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Mrs. Nock reports first year's events of Algoma's HERITAGE CENTRE

by Mrs. Beth Nock
(Chairman, Heritage
Centre)

It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since I wrote my first report of the HERITAGE CENTRE. Last December, the old Synod Office in Bishophurst was in the process of being transformed into a Centre for the use of the Diocese to preserve and display our heritage of the past. At that time, a small but active group of volunteers made the transformation a reality.

With \$100 from the Diocese, a lot of determination and work the idea became a "fait accompli". So, on January 1, 1976, Heritage Centre was officially opened to the public, when Bishophurst, celebrating its 100th anniversary, had its customary New Year's Reception.

Since that time the Centre has had much use. In May, the members of the Synod were invited to the Centre

to see a display of "Synod's Past". In July, a special display was set up to honour Father R. F. Palmer's career, as he was celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

In October, when the Library Board of Sault Ste. Marie presented the Centre with the 1878 and 1880 diaries of Bishop Fauquier, a display of the Fauquier years was set up.

The ACW Algoma Deanery has met twice, and the Juniors of Algoma once. Three individual ACW groups have met in the Centre. The Heritage Centre Committee has held four meetings. The Diocesan Executive of the ACW met in the Sault in September, and held their first meeting at the Centre. Various committees of the Synod and Diocesan office have used the Centre. Four researchers have used our material for their work.

We would like to thank

everyone who has sent in historic material and pictures. All these are being filed in separate files under the titles — "Deaneries", "Bishops", "W.A.—ACW", and "Bishophurst".

Our financing is all by voluntary contributions and we are most grateful to the Diocese for their yearly grant of \$100, and to the ACW for their grant in 1975 of \$100, through the Bishop's Appeals. To the contributors throughout the Diocese, and to others outside of the Diocese, we appreciate your generous response. Gifts received in December were from Mrs. Ed Bell, Willowdale, Ontario, and Mr. John Wright, Sault Ste. Marie.

We thank you—one and all—for your interest, help and contributions throughout this past year to assist the Heritage Centre Committee preserve the past for us in our generation and for future generations.

St. John's, Thunder Bay

"A Travelling Dinner" creates many friendships

St. John's in Thunder Bay held a "Travelling Dinner", on Friday evening, November 12, from 6:20 to 10:30 p.m. The purpose of the dinner was to enable the parishioners to get to know one another.

A number of parishioners were asked to serve a four course dinner on that evening. What was different from the usual dinner was that the host and hostess had a different set of guests for each course so that they entertained as many as 32 different members of St. John's in their home on that one evening.

Each guest went to four different homes during the evening, one for each course. At each home, the guests dined with a different group of other guests than at the previous home. Each guest met as many as 32 different fellow parishioners during the evening.

Everyone (hosts, hostesses, and all of the travelling guests) ended the evening at the parish hall for coffee and mints.

As indicated by the Rev. H. Morrow, Rector of St. John's, the main purpose of the dinner was "to help all of us to get to know one another better". A by-product of the evening was that it brought in a significant sum of money as a contribution to St. John's, since the hostess and host from each home provided the meal as their contribution, and travelling guests paid \$5 each for their dinners.

Participants were provided in advance with a schedule, so that they were informed where they should go for the first course. At that home, they received schedules for the remaining three courses, with maps supplied to show them how to get to each!

St. Thomas', Bracebridge

Parish conducts its fifth annual Advent Carol Service

On Sunday, December 5, in the afternoon, the parish of St. Thomas' in Bracebridge offered its fifth annual Advent Carol Service. Ministers from several churches assisted in the readings, and a congregation represented several denominations.

"Christ, the World's True Light" was the theme of the service, emphasizing that aspect of Advent that not only leads to the celebration of Christmas, but proclaims the hope of the coming kingdom.

Musical selections complemented this development, including congregational hymns and choir selections. There were some traditional carols and some modern ones, notably "Mary's Child" by Geoffrey Ainger.

Mr. Robert Boyer, organist and choir director, initiated this practice of an Advent Carol Service five years ago, and this has become a cherished tradition among many in the community who find in this quiet time of music and meditation on a late afternoon in December, a true preparation for the Christmas season.

It has also become a happy tradition at St. Thomas' for other ministers to join Canon Mitchell in the lessons. Taking part on December 5 were the following: the Rev. William Graham (St. Mark's, Milford Bay); the Rev. James A. Thomson (Knox Presbyterian); the Rev. John McTavish (Bracebridge United); Graham Barnes (First Baptist); Marion Traviss (Free Methodist); and Captain Speakman (Salvation Army).

Captain Speakman, in addition to reading, brought the Salvation Army Band, which joined with the organ in the accompaniment to some of the hymns, and also played a selection, "Hold the Fort, for I am Coming".

Canon Mitchell, in commenting about the day, remarked that the day was also the 80th anniversary of St. Thomas', and also the date on which he himself began his ministry in Bracebridge on a snowy day in 1958.

INSIDE

This month begins the 21st year of publication for the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. It certainly looks like a busy year for the Diocese and its official publication.

Inside the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, as is true every month, you will find the National Newspaper of the Anglican Church of Canada, the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. This month, the CHURCHMAN reports the four ordinations on November 30 in Niagara, Huron, New Westminster, and Cariboo dioceses. Please read these reports as they involve a momentous moment for the Anglican Church of Canada—the ordination of women to the priesthood. In that connection, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN includes a special feature on the "Ordination of Women to the Priesthood". Please turn to page 4A, to see where Bishop Nock and the Diocese of Algoma stand on this issue.

This issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN also includes the already popular "Monday Morning" column, which deals this month with the Cursillo Programme for Anglicans, which has been begun in the Sault Ste. Marie area. Please turn to page 3A.



During annual episcopal visit Bishop Nock participates in parish's many activities

Quite recently, in his episcopal visit to St. Stephen's in Thunder Bay, the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, dedicated a beautiful stained glass window, depicting *Our Lord as the Good Shepherd*, to the glory of God and in memory of Albert and Ethel Somerton, who were pioneer members of St. Stephen's. Standing on the left, are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Somerton, Jr., and Mrs. Lauri Heritage, and on the right are Bishop Nock, Fr. Jerry-Cooper (Bishop's Chaplain), and the Rev. Canon Frank Moore (Rector of St. Stephen's). For more information and additional pictures about this episcopal visit, please turn to page 5A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

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Mountain out of a mole hill

There is a recent happening which up to this point the ALGOMA ANGLICAN has chosen to ignore, with the hope and expectation that it will be talked out and dealt with in such a way that it is reduced to the point where it belongs.

However, such is not the case. The issue is the October '76 edition of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN which covered the question of "homosexuality". May we say that the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN is our sister publication, and we are proud to have it inserted inside the diocesan publication every month. The expertise in journalism which is evident in our national publication has been proven again and again with the consistent winning of awards in every category.

To be sure, often the CHURCHMAN is blamed for things which occur in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, and often we are blamed for things which occur in the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. We don't think that this bothers either of us very much.

This edition which dealt with homosexuality has resulted in many letters to the editor of the CHURCHMAN, as well as a flood of them to the editors of the various publications on the diocesan level, including the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. Some called for censorship of the CHURCHMAN, and others recommended that we cease to enclose the national paper within our diocesan publication.

Two Saskatchewan dioceses have taken action and have withheld that part of the General Synod apportionment, which would eventually be used for the publication of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN feels that a mountain has been made out of a mole hill. In fact, we feel the articles were well presented, and that the coverage was balanced, well written, and thought-provoking. We are compelled to ask—can we not have our thoughts provoked without starting a movement to eradicate every little thing with which we happen to disagree?

To put it another way, it bothers the ALGOMA ANGLICAN that we do not see the wider implications of this furor over nothing. There may be even a theological lesson to be learned. WHY DO WE CRITICIZE SO QUICKLY AND APPLAUD SO SELDOM? As we said, the CHURCHMAN puts out hundreds of editions which are so praiseworthy, and we utter not a word. They win award after award, and we mutter not even a syllable of congratulations.

Yet, just let them publish an issue dealing with a topic which tries to say something about bias, bigotry, and prejudice, and we without hesitation rant and rave, and perhaps display our own little biases and prejudices.

Again, we think the whole furor has theological overtones. Why do we criticize so quickly and applaud so seldom? We could go further, and ask WHY DO WE HATE SO FIERCELY AND LOVE SO MEAGERLY? WHY DO WE TAKE SO MUCH FOR GRANTED, INSTEAD OF FOR GRATITUDE?

This editorial was not written in defence of our sister publication, the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. We think they do a "darn" good job of putting out a national church newspaper. We respect their rights for editorial freedom. We ask for and receive the same rights in putting out a diocesan publication.

This editorial was written to ask our readers and those of the CHURCHMAN to put aside the mole hill, with its bickering, criticism and hate, and to concentrate on the mountain, with its applauding, praise, and love.

RWM

ALGOMA'S DIOCESAN GAZETTE

The Rev. Duncan Lyon, South River, Burks Falls, of Great Yarmouth, Eng- Magnetewan, and Eagle land, has been appointed to Lake, effective as of December 12, 1976. the parish of Sundridge,

The bishop's itinerary**January**

- 1 (New Year's Day) Reception at Bishophurst (from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.)
- 5 House of Bishops' Agenda Committee (Toronto)
- 13 Meeting of Archdeacons and Rural Deans (Sudbury)
- 14 Diocesan Executive Meeting (Sudbury)
- 16 St. Brice's, North Bay (Dedication of Canon Baxter Gosse Narthex, and Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m.)
Christ Church, North Bay (Dedication of New Extension, 7 p.m.)
- 21 St. Michael and All Angels', Thunder Bay (Congregational Dinner)

February

- 7-11 Canadian House of Bishops (Toronto)

The bishop's letter**PRELUDE TO SYNOD 1977**

My dear fellow Anglicans:

Our Synod of last May was essentially a "house-keeping Synod" with little time for us to consider important theological, moral and social issues beyond the Ordination of Women. One decision, therefore, was to hold a special synod in 1977 when we would have ample time to consider such issues. Since it is not a "regular" synod the same delegates will represent your parishes in '77 as in '76, except where circumstances make it impossible for them to do so. The sessions will again be held at St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, through the kindness of the Rev. I. Johnston and the Board of Stewards, and the dates have been set from Monday morning, May 9th, to Wednesday noon, May 11th.

The shape of the Synod has been considered and it

appears that there will be group discussions on a few major subjects with plenary sessions to debate any action arising from the discussions. While the agenda has not been formally set there have been numerous suggestions offered by "think-tanks" throughout the diocese, as well as items remaining from the last Synod. Major areas of concern appear to be—*Christian Initiation and Christian Education; Human Life including Abortion, Death and Dying; Christian attitudes to Stewardship (e.g. Tithing, Lotteries); Spiritual Renewal in the Church and Lay Ministries; Christian Unity.*

Synod 1977 will be a demanding Synod on all of us because of its nature, and it will be fruitful only as clergy, lay delegates, parishes and deaneries spend time together beforehand on the subjects in thought, dis-

cussion and prayer. As much advance material as possible will be sent in good time to help in the background of the discussions. Such preparation is essential if the Synod is not to be a clergy-dominated Synod! I can think of no better use of the Lenten Season than utilizing this six-week period in an intensive study of the issues to be dealt with at Synod.

Synod '76 was an inspiration and a joy to us all. Synod '77 can be equally so if we all prepare for it with seriousness and devotion. Will you join with me in praying regularly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our preparations?

Your friend and bishop,

Frank: Algoma

FROM THE EPISCOPAL ALBUM

Bishop Nock visits West Thunder Bay parish for confirmation service

Bishop Nock and the Rev. James Turner, Rector of the West Bay Parish, stand with the confirmation class, which was presented to the Bishop on October 17 at St. James' Church, Murillo. Back row, from left: John Moate, David Coons (Bishop's Chaplain), Bishop Nock, John Sovereign (Lay Reader). Middle row: Greg Stephenson, Ken Perrier, Robbie Tudorachi (server). Front row: Fr. Turner, Ward Sander, Sandra Wright and Terry Goodman.

Letter to the Editor:

New Bracebridge publisher offers his assistance to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN

To the Editor:

In reading my latest edition of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, I note the kind statement you made concerning my predecessor, Robert J. Boyer. I am writing to thank you for this, and also,

to assure you that we will be more than happy to extend whatever assistance we can to your publication in the future.

Hugh N. Mackenzie
(Publisher, Bracebridge Herald-Gazette)

(Ed. Note. Thank you for the note, and for your offer of assistance. Be assured that you will be hearing from the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, and may we welcome you to the Diocese of Algoma.)

"MONDAY MORNING"

Just what is this thing called "CURSILLO"?

To the Editor:

I want to express my appreciation for the coverage you have given to the Cursillo programme in Algoma. I really feel that it is one of the more effective means of Christian renewal that I've come across.

I believe that you get the HURON CHURCH NEWS. In

the November issue, on page 12, there is an article entitled, "Cursillo and Me", by Ron Ferris. Would it be possible to reprint this in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN in order that the people in Algoma might have some one's viewpoint other than my own?

We've had quite a good

response to the articles on Cursillo appearing in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. However, this response has raised questions which should be clarified. Would you print the attached article, along with the reprint from the HURON CHURCH NEWS?

(The Rev.) W. R. Stadnyk, Holy Trinity, the Sault.

(Ed. Note. In view of the letters and questions the ALGOMA ANGLICAN has received from people inquiring about Cursillo, and in view of Fr. Stadnyk's letter, we are pleased to print both the explanation sheet, mentioned by Fr. Stadnyk, and the article from the HURON CHURCH NEWS.)



The Rev. William Stadnyk

Another's personal opinion

Cursillo and me

(Ed. Note. The following is an article by the Rev. Ron Ferris, of London, Ontario. This article appeared in the official publication of the Diocese of Huron, the HURON CHURCH NEWS, and is reprinted here at the request of the Rev. William Stadnyk, who is working at the establishment of the Anglican Cursillo programme in the Diocese of Algoma.)

by the Rev. R. Ferris

I am rector of a suburban parish in London. We were in the midst of a door to door visitation of the subdivisions surrounding our Church. All showed us courtesy, some showed interest, many showed warmth... but there was one that gave us a hearty welcome.

"Come on in!" they said. "We've recently had our faith renewed. We're looking for a church in our area we can belong to."

There was something unique and different about these people. They wanted to "talk business". They wanted to take on commitments. Lots of people give you promises, but they came through with action. Now it's two years later and our parish couldn't begin to list the blessings they have brought us.

On that first evening I asked them, "What was it that sparked the renewal of your faith?"

"Cursillo," they answered. "Cur..what?"

"Cursillo". (*Kur-see-yo*). It's a Catholic movement that holds weekend courses for the renewal of personal faith.

Later I was to hear much more about Cursillo. If someone came up and told me they had recently found God in their life again, I would make a point of asking them what sparked their renewal. Frequently the answer was Cursillo.

From enquiries I found out that Cursillo was a movement that started in Spain in 1949 and has since spread throughout the world. I learned that the name meant "short course" in Christianity, that the weekends were put on by lay people, and that to make a Cursillo you should be sponsored by

someone who had been on one. I also learned that Cursillo had been started in the American Episcopalian and Lutheran Churches.

My wife and I have always had an interest in Evangelism and in sharing Christ with others, but we were searching for the right vehicle. We prayed for God to give us direction, and we had done a good deal of waiting. I was interested in finding out about Cursillo, but I wasn't really convinced that Cursillo was for me.

A friend approached me about going to Cursillo as Lent approached last Spring. I was hesitant. What could Cursillo do for me? Hadn't I heard it all a hundred times before? Wasn't this really for laymen? Wasn't it really for Roman Catholics? But my curiosity kept gnawing away, and I resigned to inflict myself with the ordeal as an act of lented penitence.

My sponsor drove me to a Gymnasium in Stratford outfitted spartanly with tables, chairs and forty camp cots. We started mingling and meeting the other fellows and their sponsors. I gathered that they felt as uneasy as I did. The first evening we began with devotions and getting to know one another. The second day I still felt adrift. We were discussing the purpose and goals of life. We had listened to some good and interesting personal talks from laymen. I remember I was impressed with the guys, with their differences in background and vocation, with their interest in finding meaning in their lives. Most of the men were ordinary guys, a farmer, a machine operator, a construction worker, a gardener, a teacher. There was something strong and beautiful and unique about each one of them. They were asking the same questions about life and faith as I was. They were there to "talk business".

After the first day my uneasiness began to wane and I began getting caught up in the spirit of the weekend. The singing, the praying, the fun, the talking, the eucharist, bound us together as fellows in Christ. Things started to happen. Friends started

making decisions about the goals of their life. I found myself writing down lists of resolutions about my life and ministry.

Some men made major decisions about the course of their lives, others made commitments to faith in Christ. Others devised Christ centred strategies for personal problems.

You felt that you were "where the action is" spiritually. Cursillo was an occasion of Grace. It was an Island of brotherly love and support, in which men could stand together, take courage, and by God's grace gain power over their lives. I who had come as a reluctant observer, was being overcome with the joy and the blessing of just being there. I felt as if a man who didn't like Cursillo, could never be at home in heaven.

As the weekend drew to a close we found out how we could use our Cursillo experience to support our parishes back home. We learned a way to keep in touch so the experience of the weekend wouldn't be lost. We learned that we could participate in the ongoing Cursillo movements so others could share what we had gained.

Looking back on my Cursillo experience after several months I am more convinced than ever that Cursillo is an inspired vehicle for calling people back to God and back to Christ's Church, and to the life of the spirit. Cursillo can reach into plants and offices and clubs and homes where the parish church can't reach. By the teamwork of the movement, any man can share in the work of making Christ known.

(Ed. Note. The following are some answers to some commonly asked questions about the CURSILLO PROGRAMME.)

Some commonly asked questions concerning the CURSILLO PROGRAMME

WHO MAY MAKE A CURSILLO?

- Anyone who is serious about his or her faith and seeking to know and serve Christ more personally and completely, or, anyone who is honestly searching for answers and wants to learn what the Christian faith has to offer.
- If the person is married, in normal circumstances the husband must make the Cursillo before the wife's application will be accepted.
- Ideally applications should be sent in for both husband and wife at the same time.
- In parishes where no one has made a Cursillo—it would be advisable for several persons to apply at the same time in order that they could continue to share and grow in what they have gained from this weekend. A single application from a parish where no one else has made a Cursillo would probably not be accepted unless that person has contact with others who have experienced the weekend.
- Ideally, the parish priest should be among the first from his congregation to make the Cursillo weekend so that he is able to understand and share the experience with his people.

WHERE ARE CURSILLO'S HELD?

Anglican Cursillo's in our diocese are currently being held in Sault Ste. Marie. The contact person is Fr. Bill Stadnyk, 352 Northern Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie.

- Roman Catholic Cursillo's are being held in
- (a) North Bay—The contact person is Cam Ceppetelli, 3 Woodward Avenue, North Bay, Ontario.
 - (b) Sault Ste. Marie—The contact person is Don Bazely, 52 The Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.
 - (c) Sudbury—The contact persons are Gary and Shirley Cresswell, 3 Gloria Avenue, Coniston, Ontario.

WHAT IS THE YOUTH ENCOUNTER?

A Youth Encounter is similar to a Cursillo except that it is for young people 16 years of age and over.

- it is Co-ed—(Cursillo's are for men only or women only).
- it starts Friday evening and lasts till Sunday.
- Youth Encounters are held in Sudbury and Sault St. Marie.

(Ed. Note. This is an explanation sheet which is used by the Anglican Cursillo programme in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.)

THE CURSILLO PROGRAMME

Basically, a Cursillo is...

- a short course in basic Christianity
- a time set aside to help an individual meet Christ in a special way
- a sharing of ideas with others
- a pause for renewal
- a re-evaluation of what it means to be a Christian in today's world.

What happens?

A cursillo usually begins on a Thursday evening and ends on a Sunday evening. During these seventy-two hours of living together as a group, there are talks given by a team of priests and laymen. There are other times set aside for praying, for listening to the Word of God, for spiritual direction, and for talking and for discussion in small groups.

Throughout the course of seventy-two hours of listening, sharing, and praying, one comes to see himself as he really is! It is a real source of strength to see so many others concerned about this business of Christian living.

It is a source of joy to share with others your successes and shortcomings only to realize that they too have experienced similar joys and sorrows. A Cursillo helps each person to be a little better person!

For information

For further information about Anglican Cursillo's to be held in the Sault, write

The Rev. W. R. Stadnyk,
Holy Trinity Church,
352 Northern Ave.,
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.



The Rev. Duncan Lyon

Priest returns to Canada to assume post at Sundridge in the diocese of Algoma

The Rev. Duncan Lyon has returned to the Diocese of Algoma, this time to become the Incumbent of the parish of Sundridge, South River, Burks Falls, Magnetewan and Eagle Lake. In 1972, Fr. Lyon did a five-month exchange with the Ven. J. H. Watson, Rector of Bala.

Fr. Lyon is married, and he and his wife, Wendy, have one child, Matthew.

He attended the University of Durham, and St. Chad's College from 1957-62, and he holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma in Theology. He was ordained to the Diaconate by the Rt. Rev. L. A. Brown, Bishop of Warrington, in Liverpool Cathedral at Michaelmass in 1962, and to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. C. Martin, Bishop of Liverpool, in the Liverpool Cathedral in 1963.

His appointments included serving as an Assistant Curate at St. Agnes', Toxteth Park, Liverpool; Senior Curate at a Liverpool Parish Church; Rector of St. Peter with St. John, Duxford, Cambridge; Vicar, St. Augustine, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire; and since 1974, as a Housing Welfare Officer, in Great Yarmouth. It was while he was Rector of Duxford that he and Archdeacon Watson made the exchange.

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN join the parish of Sundridge in welcoming Fr. and Mrs. Lyon, and Matthew, to Canada, and to the Diocese of Algoma.

Feb. 11-21

TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Once again, the programme, "Ten Days for World Development" will be held from February 11-21. This year, the emphasis is upon FOOD, and the crisis in the area of the food supply throughout the world.

Each clergyman in Canada has received one of the Leaders' Kits for this programme, which contains a wealth of material for a constructive and useful study.

The theme consists of the words of Gandhi, "There are so many hungry people that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."

THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

(Ed. Note. On November 30, in several dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada, women were ordained to priesthood. In view of that momentous occasion, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN is pleased to present a special feature concerning this issue. It consists of a letter written by the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, in which he expresses his views on the subject; it is actually a letter he sent to the delegates of the Synod of Algoma. In view of what he says in that letter, this issue will not be studied at the "Theological Synod '77", to be held in the Sault in the second week of May. Moreover, considerable time was spent in studying the issue at the Synod of last May, in arriving at the motions mentioned in Bishop Nock's letter.)

Bishop Frank Nock sums up his position and that of Synod '76

Since our Synod of last May I have been giving careful and prayerful consideration to the matter of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood which we discussed at some length. I have re-read the portion of my Charge dealing with this matter a number of times, and have not changed my position. I have also read carefully the two motions presented to Synod and passed by it, and have pondered over the recorded voting on both motions. To refresh your minds I reprint them as presented, together with the voting records—

(36) Moved by the Rev. H. Morrow, seconded by Mrs. K. Merrifield:

- RE: THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN—That this Synod: earnestly desires that all the people of our Diocese pray fervently that in the question of ordaining women to the priesthood God's will be done;
- (b) encourages all our people to recognize in charity the attitudes and sentiments of those who differ from us in the matter;
- (c) calls upon all to humbly accept the decision of the church as expressed by her synods and the decision of the House of Bishops in the interests of Christian unity.

	Clergy	Laity	
For	31	73	
Against	22	35	
Abstention	—	—	Carried.

(37) Moved by the Rev. W. R. Stadnyk, seconded by the Rev. N. L. Goater:

- That this Synod ask the Bishops of the Canadian Church to continue the process of prayer and study until a greater measure of unanimity is reached about the ordination of women as priests; and that they consider submitting this matter to full discussion at the Lambeth Conference before any bishop takes unilateral action; and that in the interim that they engage in comprehensive and exhaustive discussion of the Ordination of Women with the Bishops of the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches.

	Clergy	Laity	
For	38	78	
Against	14	30	
Abstentions	3	3	Carried.

At the special meeting of the House of Bishops in London on May 29th our two motions were presented along with others and were given serious consideration. The following motions were passed at the end of the three-hour meeting:

"Having consulted throughout the Anglican Communion and elsewhere about our intention to proceed with the Ordination of Women to the Presbyterate and having carefully discussed several representations requesting the House to change its position, this House re-affirms its collegial commitment to the principle and implementation of the Ordination of Women to the Presbyterate as indicated by our previous motion of November, 1975."

"That the conscience clause passed by General Synod be re-affirmed with the understanding that this in effect recognizes the tolerability of living with an

anomaly and removes any question of the integrity of those who, while in opposition to the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood and unable to recognize the reality of such Ordinations, are yet able to remain within the Communion of the Anglican Church of Canada; even as it respects the integrity of Bishops who ordain women to the Priesthood and the Canonical Rites and integrity of women so ordained."

"That the Service of Ordination used for women Presbyters be the Canadian Prayer Book Ordinal or the accustomed service in the Dioceses concerned."

It was also agreed that Diocesan Bishops would be free to take action on November 30th and following that date at any appropriate time. Recommendations about procedures, and form of service to be used were also made.

In addition to these specific actions relating to the Ordination of Women to the Presbyterate, the following general motions re study of the wider context have been passed:

"In view of the uncertainties still surrounding the nature of ministry, and in particular the ministry of women in the Church:

- Resolved: that theological studies be initiated
- (a) to elucidate the purpose of God when from the beginning He created them male and female;
- (b) to examine our understanding of the meaning of the ordained priesthood within the universal priesthood of the whole body of the Church, being open to an enriched understanding of priesthood to which the Holy Spirit may be calling the Church in the light of our new understandings of God's purpose in creating male and female;
- (c) to determine whether or not there are ministries in the Church which can be carried out by either women or men only;
- (d) to survey the experiences of those churches which over a century have admitted women by ordination to their various forms of ministry."

"Since this is too large a task to be undertaken by one part of the Church of Christ alone,

Resolved: to request the Archbishop of Canterbury to encourage the initiation of similar studies in all parts of the Anglican Communion, in preparation for the Lambeth Conference which, it is hoped, will take place in 1978."

"That Bishop Short and Bishop Hambidge initiate the commission Papers for study."

The following information was received from the Archbishop of New Zealand on June 4th, 1976:

"I thought you would be interested to know that our General Synod gave approval to the ordination of women to the priesthood at our recent meeting. We required a two-thirds majority in each House and this was obtained without any difficulty. The matter has to lie on the table for a year to allow for any possible appeal to a tribunal, so we will not be operating the new provision for twelve months."

Having weighed this matter deeply for some time, having considered the decisions of the House of Bishops referred to above, and having attempted to read the mind of Synod from an assessment of the debate, the nature of our diocesan motions and the results of the voting, I have come to the following decision as far as my position as Bishop is concerned:

I will take no action on the ordination of women to the priesthood in our Diocese until the Lambeth Conference has been held in August of 1978 and the results of its deliberations on this issue have been released and assessed. However, I wish to emphasize the statement which I made in my Charge (allowing now for the change of date) that I will recognize as regular and valid the ordination of any women to the priesthood administered by my brother bishops of the Canadian Church on or after November 30th, 1976. However, I will also withhold the decision, until after Lambeth 1978, to allow any women so ordained to function within the bounds of our diocese.

May God give us richly of His Wisdom and understanding, and of His Love, as we seek to make our decisions together in unity of spirit. As your bishop, I ask for your prayers for the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

Frank: Algoma

An epilogue to Christmas

87-year-old former Algoma resident writes poem

(Ed. Note. This poem is written by Mrs. Eliza Flewelling, 87 years of age, and a member of Trinity Church in Barrie, Ontario. Previously, she was a long-time member of the Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury. She was and is a most faithful worker in the Church. The poem was sent by Mrs. R. Burford of Sudbury.)

JUDEAN HILLS

Picture yourself on Judean Hills,
The sky is bright with stars,
The chill of night, the sheep at rest,
And shepherds beside their fires.

But all at once an Angel Choir
Is singing, "Peace on Earth",
And all the air is filled with song,
Announcing the Saviour's Birth.

Now these were only simple men
Amazement on each face
To think the message came to them
Such honour to their race.

And down the hillside swiftly sped,
By a bright Star, they all were led
To where the infant Jesus lay
Upon His bed of new-mown hay.

Three kings they came, humble knees bent.
They brought rich gifts and frankincense,
A Star to lead, their only guide,
Had brought them far to Jesus' side.

The Advent season we keep each year
In memory of that time so dear.
We humbly kneel and seek His grace
That we some day may see His face.

Many centuries have passed by,
And we in faith look to the sky.
Our hearts with love look up with yearning,
For that great day of Christ's returning.

*Eliza Flewelling
(December, 1975)*

FOCUS ON A PARISH — EPISCOPAL VISIT 1976



Canon and Mrs. Moore, along with Bishop Nock, look at the cake prepared to celebrate Canon Moore's sixth anniversary of ordination.

Bishop F. Nock presides over confirmation, dedications, and celebration of the rector's 6th anniversary of ordination

On St. Luke's Day, the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, paid his episcopal visit to the parish of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Thunder Bay, at which time he administered the rite of Confirmation to Mr. George Whitall, and received Mrs. Lana Marie Teresa Morden into the Anglican Communion. Bishop Nock officiated at the Eucharist, and was assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Frank Moore.

Bishop Nock dedicated a beautiful stained glass Memorial Window, depicting Our Lord as the Good Shepherd, to the glory of God and in memory of Albert and Ethel Somerton, pioneer members of St. Stephen's. Mr. Somerton assisted with the building of the Church, which was done by volunteer workers. The window was the gift of the family.

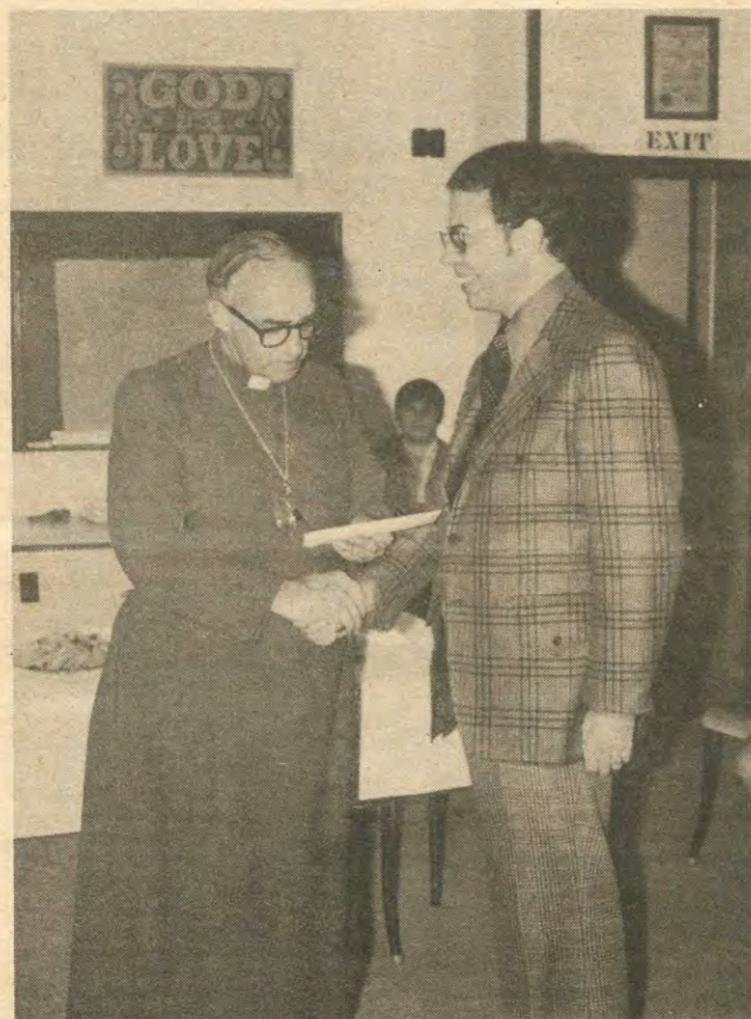
The Bishop also dedicated a solid oak Litany Desk in memory of Mr. Frederick Louttit, a faithful worker and worshipper at St. Stephen's, and it was the gift of his sisters, Josephine and Daisy, and his brother, George.

The Rev. H. A. Jerry-Cooper, Chaplain at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital was the Bishop's Chaplain, and the servers were Brian Person, and Brian Monkhouse. Mrs. Moore presided at the organ.

The episcopal visit also had a special significance for the Rector, Canon Moore, as it was the sixth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. This was marked by the baking of an anniversary cake, by Mrs. Grace Person, the President of the parish's ACW. This was enjoyed at a reception following the service.



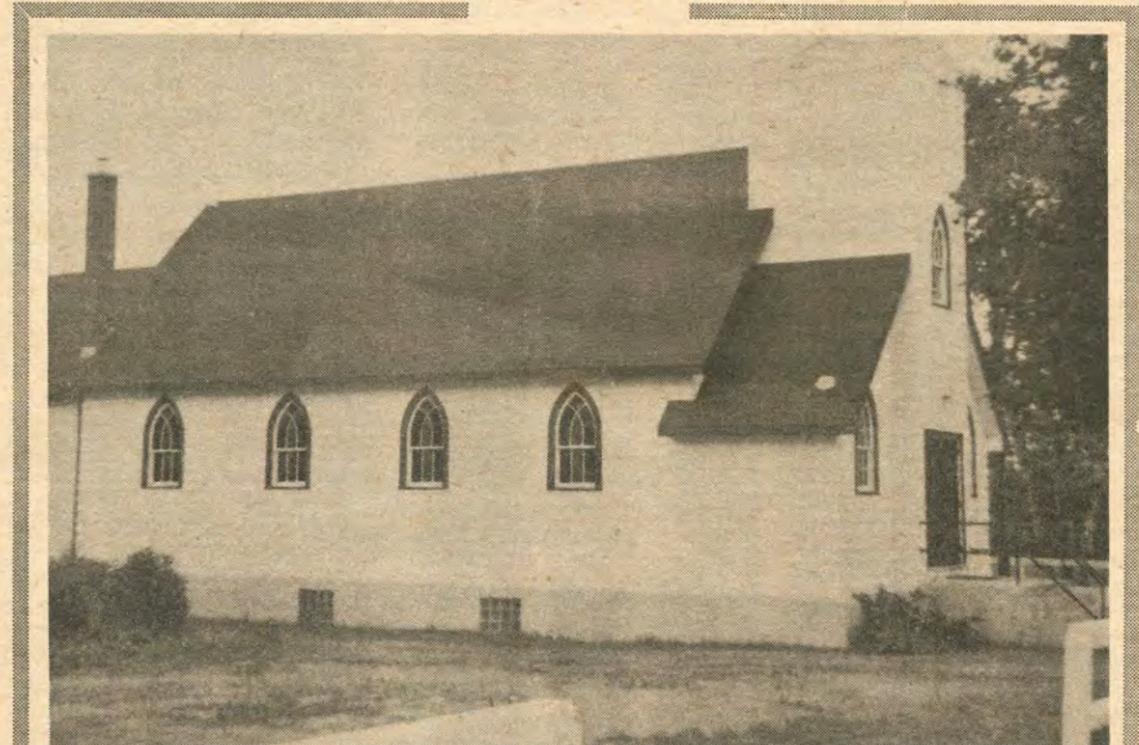
Miss J. Louttit, Canon Moore, Bishop Nock, Fr. Jerry-Cooper, and Miss D. Louttit stand before the Litany Desk which was dedicated by Bishop Nock.



Bishop Nock receives a gift for his *Discretionary Fund* from the People's Warden of St. Stephen's, Mr. Alex Morgan.



The Rev. Canon Frank Moore, Rector of St. Stephen's, (left), Bishop Nock and the Rev. H. A. Jerry-Cooper, stand with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Morden; Mrs. Morden was received into the Anglican Communion by Bishop Nock, during the Confirmation Service.

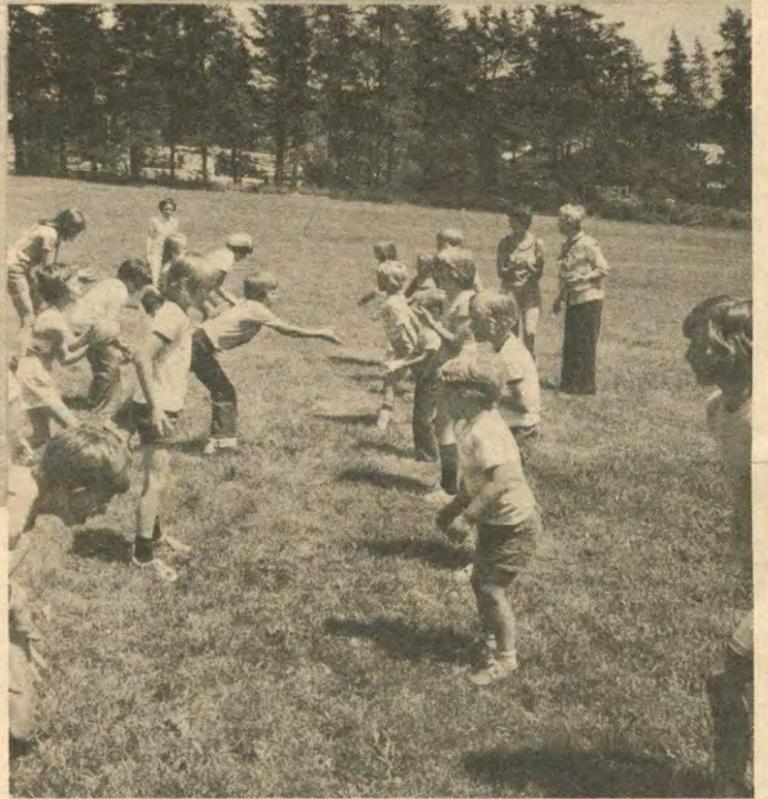


**ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO**



Mr. George Whitall stands with Bishop Nock who confirmed him at St. Stephen's. Canon Moore (left), and Fr. Jerry-Cooper look on.

Are you looking back (or ahead) to those summer days?



Courtesy of the Bracebridge Herald-Gazette

An ecumenical summer church picnic

The September issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN reported the summer Sunday school picnics of Bracebridge's St. Thomas' Anglican Church and Bracebridge United Church. Since then we have received some pictures; current weather helps us to remember such scenes with nostalgia. In top picture, the two Sunday Schools compete in a tug-of-war, won by Canon Mitchell and the people of St. Thomas'. In the bottom pictures, the two Sunday Schools participate in various games.

The constant search for Sunday School teachers

(Ed. Note. The following was printed in the "St. John's Journal", the parish publication in St. John's, Copper Cliff. It is printed here with the hope that it might be used by other parishes who are constantly in the search for Sunday School teachers.)

"Must have the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the courage of David. Must teach like St. Paul, lead like Moses, stay cool under fire like Shadrach . . . it would also help if a teacher has Jonah's ability to bob up smiling, the faith of the early Christians on Lion's Day at the Colloseum, and the confidence of Noah that the whole trip is worth the trouble."

These qualifications are found in those who sincerely love and enjoy being with children and care a great deal about the importance of their feeling of belonging to God's family. Therefore, to teach in the Church School, one does not have to be a professional teacher.

The job of a Church School teacher entails committing oneself to attending one monthly meeting at

which time we exchange ideas, plan special events, and are briefed by our Rector on up and coming events for the following Sundays which can be applied to our particular lessons.

We also commit ourselves to teaching in a partner relationship with one other teacher, alternating Sundays, as convenient to the particular partners, to enable us all to partake in the regular services.

Most of the classes are using the Parish Education Program, "PEP", which provides each teacher with a working manual, reference books and material for each pupil to apply to the lessons. However, we are not tied to this programme, and one can supply one's own curriculum, or deviate from the "PEP" programme as necessary to fulfil the needs of a particular class.

Lesson planning usually takes a couple of hours a week for the weeks that one is on duty.

The Rector and other Church School teachers are always available to lend a hand and to act as resource centres.

St. Luke's sponsors parish dinners

St. Luke's in Thunder Bay participated in two special dinners during the last few months. The first, a Buffet Supper and Singalong, was sponsored by the Evening Branch of the ACW, and was held in the parish hall on October 16.

Those present enjoyed a roast beef dinner, prepared to perfection by Miss Amy Dunk, and 'yummy' desserts, which many reported they "could do without, but thoroughly enjoyed!" Following a social half-hour, Mr. Ron Stark, a member of the Church Choir, led in the gathering in a singalong. Ron had everyone joining in singing rounds and action songs.

Mrs. Joan Kostyniuk was the pianist for the evening. Those present expressed their wishes for another such evening.

These wishes were fulfilled on November 14, when the Evening Branch of the ACW were hostesses to a Congregational Pot Luck Supper. This was the first effort of this kind at St. Luke's, and the Group was very pleased with the re-

sponse. Families arrived with their favourite casseroles, salads, desserts, homemade bread and buns, and these were placed on the serving table.

Following dinner, those present attended Evensong in the Church, and a Hymn Sing, led by the Rev. W. El-

lam, Rector of the Church. Three Choir Members (Mrs. Sally McBain, Mrs. Hilda Sutton, and Mrs. Dolly Stafford) sang from *The Book of Favourite Hymns*.

Such events have been so popular at St. Luke's, that they are hoping for a repeat performance early this year.

USE THIS PRAYER

Prayer for our priests

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord,
Keep them, for they are Thine,
Thy Priests whose lives burn out before
Thy consecrated shrine.
Keep them for they are in the world,
Though from the world apart,
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure—
Shelter them in Thy Heart.

Keep them, and oh remember, Lord.
They have no one but Thee,
Yet they have only human hearts
With human frailty.
Keep them as spotless as the Host,
That daily they caress;
Their every thought and word and deed,
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

—from "Our Sunday Visitor"

Mrs. Joyce Robertson

Appointed to Ontario Council on the Status of Women



Mrs. Joyce Robertson

Mrs. Joyce Robertson, wife of the Very Rev. I. Lawrence Robertson (Rector of St. Luke's Cathedral, and Dean of Algoma), has been appointed to the Ontario Council on the Status of Women. Apparently, this is the result of her work last year on a provincial social development committee.

In September, 1975, Mrs. Robertson was one of three women out of 250 selected to choose 25 women for their contribution to society. The committee was responsible to Margaret Birch, Provincial Secretary for Social Development, and in charge of Ontario International Women's Year activities.

"I suppose that it was from this committee that I was recommended," said Mrs. Robertson, after being informed of her two-year appointment to the Council. Premier William Davis approved her selection, and made it public on November 10.

Mrs. Robertson had submitted a hand-written account of herself and her

qualifications to a provincial "talent bag" a few years ago. It was from this talent bag that she was chosen for the three-member committee. "After that, Mrs. Birch asked if I would be interested in involving myself in future things, and I said, 'Yes,'" explained Mrs. Robertson.

The first orientation meeting for the Council, headed by Lynne Gordon, one of the 25 women Mrs. Robertson's committee selected to honour, was scheduled for November 18. Mrs. Robertson attended, and mentioned that although she doesn't have specific ideas or issues in mind, law reforms and job equality for women particularly interest her.

Mrs. Robertson also wants to talk to other Northern Ontario women and members of the Council to discuss matters concerning that part of the province.

Mrs. Robertson, in thinking about her appointment, said that she felt it was quite an honour. "I sometimes wonder why I was asked but I am very glad about the appointment. I certainly will do my best. I want to be able to contribute to the Council.

"I've always been interested in women's rights, although I've never been involved with organized women's groups who have tried to better the status of women.

"Most of my involvement has been with church and service groups," Mrs. Robertson concluded.

Mrs. Robertson is a morning kindergarten teacher at Parkland School in Sault Ste. Marie. She and her husband have three children, Marianne (18), Mark (16), and Elizabeth (10).

St. Luke's, Thunder Bay

Two faithful parishioners



Mr. Walter Biggar

Two faithful members of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay died during the summer of 1976. They are Mr. Walter Biggar and Mr. Charles Gibbons. Both services were conducted by the Rev. W. Ellam, Rector of St. Luke's. The Choir was present for both funerals, and Mrs. Marion Beecher was the organist.

Mr. Biggar was a licensed Lay Reader, Choir Member, and St. Luke's representative to the Bible Society. He conducted evening services at Grandview Lodge for many years, and also assisted at many services at St. Luke's. In the absence of

clergy on vacation, or during vacancies, he conducted services in the parishes of West Thunder Bay.

He was an active member of the Men's Club at St. Luke's, treasurer of the Masonic Lodge 415, and associated with other Masonic Lodges at the Lakehead. He is survived by his wife, Rena, his sister, Muriel, and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Charles Gibbons was a Choir Member and active in the Scout Movement in Thunder Bay. He was a Scout Leader at St. Luke's until illness forced him to resign.

Mr. Gibbons was an accomplished pianist, and played for many a social evening at the Church, as well as for the Golden Age Clubs. He was also associated with various youth groups at the Lakehead.

He is survived by his wife, Stella, sons David and Charles, daughters Verna, Louise, and Marlene, as well as several grandchildren.

The Diocese of Algoma, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, join in extending sympathy to the families of these men, who served so faithfully within their part of the Diocese.



Volunteers paint Marathon's church

Trinity Church, Marathon, has received a well-deserved face-lift, both inside and out. In this picture, Chuck Slade and Donald Doucette are painting the outside immediately above the sanctuary, which is a fitting place for two servers! All of the work was done by volunteers.

Parish holds St. Andrew's Day Vigil

St. John's Church in Thunder Bay held a special *St. Andrew's Day Vigil*, on Tuesday, November 30, 1976. The Rector, the Rev. H. Morrow (Rural Dean of Thunder Bay), reports that it was a rewarding day, especially for those who could stay for the services and the devotional presentations.

The Rev. Mark Conliffe, Rector of St. Michael and All Angels', joined the Rector of St. John's in saying Morning Prayer. The Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Archdeacon of Thunder Bay and Rector of St. Thomas', celebrated the Holy Communion at a Corporate Meeting of the ACW. In his address, he read of the endurance and sacrifice of the missionaries overseas, and challenged those present in the midst of safety and comfort to be more dedicated missionaries.

Mrs. Anne Griffith's presentation seemed to build on that theme, encouraging the audience to be smiling, cheerful Christians. To this end, she developed five points — (1) Be convinced you wish to be a Christian (2) in work and (3) in play or recreation, look for opportunities to practise your Christianity and (4) especially in your homes be able to communicate a Christian atmosphere, and (5) train yourselves to empathize with people in other countries.

Mrs. Elsie Dumbrell painted a verbal picture of St. Andrew and found two characteristics of his that might be practised in our society—"faith" and "obedience". From the collect for St. Andrew's Day, she developed a beautiful treatise on prayer.

Mrs. Jean Brayshaw cov-

ered a wide range of subjects including the observance of Saints' Days, the value of silence, "how to become a real person", and closed with prayers for those women to be ordained priests that day.

Mr. Nelson Merrifield and Mr. Bill Tozer conducted Evening Prayer and the Rev. Mark Conliffe closed the Vigil with prayer.

Attendance in the morning was good, especially for the ACW Corporate Communion, but attendance was thin in the late afternoon and evening (with only two at times). However, the objective of having someone in the Church each hour of the day was achieved. It was a new experience for many to come into a quiet church, and to engage in prayer, and meditation in silence. For some it was a moving experience.

SUDBURY

Parish gives sums of money to appeals

At the November meeting of the Select Vestry of the Church of the Resurrection was asked, "How much money has our parish sent in to the various special appeals this year?"

After checking the accounts, the Treasurer listed the following sums, sent in by October 31, 1976—the Primate's World Relief (\$792.28); the Anglican Appeal '76 for the North and Overseas (\$442.00); and the Kashechewan Flood Relief Appeal (\$82.00). This made a total of \$792.28.

Furthermore, Sunday, November 21, had been designated for a special reminder for the Appeal for the North, and December 5 was designated Bible Sunday, for the Canadian Bible Society Appeal.

The Church of the Resurrection expressed its thanks to all its parishioners and visitors, who contributed to these various funds.

Parish holds dedications

The Second Sunday in Advent, December 5, 1976, marked the anniversary of the opening of St. Thomas' Church in Bracebridge. This opening occurred on December 6, 1896.

At the 8:30 a.m. Eucharist, the Rector, the Rev. Canon David Mitchell, dedicated a Paschal Candlestick, which had been given to the Church in memory of Laura

Dell Prentiss, by members of her family, several of whom were at the service. It is for use between Easter and Ascension, and at baptisms, and burial services.

At the same time, Canon Mitchell blessed some 65 copies of *The Book of Common Praise* (1938), which had been given as memorials for use by the Choir and the Congregation.

Summer supply

The Rev. R. G. Charles, of the Parish of Rosseau, wishes to announce that summer cottages are once again available to the clergy of the Diocese of Algoma at WINDERMERE and GREGORY in the Deanery of Muskoka. There will be no charge for the use of the cottages, but Sunday duty is required during the months of July and August.

Applications should be received by Fr. Charles by March 1, 1977, in order to provide time for further advertising beyond the Diocese of Algoma, if none of the Diocesan clergy respond.

Address applications to the following:

The Rev. R. G. Charles,

Box 86,

ROSSEAU, Ontario.

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Sheenagh Stocking (left) and Linda Kernohan were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock at St. Ambrose Church in Baysville.

Lake of Bays Mission reports recent activities

At last, the Lake of Bays Mission has good water in the Rectory. For some years, the water has been very discoloured, and has had a terrible smell. Tanks were flushed out, and various filters were installed, but to no avail. There seemed to be no recourse as the parish did not have access to the lake.

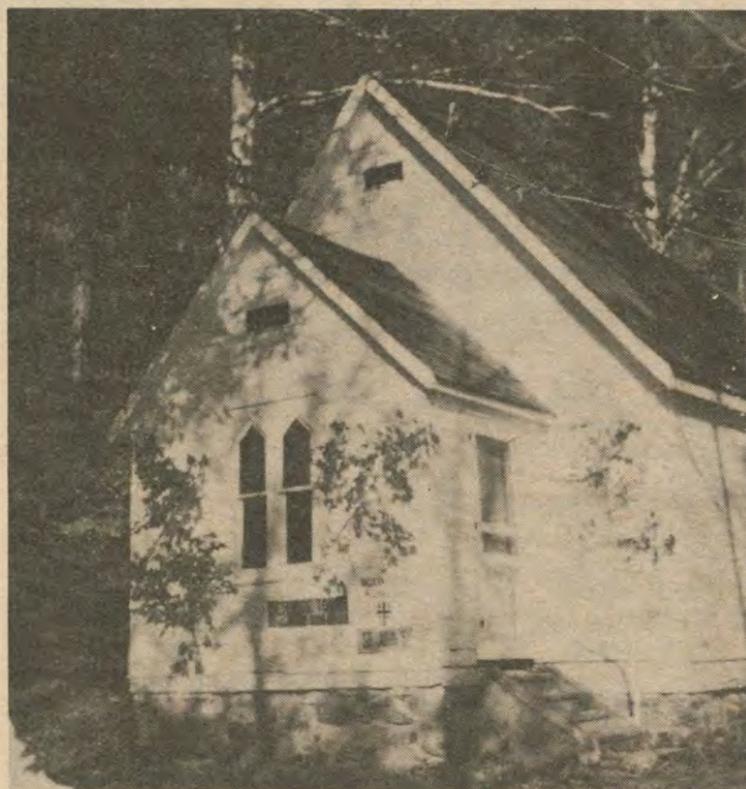
However, in recent months, the kind and considerate neighbours of the Rectory, Lenly and Eileen Barry, offered access into their line which goes directly into the lake. Ron Richardson, the parish treasurer, handled the labour of connecting and burying pipes and getting the water going in the Rectory. Rumour has it that the Rector, the Rev. Murray Bradford, is now happy and able to take a shower in clean, non-smelly water!

In other news from the Mission, there were two

candidates from St. Mary Magdalene's who were confirmed at St. Ambrose Church, Baysville, on Tuesday, November 9. Bishop Nock officiated, and confirmed Linda Kernohan and Sheenagh Stocking, both of whom live at Frost Centre. Dale Anderson and his sister, Elizabeth, from Baysville were confirmed by Bishop Nock in Gravenhurst on Nov. 7, since they could not be present for the Nov. 9 service.

Another point in the Mission, St. John's, Fox Point, has been painted during the past fall, and looks quite lovely as a result.

One of the summer residents, Mr. Harold Beamish, painted the walls of the Rectory basement with cement paint, trying to cut down on the seepage of water into the basement. He plans to do further work in the spring.



St. John's at Fox Point, in the Lake of Bays Mission received a coat of paint last fall, and now looks quite lovely as a result.

AROUND THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

A new Christmas experience was available in Bracebridge this year in the arrangement of two twilight organ recitals at St. Thomas' Church. The organist, Mr. Robert Boyer, played half-hour recitals of Christmas music on Wednesday and Thursday, December 22 and 23 at 5 o'clock. It was planned as an opportunity for quiet enjoyment and meditation near the close of a busy day, in order to enrich the Christmas observance. . . . Bishop Nock, from the funds available through an Archdeacon C. W. Balfour Bequest, made available copies of a report of the Third Meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Trinidad. This certainly provides some excellent background reading for the upcoming "Theological Synod '77". . . . The Most Rev. W. L. Wright, former Archbishop of Algoma, was the guest preacher at the 131st anniversary of St. George the Martyr Church in Toronto, on November 14. It was especially fitting for His Grace to return to this parish for a visit as guest preacher as he was the Curate there from 1926-28, and the Rector from 1936-40. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN also heard that His Grace will be preaching in New York on Sunday, March 13, and from there he and Mrs. Wright will be going to the Barbados. . . . The Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Archdeacon of Thunder Bay, and Rector of St. Thomas', began his 24th year as Rector there on November 7, 1976. During his 23 years, he has baptized 744 people, performed 319 marriages, officiated at 464 burials, and prepared 662 for confirmation. . . . The Rev. Ralph Magee, the District Secretary of the Bible Society, was the guest preacher at Christ Church, Lively, on January 9, 1977. . . . In a previous issue, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN featured a story on the painting of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Dorset. Two couples, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Richardson of Goose Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Costigan of Thorold (summer residents), did the bulk of the painting. . . . Husband and wife teams, or families, are now acting as receptionists at the morning services of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Alf Barnes are the "early birders" as they are faithful attenders of the 8:30 a.m. service. . . . The Rev. Ken Gibbs, Rector of St. Peter's in Elliot Lake, took a carload of ACW members to see the movie, "The Hiding Place", which was showing at the Palace Theatre in Blind River. . . . On St. John's Day, Monday, December 27, 1976, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Crouch held an Open House at the Rectory from 2-4:30 p.m., and from 7-9:30 p.m., at 8 Cobalt Street, in Copper Cliff. . . . The Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury held a Pot Luck Supper on December 5 at 5:30 p.m., which featured a "get-acquainted party" to enable the parishioners to get to know one another, and to introduce new or recent additions to the parish family and fellowship. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Aris were back to Thunder Bay from Winnipeg re-

cently, and attended services at St. Luke's there. Jim, a former Lay Reader at St. Luke's, assisted the Rev. Bill Ellam at the services during his visit. . . . Representatives of the five Anglican Religious Communities in Canada had a happy conference at Port Sydney where the Primate, the Most Rev. Ted Scott was the chief guest and adviser. Representing the SSJE of Bracebridge were the Rev. David Hemming, Superior, and Brother Michael-denis, Novice. . . . The Parish of West Thunder Bay is having a Parish Mission under the direction of the SSJE of Bracebridge from April 24-28, 1977. . . . Young people from Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie are now playing the organ and teaching in the Church School in the Searchmont area, under the direction of the Rev. Jerry Smith, Curate of Holy Trinity, and responsible for the work in Searchmont. . . . The Thunder Bay Youth Choir put on a Christmas Opera Production at St. John's in Thunder Bay, entitled "Amahl and the Night Visitors". The dates of the performances were Dec. 20-23, at 8:15 p.m. . . . The Rev. Ken Gibbs, Rector of St. Peter's in Elliott Lake, attended the annual meeting of the graduates of Wycliffe College in Toronto during early November. Three men were honoured on the fiftieth anniversary of their particular graduation. This year (1977), Wycliffe cele-

brates its 100th Anniversary. . . . The Rev. Bill Ellam, Rector of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay, has two Study Groups underway in that parish. They meet in an informal way, for discussion and fellowship; at the moment, they are studying Rosalind Rinker's book, *Conversing with God*. . . . St. Paul's in Thunder Bay has announced recent recipients of bursaries for theological students. Mr. Frank Gower, a third year student at Wycliffe College, and a postulant for the Diocese of Algoma, has received the *Wilfred and Katharine Balfour Bursary*. The Rev. B. D. Bjerring has received the *Norman T. Owens Bursary*. . . . The Kiwanis Club of Thunder Bay held a Church Parade to St. John's Church on November 14. The Rev. H. Morrow, Rector of that parish, is a member of this club, and has been acting as unofficial chaplain. . . . Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie, concluded its celebrations of its *Centennial* on November 21, 1976, with a pot luck dinner immediately following the 11 a.m. service. The congregation from Searchmont joined them for this occasion. . . . The Rev. Roger W. McCombe, Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, hopes to attend the February meetings of the Editors of the Diocesan Publications throughout Canada. It will be held in Toronto on February 9, followed by the Canadian Church Press meetings, February 10-11.



The Rev. Michael Eldred

Fr. M. Eldred installed as incumbent of St. J. Island

The Rev. Michael Eldred, B.A., M.Div., was installed as the Incumbent of the parish of St. Joseph Island at special services in Emmanuel Church, Richards Landing, on Sunday, November 21, 1976.

The Ven. Frank Coyle, Archdeacon of Algoma, and Rector of St. John's in Sault Ste. Marie, was in charge of the service, and clergy in attendance included the following: The Rev. William Stadnyk (Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie); the Rev. J. Smith (Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity); the Ven. C. B. Noble (Christ Church, Korah); the Rev. R. McCord (Assistant Priest, St. Luke's Cathedral); the Rev. Fred Roberts (Rural Dean of Algoma, and Rector of St. Matthew's, the Sault); and the Rev. Canon Benjamin Cooper (St. Saviour's, Blind River).

Archdeacon Coyle spoke of the importance of prayer in parish life. The keys of the church were presented

by Warden James McCarty of Hilton Beach. The Choral Eucharist was led by Fr. Eldred. Representatives from all four churches in the parish (Echo Bay, Jocelyn, Hilton Beach, and Richards Landing) were present.

Born in Philadelphia, Fr. Eldred attended schools there. Later he attended the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee, where he secured his B.A. degree. Mr. and Mrs. Eldred, his parents, are Canadian, residing in the Muskoka Lake District, and their son came to Canada for studies in theology. He enrolled in Trinity College, Toronto, and graduated with an M.Div. degree. He was made a deacon by Bishop Nock in Trinity College Chapel, and ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Nock at St. John's in North Bay.

Fr. Eldred was appointed as Curate of the Church of the Epiphany, where he worked in Sudbury under the Rev. Eric Paterson, for the past year and one half. There, he sang in the Bell Canto Choir, was secretary of the Ministerial Association, was director of the TV Sunday morning programme, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. He played rugby, football, led youth groups and an Acolytes Guild.

Among his hobbies are horticulture, tropical fish and bridge. Since his arrival in the parish of St. Joseph Island, he has organized choirs in the churches, Sunday Schools, and Servers' and Altar Guides.

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN offer their best wishes to Fr. Eldred in his new appointment.