. He graduated in Classics (Greek and Latin), and in Divinity.

After graduation in 1940, he was appointed Assistant Curate of St. Matthew's Church from 1940 to 1942. He was made a deacon in 1940, and a priest in 1941.

Comments upon election

Pledges to be the chief pastor and chief evangelist of Algoma

After the results of the tenth ballot indicated conclusively that Dean Nock had been elected, Archbishop Watton sent him to his study to think about the election, and his reply. Prior to his departure, Archdeacon E. Roy Haddon (who along with the Rt. Rev. Allan Read of the Diocese of Toronto had been runners-up) moved that the decision be made unanimous.

Upon his return, Dean Nock seemed to be visibly moved by the honour and responsibility that had been placed upon his shoulders. He stated that he felt that the action of the Synod was the action of the Holy Spirit, and since it seemed conclusive, he accepted the results.

His first remarks included an expression of gratitude to Archbishop William L. Wright, who in a very wise and able way had provided excellent leadership and guidance both for Algoma and the Church at large.

He then went on to offer thanksgiving for the election of Archbishop Watton as Metropolitan of the Province of Ontario, and thanked him, both personally and on behalf of the Synod, for his wise, spiritual guidance during the day. Archbishop Watton had claimed not to be a 'holy man', but the Dean remarked that he was a holy man 'in a humorous way!' Indeed, he had been an inspiration to all.

The Dean also thanked the

officers of Synod, the Synod Office Staff, and Electoral Committees for their assistance during his time as Administrator and during the Pre-election preparations.

Then, in a more personal vein, the Bishop-elect remarked, "You did not elect another Archbishop Wright. I cannot walk in his shoes. Through the guidance of God, the support of my wife, and the loyalty of clergy and laity throughout the Diocese, I will walk in my own shoes."

He promised "to use whatever talents and abilities I have to the glory of God, and the welfare of all in Algoma." He stressed that whatever talents and weaknesses he possessed, he would try to be a pastor in the true sense of the word, and the chief evangelist of the Diocese of Algoma.

In conclusion, he expressed his knowledge of the fact that he had learned since his arrival in the Diocese in 1942 that the people of Algoma are a people of great loyalty and devotion, and understanding. "I foresee a bright and great future for the Diocese of Algoma."

After his acceptance remarks, he was greeted by a standing ovation, and as Synod delegates prepared for their long journeys home, they left St. Luke's Cathedral after personally greeting the priest who would be their spiritual leader in the years ahead.

An Urgent Appeal

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we did not receive the order form for the 1975 Canadian Church Calendars. If there happens to be any ACW or Church Group which may have ordered too many for their own needs, please contact—

Mrs. E. K. Young,
Treasurer, St. Paul's ACW,
Box 243,
Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0

Telephone 1-705-672-3118
(after 5 p.m.)

Please do not send any calendars until arrangements have been made.

An assessment of the new bishop of Algoma

Remember Canute, my friends

Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

The Very Rev. Frank F. Nock, B.A., B.D., D.D.
Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Algoma

(Ed. Note. This assessment of the Bishop-elect was written by Mr. Richard B. White, who is the Editor of "The Acts of St. Luke's," the newsletter published at St. Luke's Cathedral. This assessment first appeared in that publication, and is reprinted here because of its timeliness. Mr. White is also a member of the choir of St. Luke's Cathedral, and for a year was the Youth Director of that parish. He teaches high school at Central Algoma Secondary School in Desbarats.)

History has been saturated with miracle workers, many of whom were considered saints by their biographers, but I am a lover of accuracies, and as a student of post-graduate history, one of my heroes was Canute, the 10th century monarch of Britain.

Legend afforded this Christian leader phenomenal powers; his own people were convinced that there was no wrong that he couldn't right, and no force that he couldn't repel. Canute was a pragmatist ahead of his time, and rather than flaunting the honours paid to him, he set about to dispel all rumours of his might by gathering his court on the sea-side at the change of tide. From his throne he commanded the sea to go back; repeatedly, he failed. Finally, when his throne was in danger of becoming submerged, he ceased the token battle, and, thereby, attested to the fact that he was human. Such is the mark of a spiritual realist.

I retell this story because it typifies an essential characteristic which I expect the Very Reverend Frank Nock's ministry to assume. He is what I would call a 'spiritual realist', fully aware of the responsibilities of his office, and unimpressed by its accompanying prestige in social circles.

I recently had a two-hour interview with the new bishop-elect, and uncovered a frank assessment of his proposed directions as our new leader in Christ. Three priorities became apparent through our discussions: first, the establishment of an organized youth program; second, the recruitment of Algoma-based candidates for the priesthood; and, third, the re-establishment of what the Dean termed 'the spiritual values'.

When I approached the interview, I was armed with opinions voiced to me by a random sampling of parishioners to whom I had spoken regarding the Dean's election. Repeatedly, concern was expressed over the direction that youth work would take under the new administration. It is clear to most parishioners that our area youth programmes have lacked consistency and uniform direction.

It is also clear to the Bishop-elect. "We've gone through a period where the structure (of the youth movement) was thrown over. A structure is needed," he replied, when I inquired into his proposed directions. We exchanged ideas on the issue, and I was left with the impression that we might be seeing two possible administrative moves.

The first would be the broadening of the responsibilities of the present Diocesan Board of Education.

The second could be the establishment of a 'youth committee'. Such ideas are too new to be solidified, but one thing can be definite. To establish the desired situation will require increased efforts on the part of the clergy, increased imagination from parishioners, and a continuation of active involvement by the young people.

Of related importance on the Bishop-elect's list was the recruitment of seminarians from within the Diocese of Algoma. While not in favour of 'button-holing candidates', as he described it, he realizes that potential clerics are faced with competitive alternatives.

"We are in an affluent age, and the Church doesn't offer the affluence that other (social) services do." While one alternative not to be ruled out might be a reassessment of clerical wages and benefits to keep in line with current economic pressures, it became clear that the first step to increased recruitment would be education.

The Bishop-elect indicated that many young men aren't aware of the roles, and responsibilities which face the modern clergyman, to say nothing of the rewards. As he was quick to point out, "Seldom do high school CAREER DAYS consider inviting a clergyman to speak with interested students. Surely this is an indication that this profession has not been taken seriously, or that its function as a social service is fully appreciated."

The dialogue continued. The aroma of a smooth pipe-tobacco began to settle. For much of the discussion, the Bishop-elect had been referring to point-form notations. He had come prepared. The nature of his impending administration began to glow as he talked about his personal thrust as the new bishop.

Foremost was his intention to get to know his Diocese, its clergy, and its people as quickly as possible. Rather than stepping into the shoes of his predecessor, who was noted for his world-wide missionary zeal, the Bishop-elect will be 'his own man', as one clergyman aptly phrased it.

His first considerations will be the needs of the people. More than one person has described the new bishop as a 'deeply spiritual man'. Nowhere was this more obvious than in our discussions when he spoke of the need to re-emphasize the 'sacramental values'. He appeared troubled as he spoke of the lack of spiritual preparation parishioners appeared to do, or were willing to do, for the Lenten season. He recalled days when a parish would go through a book together and share their thoughts on its observations Sunday by Sunday.

He stressed the social need for the Christian community to explore the avenues offered by the sacraments as outlined by the *Book of Common Prayer*; marriage, the ministering to the sick, and the implied sacrament of stewardship all require a re-vitalization. This re-vitalization, perhaps above all others, can be recognized as the Bishop-elect's personal resolution.

In many ways, a new bishop is on a hot seat. Although he isn't the Primate, people might tend to consider him to be suddenly endowed with magical answers.

Our Church is being challenged by a society changing so rapidly that today's answers can become obsolete tomorrow. We face becoming smothered in a spiritual sterility that has overwhelmed a huge segment of society. Exorcism, abortion, euthanasia, charisma, and promiscuity hammer at our doors and demand equal time, recognition, or reaction. How will these issues be answered?

It is the opinion of this writer that our new bishop will not be a man to blaze new trails through the desert of social ambiguity, trails that would hopefully lead to water. Rather, he will be a 'map studier', using the tools his office gives to him—our Lord, the saints, and his predecessors.

Remember Canute, my friends. His humanity and sincerity were made clear through example. The Bishop-elect is not a man to play with pretenses or to try to command the elements when he has not been given the power to do so.

The new administration will be coloured by the integrity and sincerity expected of his office, not by the purple shades of his vestments.

I am reminded of a college friend who genuflected at the feet of a Diocesan bishop to kiss the episcopal ring, only to discover that the good bishop never wore one. Perhaps that analogy rests on its own comparisons.

Richard B. White

PEOPLE
AT SYNOD

Courtesy of Fr. Inshaw

Mr. E. G. Charnock, delegate of St. Paul's Thunder Bay, is 94 years of age.



Courtesy of Fr. Inshaw

The Ven. George Sutherland, Hunstville, was nominated, but declined that nomination.



Courtesy of Fr. Koning

The Rev. Canon R. F. Palmer came to the Electoral Synod from his home in Toronto.



Courtesy of Fr. Koning

Dr. Gilbert Thomson, retired Archdeacon of Nipissing, is now living in Elora.

Stump memorial

The parish of Whitefish Falls will be deciding early in the new year what memorial will be placed in St. Augustine's Church there, to honour the memory of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Stump who served for so many

years there.

Any further donations to the fund for this memorial should be sent immediately to the Rev. Lorne R. A. Sutherland, Rector, St. George's, Box 666, Espanola, Ontario.

Bishop-elect is guest speaker at St. Matthew's in Toronto

The Very Rev. F. F. Nock, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Algoma, returned to Toronto and the church where he served as an Assistant-Curate from 1940-42, on Sunday, November 11.

Dean Nock was the guest preacher at the 11 a.m. Remembrance Service at St. Matthew's Church on First Avenue. That church is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

YOUTH NEWS

with

Miss Carrie Black
385 Ski Club Road
NORTH BAY, Ontario



Across Algoma

Youth sponsor many activities

The Youth Group in Englehart has begun to undertake projects to raise money so that delegates may attend the Diocesan Youth Conference in February. They are planning to do odd jobs for anybody who will hire them, and a *Bottle Drive* is planned for December 28.

St. Brice's Youth Group in North Bay had a *Parish Turkey Supper* on November 17, which was a great success. They also have invited speakers for many of their meetings. Bill Trott,

the National Youth Co-ordinator, will be present on December 5-6.

The Thunder Bay Deanery Youth Council sponsored two *Retreats* during the fall — Sept. 27-28 at St. John's, Thunder Bay, and Oct. 4-5 at St. Peter's, Red Rock.

The money raised from the sale of Hallowe'en candy on October 12 in Thunder Bay, sponsored by the Thunder Bay Deanery Youth Council, will be used for the remodelling of the Camp Gitchigomee kitchen.

On November 11, the Deanery Youth attended the Remembrance Day Service at Thunder Bay's City Hall, and during the afternoon viewed films, and were addressed by an East African priest.

On October 25, the "Beginnings" (St. John's, Thunder Bay Youth Group) spent the day cleaning up the church premises. The church grounds were cleaned, leaves raked, walk-way to the kitchen painted, and the trash and rubbish cleared.

Diocesan Youth Conference

January 31, and February 1-2 will provide an opportunity for the youth of the Diocese of Algoma to meet and share ideas and happenings. On this week-end, a *Diocesan Youth Conference* will take place in North Bay, sponsored by the young people of the Anglican churches in that city.

The purpose of the conference is to try to bring the young people together, and to get them to know one another better. The main theme will be **YOUTH IN THE CHURCH — WHERE DO WE BELONG?**

The conference is open to the youth of high school age, and it will be limited to 40 delegates, and these will be chosen by area. The cost will be held to a minimum, and it is anticipated that this will be no more than \$15 per person, plus transportation costs.

Those interested should fill out the form below, and send it by December 30 to the following address:

Mr. Bob Elliott,
977 Hammond Street,
NORTH BAY, Ontario.
P1B 2H6

Provincial youth cluster

Decisions made about future actions

One of the things that came as a result of the National AYM meetings in Kenora in late August and early September was a Provincial Youth Cluster in Ontario.

This consists of a provincial meeting of all the young people from Ontario who had attended the national meeting at Kenora,

along with a few invited guests.

They met at the Society of St. John the Evangelist on November 1-3, in Bracebridge. They tried to make some decisions about future actions.

Out of this meeting came a discovery of purpose: "to support and generate Youth

Ministry in the province of Ontario". In this connection, a provincial newsletter (to be edited by Bob Elliott of North Bay) is to be established.

Other matters discussed were the problems of Diocesan Youth Conferences, and the role of the National Youth Co-ordinator, Bill Trott.

Name

Address

Age Grade

Deanery Parish Church

Conference ideas or suggestions

Archbishop James A. Watton

Presides over Electoral Synod

The man presiding over Algoma's Electoral Synod on October 21 was the Most Rev. James A. Watton, Archbishop of the Diocese of Moosonee, and Metropolitan of the Province of Ontario. He had just been elected Metropolitan on September

12 in Toronto at a Provincial Synod.

From the opening minutes of the Synod, it was evident that this presiding bishop was going to keep the Synod moving in a brisk, efficient, and humorous fashion. Many had come to the Synod with

the preconceived notion that it would be a somewhat somber, pious, and formidable occasion, during which the delegates would be locked in dignified St. Luke's Cathedral until someone was declared elected.

Archbishop Watton quickly dispelled that notion from the minds of all present. He set the mood when he outlined the programme for the sessions between each ballot; he had prepared sufficient material for up to 21 ballots! He sarcastically informed the Synod that the more ballots required, the more they would learn from the interim sessions.

He set up somewhat of a competition among the scrutineers as he cautioned them as they left to count the ballots, warning that he was allowing them only a specified amount of time. Each time, he cut that time considerably. Towards the tenth ballot, he and the Synod laughed when the scrutineers returned so quickly that His Grace did not have a chance to complete his exposition of the "Appeal for the North".

His anecdotes throughout the Synod gave the proceedings a lighter vein, which was a welcome relief from the responsibility placed upon the delegates. For example, he told of the priest who received a telephone call announcing his election as a bishop of a diocese. When asked if he would accept the election, he replied without hesitation, "Yes, I'll accept. Thank God, no more parish picnics!!!"

The humanity of the man was also evident when he could be heard muttering during one of the longer sessions, "Where is the washroom in this place?"

Archbishop Watton was nominated in the pre-Synod mail-in ballot, but declined that nomination early in the proceedings.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

Youth delegates participate in electing the new bishop

Some of the Youth Delegates to the Electoral Synod gather for a picture outside St. Luke's Cathedral. They are from left, Der Nilson (Muskoka), Nancy Strickland (Muskoka), David Shamas (Mississauga), Ann Cole (Sudbury), Bob Elliott (Temiskaming), Susan Bowers (Algoma), Donald Huff (Temiskaming), Douglas Elliott (Mississauga), and Stephen Doolan (Sudbury).

Temiskaming Deanery ACW

"Bloom where you grow!"

Six parishes sent delegates when Anglican Church Women of the Deanery of Temiskaming gathered for their annual meeting hosted by Christ Church, Englehart, on Saturday, October 5th with 39 persons in attendance. Mrs. G. H. Edwards, Deanery Chairman, from Christ Church, North Bay, presided over the meeting. The theme this year, "Bloom Where You Grow", showed Anglican churchwomen working in the parish, home, and community, as depicted by posters, banners, and photos, displayed on walls of Darlington Hall.

Mrs. Dorene Stark, Diocesan ACW President, addressed the meeting, remarking it is now eight years since all women in various walks of life would be known within the Church as "Anglican Church Women". In thanking the Chairman for her leadership, Mrs. Stark presented Mrs. Edwards with a silver pin in the shape of a fish which has represented the Christian from earliest times.

A letter will be sent from Temiskaming Deanery ACW to the Rev. F. G. Roberts and his family, wishing them Godspeed in their new parish in Sault Ste. Marie. The Rev. B. R. Brazill, of St. John's, New Liskeard, the Rev. D. A. P. Smith of St.

Brice's, North Bay, and the Rev. D. L. Woodward, of St. Mary's, Powassan, were in attendance, as well as the Rev. T. Koning, rector of Christ Church, Englehart.

Informative reports were received concerning the summer program at Camp Temiskaming, as well as from ACW groups in the parishes and from the Diocesan ACW Devotions Chairman. An invitation was received from St. Brice's Church, North Bay, to host the 1975 annual ACW Deanery meeting.

The possibility of chartering a bus to attend the ACW Diocesan annual meeting to be held in Thunder Bay next May was discussed. Anyone interested in this idea is asked to contact Mrs. Edwards by November 15th so that details may be completed.

Quiet Days will be held in several churches in the Deanery in early November, led by Fr. Dalby, S.S.J.E., Bracebridge, Ontario.

ACW Communications Chairman Jean Koning, editor of the ALGOMA NEWSLETTER, asked that only articles that are not submitted to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN be sent to her for the NEWSLETTER. Using a map illustrated by Muriel Newton-White showing the Diocese of Algoma composed of eight deaneries, Mrs. Koning spoke of the work of the Di-

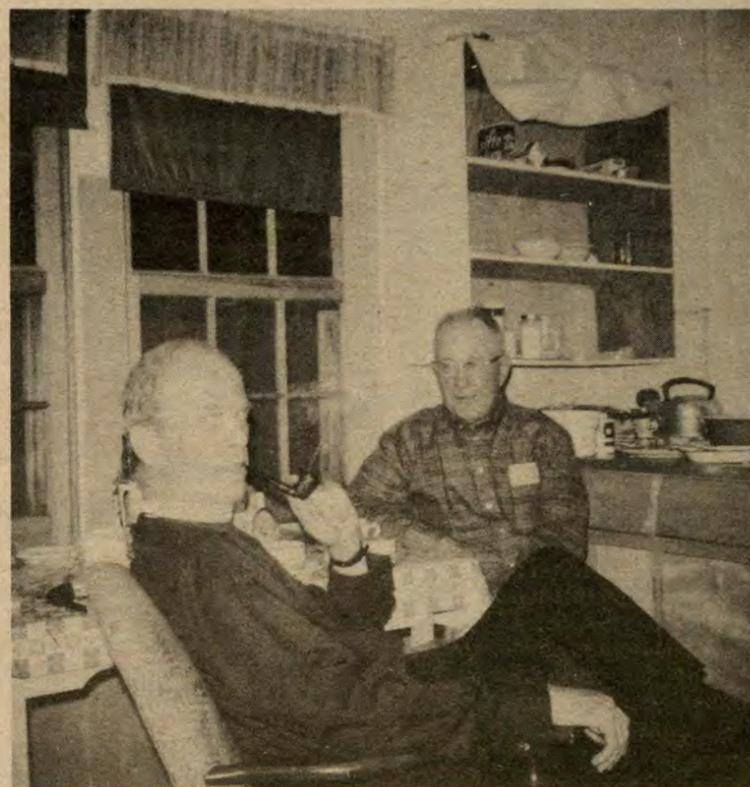
ocesan Survey Committee which has recommended realignment of deanery boundaries.

Miss Muriel Newton-White, poet-author and artist, spoke of the new ACW Devotions Handbook which will soon be off the press and selling for about \$2.00 each. The book display was featuring a new book called LITTLE PRAYERS, illustrated by Heather Hund and lettered by Muriel E. Newton-White. This book of children's prayers is published by the Highway Book Shop, Cobalt, Ontario.

A pot-luck lunch was served by members of the G.A. under the direction of Miss Evelyn Valley, after which the afternoon session opened with humorous skits from the various parishes to convey the theme "Bloom Where You Grow". Coloured slides taken at the 1973 Centennial celebration in Sault Ste. Marie were also viewed.

Discussion in small groups followed the showing of a film on family life with Fr. Smith as discussion leader.

The day ended with a service of Holy Eucharist celebrated by the rector assisted by Fr. Smith and Fr. Brazill. The offering will be given for the support of the Deanery Camp on Fairy Lake, and the work of the Church in the North.



Courtesy of the Rev. W. Ivey
The Rev. John Rye, a Canadian missionary in Ghana, is seen chatting with Mr. Rodney Lockwood, a parishioner of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, in Biscotasing. It was taken in the Church Cabin, during a visit of Fr. Rye to the parish of Chappleau, which includes the C.P.R. line.

Missionary to Ghana visits Algoma parishes

During the last week of September, the Rev. John Rye, a Canadian missionary priest in Ghana, made a speaking tour of some Algoma parishes. The purpose of his tour was twofold—to share with the Diocese of Algoma something of the life of fellow Christians in Ghana, and to share the Eucharist and to have some fellowship with some of the recently ordained deacons within the Diocese of Algoma.

On Wednesday, September 25, Fr. Rye celebrated the Eucharist in St. John's, Chappleau in the morning. That evening, he addressed an ecumenical gathering of interested Christians of several denominations. His fascinating colour slides gave those present some feeling for the daily life of Fr. Rye's people in northern Ghana.

The following day, Fr. Rye joined the Rev. William Ivey (Rector of Chappleau and the CPR line) in travelling on the Budd train to Biscotasing, where Fr. Rye again celebrated the Eucharist, and shared his message with the people at the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

"Every Christian is a missionary," said Fr. Rye. "Mission isn't just something that is done 'over there', but it is a normal part of the Christian life. 'Mission' is 'finding out what God is doing, and co-operating with Him'."

"Although the circumstances of life and the surroundings (not to mention the temperature!) are much different in northern Ghana than in northern Ontario, the work of a priest is the same everywhere. Teaching, praying, singing, sharing in the Eucharist—all these are the common features of the life in Christ, and are really very much the same everywhere.

"Many of the northern communities in Ontario experience the same kinds of problems and difficulties as the Ghanaian villages. Transportation is difficult with poor roads. Isolation is a problem, and there is the unavailability of medical and educational services. Added to that is economic disparity. As in Ontario, the south is prosperous and well-developed while the north remains undeveloped. For this reason, mission effort in Northern Ghana includes such practical aspects as medical service and agricultural improvement."

Fr. Rye's evident devotion and gracious manners made his visit a real highlight in the life of these Algoma parishes. He left them with a great sense of the unity of Christ's Church throughout the world, and a better idea of some of the things they ought to be praying for, when they pray 'for our missionaries at home and abroad.'

Manitoulin Deanery ACW

Manitoulin's groups to become part of the Sudbury unit of ACW

Anglican Church Women of Manitoulin Deanery held their annual meeting on the evening of October 9th, following a dinner served to 46 persons by the ACW of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mindemoya.

Deanery ACW Chairman Mrs. Winnifred Cox reported on the highlights of the Diocesan ACW annual meeting, with special mention of the banners which captured everyone's imagination. Mrs. G. Beattie of St. Paul's, Manitowaning,

has made two banners since viewing those on display in Parry Sound last May.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Beattie, and by Mrs. Jessie Bennett of St. John's, South Baymouth, who is Deanery Devotions Chairman, using the devotional slides of Miss Muriel Newton-White. Pakistan Embroidery was also on display.

A feeling of sadness was evident at this meeting at having to say goodbye to Manitoulin Deanery when they became part of Sud-

bury. The ladies from the Island find it hard enough to get out to Espanola and feel they will never have the chance to reach Sudbury. It is hoped that a friendly get-together can be arranged for at Manitowaning next year, and they hope by then to know where they are going.

Delegates were present from Nairn, Espanola, Whitefish Falls, Mindemoya, Manitowaning, and Little Current (where all the members of the ACW group are over 70 but still carrying on.)

Miss Dorothy Robinson

Retires on the island of Cyprus



Dorothy Robinson

Miss Dorothy Robinson, at the 1973 ACW Diocesan Annual Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, is still in Cyprus where she retired a year ago

after many years spent as a missionary in northern Canada, Africa, and the Middle East. While visiting Algoma, Dorothy said she had decided to retire to the island of Cyprus because of the beautiful climate which was similar to that of Israel but Dorothy felt that the "political climate" would be healthier in Cyprus.

However, war reached Cyprus recently, and a request to Church House for information about Dorothy brought the following response from Natalie Blum of the Church House staff:

"Dorothy Robinson has indeed retired to the Island of Cyprus. She is a most remarkable woman, with an almost unbelievable spirit of adventure. We do get letters

from her from time to time.

In her latest letter, she remarked 'Life continues to be interesting!' With the situation settling down, Dorothy is now back in her own house; she and others had been staying at her neighbor's home for six weeks, sharing candles and cooking arrangements, etc., as they had no electricity for several weeks.

Dorothy has moved back to her house now, as electricity has been restored.

She says, 'Now ice in our drinks—hot baths—speed of electric kettles—ease of movement at night instead of carrying a candle!' Some nearby homes had been looted, but Dorothy and her neighbors have not had any problems so far."

AN OPINION

Theological problems of today should be discussed in parish

I have only to listen to clergy and laity to realize that many are deeply concerned about some fundamental theological problems these days. Church Union, the ordination of women and Christian Initiation have all been major topics of debate but I feel, rightly or wrongly, that they have not yet had any real airing in the local forum of our Church—the parish. Has any discussion been arranged in your parish, or is everyone living with his own prejudices unaided by intelligent dialogue together?

—Rt. Rev. L. S. Garnsworthy,
Diocese of Toronto

COMMENT

Christians must be involved in the attempt to find solutions to problems of social injustice

by Rev. T. Koning

As soon as church and politics are mentioned, many churchmen and women immediately put their backs up, because it has been an old traditional idea that religion and politics do not mix.

The question needs to be asked though. *Is political activity an essential part of the Christian vocation, or is it relevant to the mission of the Church?* Some argue that Christians do not agree among themselves on political questions; therefore, there can be no unified approach to political issues, and no clear voice on social issues. Yet, we cannot hide our heads in ecclesiastical sand and refuse to deal with such questions.

Dr. Billy Graham has recently criticized the *World Council of Churches* for being more concerned with social salvation than with individual salvation. Many groups within our own Church would rather hear about and deal with individual salvation to the exclusion of getting involved in social salvation. After all, the latter may force involvement in issues the outcome of which may harm them economically or affect their standing in the community.

There is no doubt that the Church has a ministry to each and every individual; the relationship of each individual person—young, old, man or woman—to God is central to Christianity. But if we live in a Christian community, we cannot neglect or ignore the relationship of each to society. We are born into the world and must live out our Christian calling in this world. As we try to do this, we are influenced by all the institutions which play a major role in our society, and more specifically in our community, government, school, social agencies, family, law and business.

If these complex forces in our society affect our material and social growth, our ways of thinking and acting, then surely as Christians we must be concerned that these influences do not set us opposite to what the Scriptures tell us. Politics is not merely agreeing to or promoting the ideals of one political party. It is the means by which we live together in society. Any action to change society—its organization, administration or structures—is political action.

The salvation offered in the life, death and resurrection of Christ is for the whole of creation; it is concerned not only with the soul of man, but also with his personal, social and political life. In the New Testament, the coming of the Kingdom is equated not only with the inward conversion of individuals, but with a fundamental transformation of social relationships, a constantly evolving process of growth, change and renewal.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

Pictured here are some of the people involved in the Induction of the Rev. Eric Paterson (far right) as the Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury. From the left, they are the Rev. Canon J. Hinchliffe (Rector of Christ Church, Lively), the Rev. Canon George Doolan (Rural Dean of Sudbury) the Very Rev. F. F. Nock (newly elected bishop of the Diocese of Algoma), and the Rev. Dr. Frank Peake (Honorary Assistant of the Church of the Epiphany).

New rector inducted into Church of the Epiphany

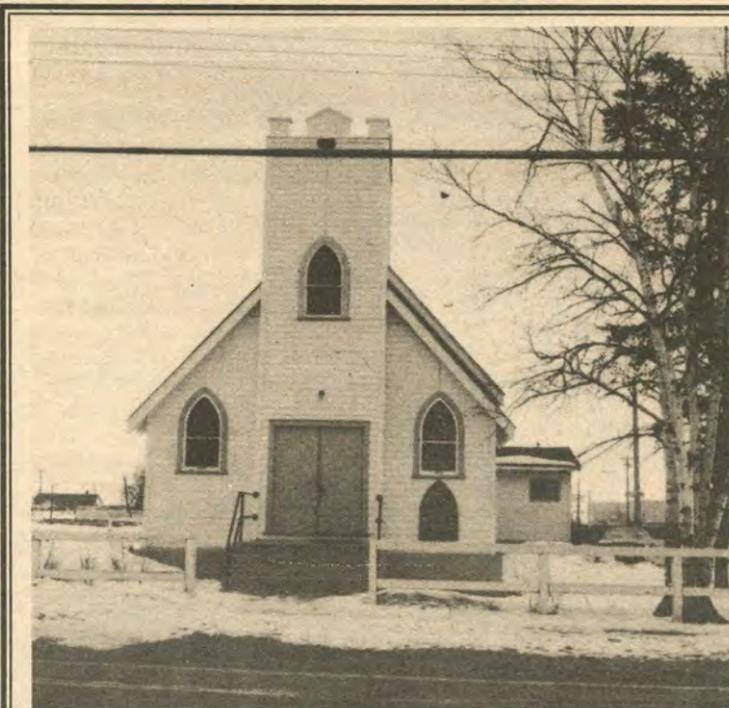
The Rev. Eric B. Paterson was inducted as Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury on Sunday evening, October 27, 1974. He succeeds the Ven. S. M. Craymer, who was Rector of that parish for 17 years.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Canon George Doolan, Rural Dean of Sudbury, and Rector of the Church of the Resurrection. Many clergy from the surrounding areas (including a large contingent from North

Bay) attended and assisted in the service.

On hand for the induction was the Very Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Algoma. He was the guest preacher at the Induction.

The keys to the parish were presented to the new Rector by the Wardens, Mr. L. Taylor, and Mr. N. Stoner. A large congregation attended, and was representative of the many Anglican parishes in the city of Sudbury.



Courtesy of the Rev. F. Moore

St. Stephen's before . . .

. . . and after

St. Stephen-the-Martyr in Thunder Bay has received a covering of white cedar grain aluminum siding earlier this year. The parish is extremely pleased with the results, and it will reduce the yearly anxiety over painting and upkeep.

The Church must be constantly reminding people of what the demands of the Gospel mean in terms of their own lives and society.

The Church must be concerned with that form of society which encourages the most harmonious way of life for all people; that form of society which promotes the social and economic welfare of all, irrespective of race, colour, creed or sex; with a society in which there is no vast difference between rich and poor and which does not allow one group to exploit another group. The tradition of the Church, based upon Holy Scripture, suggests

that the Church should be especially concerned about the poor and the oppressed.

Political concern is not just an optional extra for Christians. The Word of God was made flesh in history. The full implication of this only became real in relation to specific issues, and it is only in specific and practical involvement that we can begin to understand the role of the Church in politics and social change.

Within our Diocese we must recognize that some social issues can only be looked at and resolved at the local parish level while other issues may need consultation

on a broader base within the Diocese or even beyond that. We must be alert that no issue is settled by civil service technocrats whose basis of decision-making is to be "consistent with established policies or practices". In the search for individual well-being, for justice, for peace on earth, Christians must recognize and accept their responsibility in finding solutions for social problems.

(Ed. Note. This article is written by the Rev. T. Koning, Rector of Christ Church, Englehart, and Chairman of the Diocesan Council for Social Service.)

Credence Table

At the service of Harvest Thanksgiving on September 29th, a new credence table was dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of two pioneer members of the congregation of Christ Church, Englehart, Sarah J. and Reginald A. Aubert.

Given by members of the family, the credence table enhances the sanctuary of Christ Church which along with the nave was completed two years ago as part of the renovation of the building.

Around the Diocese of Algoma . . .

Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie held its *Annual Men's Fall Supper* on October 30, when the speakers were Allen Dunbar, and Stan Fisher. . . . The Church of the Holy Spirit in Manitowadge participated in a special service sponsored by the Ministerial Association of that community. The service was held in St. Paul's United Church, and was supported by the Anglican, Pentecostal and United congregations. The guest speaker was the Rev. Bernie Warren who is the director of Bezek Centre, a retreat centre 40 miles west of Toronto. At noon on that Sunday, October 6, a bacon and eggs luncheon was served at the Church of the Holy Spirit by the men of the congregation. . . . Fr. Dalby, SSJE, of Bracebridge, visited the parish of Christ Church, Englehart, and conducted a *Quiet Time* from 9 to 1, on Monday, November 11. This was a part of his visit to the Deanery of Temiskaming. . . . At the *Epiphany Luncheon and Fair* on November 12 for the Church

of the Epiphany in Sudbury, the men countered the "White Elephant Table" of the women, with a "White Moose Table", with items such as tools, fishing, hunting or gardening equipment for sale. . . . The Church of St. Peter the Apostle in Elliot Lake realized some \$125 from their successful *Ham and Scalloped Potato Supper* during the week of October 22nd. . . . On October 17, 18 and 19, the All Saints' Players presented the play, *BEST LAID PLANS*, in the parish hall of All Saints' in Huntsville. This is an annual event, with some of the cast repeats from former years, and others new volunteers. This venture was well supported by the parish and community. . . . The *Organ Fund* of St. Michael and All Angels in Thunder Bay rose by over \$400 during the summer months. Their new organ is greatly appreciated by all who hear it. . . . St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay had a record attendance at its services on Nov. 3 when some 580 people attended

one of the three services. At the evening service members of Branch 6 Royal Canadian Legion, along with the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Admiral Cradock Navy Cadet Corps, attended. On that same Sunday, the Rector, the Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Archdeacon of Thunder Bay, began his 22nd year as Rector. . . . On Sunday, October 27, at Evensong the parish of All Saints' in Huntsville welcomed as a guest preacher, the Rt. Rev. Musa Kahurananga, Bishop of Western Tanganyika. His address gave the parish food for thought as to how another part of the world responds to Christianity. . . . The Diocese of Algoma rejoices along with the parish of St. Paul's in Thunder Bay now that Capt. Roy Dickson, Assistant in that parish, has relinquished the cast from his right leg after 10½ weeks after the Dicksons' car accident of the summer. . . . On Sunday, Nov. 3, as an offering of worship and as a proclamation of God's Word, the Choir of St. Paul's,

Thunder Bay (joined by members of the First Presbyterian Choir) presented the sacred cantata, "Ruth". . . . St. Luke's Cathedral is already planning for its annual "Mardi Gras", to be held this year on Friday, January 31, 1975 at the Canadian Legion Hall. It is a chance to don a crazy costume, and to let off steam. . . . St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay welcomed the Rev. Canon Akisoferi Wesonga of the Church of Uganda, Burundi, and Boga-zaire, as guest preacher at the evening service on Sunday, November 10. . . . All Saints' in Huntsville has four mission churches under the care of Archdeacon George Sutherland. One of these is Christ Church, Ilfracombe. A project for this church (which is located on top of a high hill) has been to put a new carpet in the aisle and throughout the chancel and sanctuary, and to put aluminum facer boards on the exterior of the beautiful stone building. This was made possible through team

labour, and generous donations from local and summer residents. Services are held there during July and August. . . . Miss Wendy Hardman preached the *Thanksgiving Sermon* at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay on October 13, 1974. . . . On December 1, the Senior Youth Group, the Servers' Guild, and the G.A. of Christ Church, Englehart, met for a Corporate Communion and Breakfast, and the service took the form of the "New Eucharistic Rite for the People of God", from the Canadian Anglican Liturgical Series #4. . . . Many parishes participated in *Annual White Gift Services* on Sunday, November 10. These gifts eventually go under Christmas trees in Canada's north, and they have to start their journey northward early. Young Anglicans in the Lockerby parish of Sudbury recently ran a bikathon to raise funds for the Church and community projects in the James Bay area. Other Algoma parishes also participated in this.

Season's greetings from the ALGOMA ANGLICAN

Another 'classic' greeting

This is the third year for Christmas greetings from the present Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN to the readers of this diocesan paper. For the past two years, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN has sincerely wished its readers a Merry Christmas with some 'classical' words in Latin.

For example, in 1972 that wish was expressed in the words, "Tinniunt, tinniunt, tintinnabula!" (Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way!). A Medieval maxim was the greeting in 1973—"Audi, vide, tace, si vis vivere in pace." (Listen, look, and be silent, if you wish to live in peace.)

For this Christmas season of 1974, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN would like to turn from the world of Classics to a poem which this Editor believes will some day be regarded as a 'classic'. It is from a collection of poems by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, entitled A CONEY ISLAND OF THE MIND. The particular poem is entitled, "Christ Climbed Down":

CHRIST CLIMBED DOWN

Christ climbed down
from His bare tree
this year
and ran away to where
there were no rootless Christmas trees
hung with candycanes and breakable stars

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where
there were no gilded Christmas trees
and no tinsel Christmas trees
and no tinfoil Christmas trees
and no pink plastic Christmas trees
and no gold Christmas trees
and no black Christmas trees
and no powderblue Christmas trees
hung with electric candles
and encircled by tin electric trains
and clever cornball relatives

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where
no intrepid Bible salesmen
covered the territory
in two-tone cadillacs
and where no Sears Roebuck creches
complete with plastic babe in manger
arrived by parcel post
the babe by special delivery
and where no televised Wise Men
praised the Lord Calvert Whiskey

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where
no fat handshaking stranger
in a red flannel suit
and a fake white beard
went around passing himself off
as some sort of North Pole saint
crossing the desert to Bethlehem
Pennsylvania

in a Volkswagon sled
drawn by rollicking Adirondack reindeer
with German names
and bearing sacks of Humble Gifts
from Saks Fifth Avenue
for everybody's imagined Christ child

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where
no Bing Crosby carollers
groaned of a tight Christmas
and where no Radio City angels
iceskated wingless
thru a winter wonderland
into a jinglebell heaven
daily at 8:30
with Midnight Mass matinees

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and softly stole away into
some anonymous Mary's womb again
where in the darkest night
of everybody's anonymous soul
He awaits again
an unimaginable
and impossibly
Immaculate Reconciliation
the very craziest
of Second Comings

It is the wish of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN that each of its readers may celebrate a Christ-centred Christmas, and that the true spirit of Christmas may dwell in your hearts, your homes, your churches, and your Diocese.

At this time, the Editor would like to offer a special word of greeting, and thank you to all those clergy and lay people who have contributed articles and photos for publication during 1974. It is you who have made the success of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, and have made the task of the Editor much more simple and easy.

In that regard, a special thank you is extended to Miss Carrie Black (Editor of YOUTH NEWS), Mrs. Jean Koning (Diocesan ACW Communications Officer), the Rev. Tony Koning, and the Rev. Reg. Inshaw, both of whom have supplied us with an excellent quantity of first-rate photos.

Finally, the Editor's praise must be heaped upon the Synod Office Staff for their efficient handling of the business aspects of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. Thank you to Mrs. P. Paterson (recently retired as Circulation Manager), and Mrs. L. Dew (who succeeds her); to Mrs. M. Rose (the episcopal secretary); and a special note of gratitude to Mr. William Wadley for his constant help, advice and assistance in the publication of this diocesan paper during his twelve years as Treasurer. Our best wishes go with you and your family as you continue to serve the Church in the Diocese of Niagara.

There is a slight compulsion to end on a Latin note. *Pax vobiscum!* (Peace be with you!)

RWM

THUNDER BAY

It sure could become rather confusing

It could get confusing at St. Paul's, Thunder Bay. It all began on Sunday, October 20, when there were two "Rev. Bob Browns" at the 10 a.m. Eucharist, sharing in the administration of the chalice.

The two priests are the following: the Rev. Robert F. Brown, the Honorary Assistant at St. Paul's, who is employed by the Department of Indian Affairs; and the Rev. Robert W. Brown, the newly appointed Assistant Administrator of McKellar Hospital.

Thank goodness their middle initials are not the same!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Replace paper inscription by a brass plate

To the Editor:

The *Commemorative Plaque* in thanksgiving for the Episcopate of the Most Rev. William L. Wright, is a fine piece of work, and manifests the craftsmanship and dedication of a layman of the Diocese of Algoma.

However, I do believe that the Executive of the Diocese would have liked to have placed on the bottom a more permanent inscription in the form of a brass plate, but to have done so would have made the cost prohibitive as a gift to every church within the Diocese.

It is a suggestion that each church replace the paper inscription with a brass plate of the same size as the paper one, and that it should be similarly inscribed.

The Rev. R. J. S. Inshaw,
All Saints', Onaping.