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The bishop's letter

Epilogue to Synod: "Much fellowship and love is a mark of Diocesan life despite differing views of delegates"

My dear fellow Anglicans:

I am writing this letter two days after Synod, so should not be held responsible for what I write! For all of us it was a Synod with a difference but in spite of the newness of dealing with social and theological issues only, as well as with groups, group leaders, reporters, resolutions, committee and plenary sessions, it was a happy and rewarding Synod. It may well be, as the evaluation sheets seemed to indicate, that we had too much material to digest, but we 'chewed' on it with seriousness and determination and made some important decisions which will appear in other pages of this issue.

I was impressed by the interest of the Synod members. It was obvious that most delegates had done their homework and that there had been a good deal of discussion before Synod on the parish and deanery level. This was perhaps as valuable as anything said at

Synod. The devotion of the delegates to the deliberations and the Eucharists was remarkable. I was proud of the consistency of the attendance at group meetings, plenary sessions and at worship, and can assure you that your faith in electing your delegates was not misplaced.

There were, of course, frustrations as it was a new experience for us. But this should not discourage us for in my experience of attending Diocesan, Provincial and General Synods since 1940, there are always frustrations for no system devised by man is perfect. With issues such as Christian Initiation, Human Life, Stewardship and Ministry there are bound to be differences in outlook. That is part of life. We have to learn to live with tension, for God, in His Wisdom, does not remove it. It is well that He does not for if the family of God ever comes to the time when it agrees on everything it will be dead. There will be

no room for spiritual growth.

What caused me great joy was the evidence of much fellowship and love at this Synod. As I wandered from group to group I heard differing opinions being voiced with great vigour and zeal and yet with a respect and concern for each other's points of view. We all have different backgrounds, but I am convinced that the Holy Spirit used our groups to foster and strengthen our fellowship.

There was much love in Christ and as long as this is the mark of our Diocesan life, we can rejoice.

It is a privilege to be your bishop. I cherish the privilege very deeply.

Your friend and bishop,

Frank: Algoma



The Ven. F. Coyle



The Rev. R. Inshaw

INSIDE THIS MONTH

Synod reports . . .

The June issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN may be a little late in arriving at your home, because its production has been delayed slightly to accommodate the inclusion of pictures and reports of Algoma's "Theological Synod" in the Sault from May 9-11.

The Ven. Frank Coyle, Archdeacon of Algoma, and Rector of St. John's in the Sault, has been acting as the ALGOMA ANGLICAN's reporter for this signifi-

cant event in the life of the Diocese of Algoma. Archdeacon Coyle is also Chairman of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN Standing Committee.

The Rev. Reginald Inshaw, retired priest of the Diocese of Algoma, now living in Dorion, had agreed to act as the ALGOMA ANGLICAN's photographer during the special Synod. His usual excellent pictures will be seen in the next few issues of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

. . . and other features

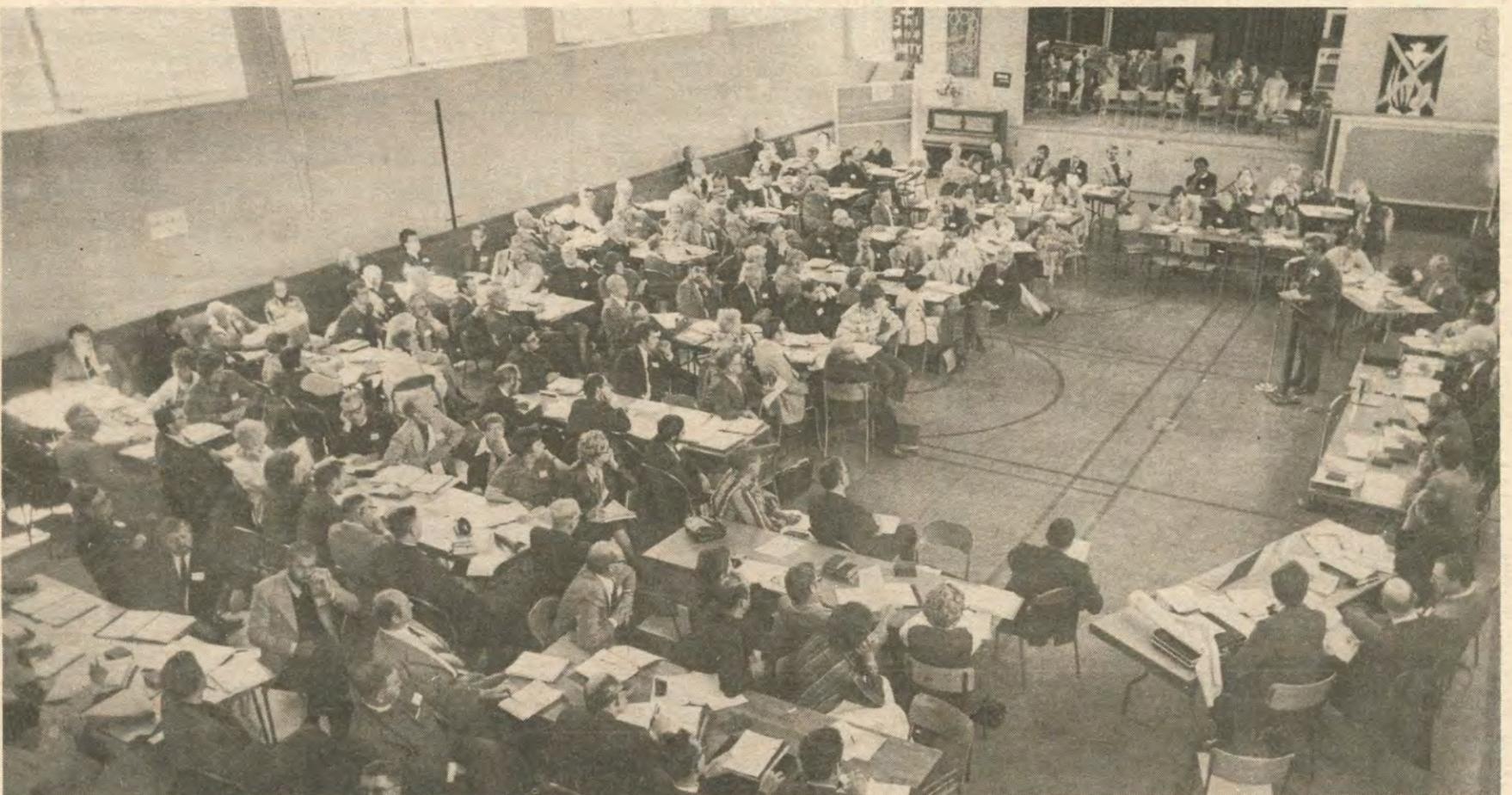
In addition to the reports and pictures about the Diocese of Algoma's "Theological Synod", the ALGOMA ANGLICAN presents a number of special features this month.

We especially invite you to turn to page 3A, where we introduce a new column, to be included monthly, by Mrs. Marjie Smith of Sault Ste. Marie. This month, Marjie sets the tenor for future columns.

Also on page 3A, the regular feature, MONDAY MORNING, appears.

This month it is written by the Rev. Mark Conliffe, Rector of St. Michael and All Angels in Thunder Bay. It is a column which should be read by all our readers before you go off on your summer vacation.

Finally, please turn to page 7A to read about the four candidates presented to Bishop Nock on May 19 at an ordination service held in Thunder Bay at St. Thomas' Church. Photos of these candidates are on this page as well.



Courtesy of the Sault Star

Algoma's historic "Theological Synod" debates many key issues

The Sault Star photographer has caught an historic moment as delegates to Algoma's "Theological Synod" met in St. Andrew's auditorium in the Sault from May 9-11. For further pictures, reports, the Bishop's Charge, please turn to pages 4A to 6A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

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Taking inventory

The taxi driver was angry. All day, he said as he bucked his way through the traffic, he'd heard nothing but Quebec separation and inflation, crime and high unemployment, baby seals and lousy weather. He agreed that all of these were problems we must try to solve, except perhaps the lousy weather, but was there nothing that Canada could be proud of, he wondered?

The list of problems facing a nation as large and as complex as Canada, with its emphasis on multi-culturalism, its diverse backgrounds and its two founding peoples, is staggering. And to those of us who still think that pride in a nation is not something to be embarrassed about there seems, on the surface at least, not much to cheer about. Certainly, to pretend that all is rosy is almost as unrealistic as to prate about Canada's imminent demise.

Perhaps it is time for the leaders of this country and its citizens to pause for 24 hours—if we can take that long for such an important exercise—and together take an honest and realistic inventory of where and what we are. An honest inventory looks openly at the debit and the credit side of the ledger. An honest inventory faces problems squarely, but at the same time takes cognizance of our virtues as well.

We're pretty sure that the results would be more heartening than we think. We would discover that we have a lot for which to be grateful. We would discover, too, that we have a lot of serious changes to face but change is only painful for those who are afraid to look into the future with confidence. An inventory, we are convinced, would show us our assets—not simply material assets—and our liabilities—not merely our economic liabilities—and we are convinced the former would outweigh the latter.

There is much to be thankful for, and much to be concerned about but if we allow our gratitude to outweigh our apprehension then with our leaders we can begin to see a future that may be different from what we have known in the past, but one which we can face with assurance.

It all comes down to gratitude for the blessings we have. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN would like to recommend to its readers that this summer would be a good time to take inventory and to be grateful for your blessings.

RWM

Busy, busy, busy

Despite the fact that some of us seem to have been emancipated from the work-ethic, we are, on the whole, a busy, restless generation. We tend to frantic busyness even in our recreations and hobbies. We like to be up-and-doing all the time. Someone has said that whereas our great-grandfathers were content to spend two weeks waiting if they missed a stage-coach, today we fly into a rage if we miss one section of a revolving door.

About the only thing many of us are not too busy for is to tell others how terribly busy we are. We tend to be like the fairies in the opening scene of the Gilbert and Sullivan light opera, Iolanthe, who sing in a sprightly manner,

*"If you ask the special function
Of our never-ceasing motion,
We reply without compunction
That we haven't any notion."*

Many of us do seem to think that really to live is to move faster and faster. Why? "We haven't any notion."

A few years ago a group of business executives met for a conference at which they were to get away from the day-to-day concerns of their work and consider their general way of life in its widest contexts. At the end of the conference they were asked to present their conclusions in a simple sentence. After much discussion they agreed on this statement: "The nose to the grindstone is a useful, necessary, and becoming posture for business, but there is much more in life than can be seen from this posture." That sentence should perhaps be on a card on the desk of every business and professional person, all who suffer from what has come to be called "hurry sickness" and who feel that new ideas cannot be entertained without an appointment.

And as someone, laying violent hands on Kipling, has put it:

*"If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
You'll have the world and everything that's in it - - -
And a coronary before you're fifty-one."*

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN wishes its readers, a relaxed, creative summer.

RWM

Sentence editorial

"The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed."
—Lloyd Jones

The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, has announced the following appointments, and changes in the Diocese:

The Rev. Russell Nicolle, recently made a Deacon at the Ordination in Thunder Bay, will continue as Incumbent of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Manitouwadge, and Trinity Church, Marathon.

The Rev. Frank Gower, recently made a Deacon at the Ordination in Thunder Bay, has been appointed Assistant Curate of St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, dating from July 1, 1977. Until that date, he is temporary assistant at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury.

The Rev. Lawrence Winslow, recently made a Deacon at the Ordination in Thunder Bay, has been appointed Assistant Curate of St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay, dating from May 19, 1977.

The Rev. Jerry Smith, recently ordained to the Priesthood at the Ordination in Thunder Bay, will continue as the Assistant at Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie, with responsibilities for Heyden and Searchmont.

The Rev. Robert McCord, formerly Assistant Curate at St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie, has been appointed Incumbent of All Saints' Church, Onaping and the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Azilda, dating from June 15, 1977.

The Rev. David Bowring, formerly Incumbent at Ona-

ping and Azilda, is on leave from June 15 is The Mission House, Box 660, Bracebridge Ontario.

**FROM THE BISHOP'S
PHOTO ALBUM****St. Luke's, Thunder Bay**

On Sunday afternoon, March 28, at St. Luke's in Thunder Bay, the Rev. W. Ellam, Rector, presented seven candidates for the laying on of hands to the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma. The Bishop's sermon was based on Psalm 103, verse 2: "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." During the offertory, the Choir sang from the Favourite Hymns, "Open my eyes that I may see". From left, Michael Stewart Polhill, Martin George Ellam, and Gordon John Nishimura (in front); Pamela Dowhaniuk, Laurie Farrant, Donna Forbes, and Kim Lawrence (middle row); the Rev. W. Ellam, and Bishop Nock (back row).

OBITUARY**Mrs. E. Doolan
of Sudbury**

The Diocese of Algoma was saddened to hear of the sudden death of Evelyn Anne Doolan (nee Oldham), wife of the Ven. J. George M. Doolan, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, and Archdeacon of Sudbury, on Friday, May 13. The late Mrs. Doolan was rushed to hospital shortly after the Archdeacon's return from Synod. She is survived by her husband, George, and her children, Susan, Stephen, and Paul.

The Burial Office was conducted at the Church of the Resurrection, Sudbury, on Sunday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. with the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, and many clergy of the Deanery in attendance. A Family Eucharist had been celebrated earlier that Sunday morning.

The Ven. S. M. Craymer, Honorary Assistant at the Church of the Resurrection, officiated at the Burial Office, assisted by the Rev. Jack Crouch, Rural Dean of Sudbury, and Rector of St. John's in Copper Cliff. The Address was given by Bishop Nock.

On Monday morning, the Interment by Cremation was held at Park Lawn Cemetery, attended by the immediate family, as well as Bishop Nock, Archdeacon Craymer and Rural Dean Crouch.

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN extend to Archdeacon Doolan and his family their deepest sympathy, at this time of bereavement for them.

The bishop's itinerary**June**

- 17 Diocesan Executive Meeting (Sudbury)
- 19-23 Visitation to North Temiskaming
- 26 St. John's, Chapleau (11 a.m.)
Missinabie (7:30 p.m.)

July

- 3 Whitefish Falls (9 a.m.)
McGregor Bay (11:15 a.m.)
- 4 Camp Manitou

August

- 5-9 House of Bishops (Cochrane, Alberta)
- 11-18 General Synod (Calgary, Alberta)

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For nurses**A final reminder**

A year ago, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN lamented the number of applications received for the Leslie Woodward Memorial Scholarship, for students enrolled in or contemplating a nursing career.

The due date for applications is June 30, and they should be sent to The Synod Office, Box 1168, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. P6A 5N7

This is a final reminder to those nursing students or prospective ones who could find \$250 useful in the pursuit of that career.

RWM

"MONDAY MORNING"

Essentials and non-essentials

(Ed. Note. This month, our regular comment or opinion feature is written by the Rev. Mark Conliffe, Rector of St. Michael and All Angels' parish in Thunder Bay. This originally appeared in that parish's official publication, "St. Michael's Message". The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is especially pleased to print it, as we enter the summer season; his challenge is worth the consideration of all Anglicans in the Diocese of Algoma.)

by the Rev. M. Conliffe

Every day we hear things which surprise us. Recently I heard that in India, where people are dying from malnutrition and starvation, 36,000 acres of some of the best arable land is being used to grow spices to season the food which the people do not have! Standing back at a distance we are tempted to think how silly such a situation is, or how blind the people must be. So much time and effort and land is being expended and used up on non-essentials, while the essentials are being ignored. The important things are being sacrificed for the sake of the unimportant.

However, we do not need

to go to India to find this situation; it is right here at home with us all the time, and there are very few of us who are not guilty of it in one way or another. Think about it for a moment, and as you are assessing the unimportant things you get involved in to the detriment of the important things, around your home, in raising your children; at the office, the job you are being paid to do; in your service club; and so on; may I remind you that the same applies to being Christian. Here it is not simply the unimportant things that take up our time and effort, but the fact that we largely ignore the important things and do nothing.

This is especially true during the summer, so I would urge each family to draw up a little rule among themselves which they might try to keep together. It may include things like attending a mid-week Eucharist when you know that you will be at camp on Sunday; spending a few minutes in prayer together at supper time on Sundays, or more often; having a member of the family read a short passage of Scripture, and then as a family discussing its implications and applications for today; inviting the people next door, who did not go to church on Sunday morning either, to share with you in one of the many beautiful services in the Prayer Book, as together your family spends some time in worship.

Some of the non-essentials which might have to be sacrificed in order to carry out the above, could include missing the last five minutes of the re-run television program in order to attend a mid-week service; cutting short that lazy boat-ride by fifteen minutes so as to be back in time for the family devotions; for the same reason saying 'no thanks' to that one more drink which your neighbour is offering you, because you would not want to gulp it and appear unappreciative; and so on.

You are perfectly right if you think I have tongue in cheek as I write parts of this, but at the same time I am very aware of the tremendous benefits to be gained by setting such a rule and sticking to it. I cannot write a rule for you and your family; it might be totally unworkable. You have to do it together; and I hope you will.

Sidesmen scheme in Sudbury parish

Ever since a meeting of the Sidesmen Committee of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury some months ago, it was decided to choose a different method of selecting persons to act as sidesmen for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, two couples took up the offering and brought up the elements of Bread and Wine to the Server from the back of the Church. The couples

are made up of husband and wife, father and son or daughter, mother and son or daughter, or even whole families.

These couples, or families, have been those who are on the chain of prayer list printed each week in the Epiphany's Sunday bulletin. This has enabled new and longtime members of the parish to know and be known by others. It has also been more representative of

the parish as a family of families.

The families or couples are contacted by the Church office early in the week preceding the Sunday they are to serve, and there is someone at the Church on Sunday to advise and to assist them. Name tags are supplied for those on duty, and parishioners are asked to introduce themselves to those on duty if they do not know them.

Algonquin Regiment in Parry Sound

A special service was observed on Sunday, May 1, at Trinity Church, Parry Sound, when officers and members of the Algonquin Regiment from North Bay, as well as members of the Regimental Association were welcomed at Morning Prayer. The contingent of about 120 men, led by the Pipe Band, marched to the Church for the dedication and unveiling of a plaque identifying the colours of the Northern Pioneer Regiment.

The colours were laid out in Trinity Church on October 8, 1967. The impressive

and deeply moving ceremony was conducted with military precision. The Regimental colours, borne by the Colour Party, were laid on the Altar. The lessons were read by Mr. Clem Beauchene, and by the Lt. Col. Hugh Stickle, C.D.

As the present colours were carried to the rear of the Church for the dedication, the sound of bagpipes could be heard as from a distance. The Last Post and Reveille was sounded by Mr. Glen Haslehurst, a trumpeter of Parry Sound's Canadian Legion.

In speaking of the honour

of participating in this piece of history, the Rev. M. Wilkinson, Rector, expressed the thoughts of all who were present. "At times like these, thoughts turn to memories," he said. There is a kind of memory that recalls the truth of past events to understand the present and to plan for the future. Fr. Wilkinson reminded his listeners that sometimes sentimental recollections can block needed change and development. As the regiment has changed from its formation in 1896 to its present form, so we must accept change.

Easter Eve at a Sault parish

On Holy Saturday, Easter Eve, the parish of Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie held a service of "The Lighting of the Paschal Candle, the First Evensong of Easter, Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows".

In planning such a service, the Rev. William Stadnyk, Rector of Holy Trinity, pointed out that the rites of Easter Even are of great antiquity, reaching back to the days of the Apostles. Begin-

ning at sundown on Saturday, the liturgy began with lighting of the lamps, and proceeded to a long vigil service of Scripture lessons.

Then, before dawn, the candidates prepared during Lent were baptized and confirmed, and at daybreak, the whole rite concluded with the Easter Eucharist.

The service at Holy Trinity was presided over by the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, to whom the candidates were present-

ed; he also preached at this service.

Following the usual laying on of hands for those being confirmed, anyone in the congregation who wished to receive the laying on of hands with prayer as an Easter blessing and outward sign of the Reaffirmation of their Baptismal vows, was invited to come to the communion rail.

Fr. Stadnyk reports to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN that "this was a glorious service"!



Mrs. Marjie Smith, of Sault Ste. Marie, begins this month a column, which the ALGOMA ANGLICAN hopes is just the beginning of a long and fruitful series for the official publication of the Diocese of Algoma.

WALK WITH ME

(Ed. Note: Last month, Mrs. Marjie Smith wrote a column entitled, "Uganda and you", which was published in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN in the regular page 3A feature, MONDAY MORNING. The Editor was so impressed with her ability to express her views, and had heard of her journalistic talents from several people, that he decided to invite her to write a monthly column in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. We have placed no topic restrictions on Mrs. Smith, and she may do with the

column what she sees fit. In this introductory column, Mrs. Smith gives our readers some idea of what the column will offer in the months ahead. From this column, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN has decided to entitle her column each month, "Walk with me". The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is quite excited about this new feature in the official publication of the Diocese of Algoma, and we welcome Mrs. Smith to our pages, and invite our readers to walk with Mrs. Smith each month!)

A map of discovery

by Marjie Smith

From the first hesitant footsteps of our lives, we begin our odyssey, our quest for identification, for meaning. We begin as a tiny infant to create order out of the many sensations that surround us. We touch, feel, experience, record, reject, or pursue. We are trying to find God, for man is a masterpiece in search of his artist. Everything he sees and experiences tells him something about his Creator . . . and thus, he develops the ability to reason, and in reasoning, to comprehend.

When I observe a child on a walk, my spirit follows in anticipation. Firstly, a child does not GO for a walk. An adult goes for a walk, but his feet are prisoners. They are confined by time, and objectives for going. They are confined by the curtains on the soul that are drawn tight.

No, a child does not GO for a walk. He does not even realize he is walking, for he has accepted it as he accepts breathing, to be a necessary function. A child drifts; a child is led—drawn by some mysterious magnetism which etches a variegated course.

Everything which crosses a child's path becomes the path. I believe it is for this reason that Jesus said that we must become like little children to fathom the kingdom. We have to stop steering, for it is a kingdom of spirit, and the spirit leads a rudderless course. Undaunted by time, and eluding man's systems, God's spirit "blows where it wills . . . and we do not know where it comes from or where it goes". (John 3:8)

A child on a walk is a touch of a gypsy

He fondles with joy every second of time

His eyes are aware of a God-given pattern

His footsteps are poems that don't have to rhyme

A breath . . . once it's gone Has been wasted forever.

So he plays it like a churchbell

And the birds hum the tune. It has laughter.

It has sorrow.

There is anger and radiance

But he doesn't reach back expecting it to stay.

For a new breath has filled him

And his whole being with it Now he's searching

. . . for the meanings That fill up his day.

Life for us should assimilate a child's day—inimicable and personal and filled! A child frolics, cries, attempts, achieves, and often fails, but he never gives up. In our Christian growth, we have to laugh and cry . . . and skin our knees (that doesn't usually happen on church kneelers!).

Therefore, as an introduction to this new column, I invite you to walk with me. One day we are called to be philosophers, the next day theologians, sometimes artists, but most times PARTICIPANTS.

As a result, this column will be a map of discovery. We may run. We may walk. We may trip. For there are no spiritual Adidas! Or, we may sit down and cry. We may do it formally, poetically, dramatically or conversationally, but I promise it will always be done with words, for they are our medium and are given to us to twist into a meaning.



Courtesy of the Sault Star

ALGOMA'S SPECIAL THEOLOGICAL SYNOD 1977

As Bishop Nock delivers his charge to Synod, the people involved in much of the administrative work of the Synod listen. From right, Mrs. M. Rose, Episcopal Secretary; the Rev. Eric Paterson, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, and Clerical Secretary of Synod; Mr. Doug Murray, Lay Secretary; the Very Rev. Lawrence Robertson, Dean of Algoma; the Bishop; Mr. Din Oosterbaan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese; the Rev. William Stadnyk, Rector of Holy Trinity in the Sault, and a member of the Agenda Committee; and the Rev. Donald Landon, Rector of St. Paul's in Thunder Bay, and Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

MONDAY: Media lottery advertising should be banned

The Synod of the Diocese of Algoma, meeting for its "Theological Synod" in Sault Ste. Marie, from May 9-11, dealt with four major areas of concern—STEWARDSHIP, CHRISTIAN INITIATION, HUMAN LIFE, and MINISTRY.

During the Monday session, May 9, the Synod decided that lottery advertising in the media should be banned. The 163 delegates (bishop, clergy, and laity) voted to ask the federal and provincial governments to

prohibit the often-misleading advertising which appeals to greed.

The Synod also decided that Church organizations should not apply for, or accept, lottery grants. The various resolutions arose from morning group discussions in which delegates looked at gambling's moral aspects.

Delegates defeated an amendment which would have had the Synod opposing lotteries in principle.

One priest said that he opposed lotteries, but that he was not ready to say that they are an outright sin. Other delegates said that a blanket motion would affect minor, innocuous forms of gambling such as flipping coins at coffee breaks.

Advertising of government lotteries was widely criticized. "I'm deeply disturbed by the context of this advertising," said one priest. "Ideas like you've got a million dollar baby or you're

going to win a million are as likely as getting struck by lightning."

The resolution, which says Church groups should not apply for or accept lottery grants, was passed with little debate.

The Synod also approved motions calling for a renewal in stewardship, the practice of surrendering part of an income to the Church. "The Christian premise is that everything belongs to God and comes from Him,

and therefore we are ultimately responsible to Him for the use of our time, our resources—individual and national—and our abilities," said Bishop Frank Nock.

The Synod Executive was authorized to form a commission to renew stewardship.

Delegates to this Synod included the Bishop, clergy and laity, youth and divinity students, who represented the congregations from Thunder Bay to Huntsville.

TUESDAY: Natural Death Act is favoured by synod

On Tuesday, May 10, the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma voted in favour of a private member's bill which would have established a Natural Death Act. Delegates at this "Theological Synod" decided to "to forward to appropriate government departments" a resolution supporting the bill which would allow dying patients the right not to have their lives prolonged by artificial means.

Also approved was a resolution affirming the right of an individual or his family—in consultation with the attending physician—to

choose to discontinue extraordinary medical treatment.

The right-to-die bill, proposed by Lorne Maeck, Progressive Conservative member of the Ontario Legislature for Parry Sound, passed second reading before it was quashed by the call for the June 9 provincial election. However, it can be introduced in the new legislature.

It would allow any adult who is mentally competent to sign a document which would prevent doctors from using life-support systems to prolong life, should the person become terminally ill.

Signed by two independent witnesses, the document would be valid for five years.

Delegates to Algoma's Synod spent most of the Synod's 90-minute discussion period debating the wording of the two resolutions, which arose from the group sessions that morning.

One priest objected to a clause in a preamble that said the Synod opposes the destruction of human life by any active means, but because it believes in eternal life, encourages facing death with dignity and hope. "The phrase 'by any active means'

would leave delegates making a too absolute stand on subjects like war and capital punishment," he said.

"Those surely are evils," responded the Rev. Eric Paterson, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury, "and we simply and certainly don't condone evils."

The possibility of the legislation leading to euthanasia was brought out by one woman. "I think we have to be careful about what we're letting ourselves in for; it's the thin edge of the wedge," she said.

A Church of England report says it is misleading to describe euthanasia as deciding to not preserve life by artificial means. The report also says euthanasia does not include giving patients drugs to relieve pain when there is a risk that drugs may marginally shorten the patient's life.

Delegates passed the resolutions with a large majority. Also approved was a resolution which reaffirms the Anglican Church's stand against laws which allow abortion on demand or any form of euthanasia.

WEDNESDAY: Summing-up session with many resolutions

The final session of Algoma's "Theological Synod" on Wednesday morning, May 11, was a summing-up session in which motions which had not had an opportunity for being presented were discussed. These motions covered the four main areas discussed at this Synod, along with a few motions concerning the next meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma.

The Synod decided that

Anglican parishes in the diocese should not operate any type of lottery. Delegates also decided that Anglicans should not participate in gambling except for types that involve "hazarding trivial amounts for entertainment".

However, one delegate thought the resolutions, which are not binding and are meant as guidelines, contradict one another. "We have to be fully aware of what we're doing if we pass

this," said the Rev. Colin Clay, Rector of St. Alban's, Capreol. He pointed out that one motion recommends that churches do not operate any type of lottery, but the other approves Anglican parishes participating in the very form of gambling churches usually sponsor.

Fr. Clay went on to say, "I don't think there are many Anglican parishes where there's heavy gambling going on. The resolutions will put the church in

an embarrassing, difficult position."

These motions followed the earlier motions on Monday to ask the federal and provincial governments to prohibit lottery advertising in the media. Delegates also decided that Church organizations should not apply for, or accept, lottery grants like those offered by Wintario. Raffles and bingos were included in the definition of lotteries that par-

ishes should not operate.

Approval was given to a resolution suggesting that hospital abortion committees be made more representative of communities by including medical, social, moral and legal viewpoints. After some debate the Synod decided to reaffirm a Church position that the potential for human life begins at conception.

The "Theological Synod" ended Wednesday morning.

MOTIONS DEALT WITH AT ALGOMA'S SPECIAL THEOLOGICAL SYNOD

Stewardship

1. *Moved by Rev. Don Landon*
Seconded by Mr. Wm. Kosny
That this Synod challenges every Algoma Anglican to renewal in stewardship which must begin with an acknowledgement that all we have is a gift from God and must produce personal commitment to God that is reflected in the true and reasonable Service. **CARRIED**
2. *Moved by Rev. Mark Conliffe*
Seconded by Mr. Wm. Kosny
That this Synod requests the Government of Canada and Ontario to prohibit lottery advertising through the media. **CARRIED**
3. *Moved by Rev. Mark Conliffe*
Seconded by Mr. Wm. Kosny
That this Synod call upon Anglicans, not only to refrain from participating in gambling themselves, but also to speak out positively against the practice in society at large. **NOT CARRIED**
4. *Moved by Rev. Mark Conliffe*
Seconded by Mr. Wm. Kosny
That this Synod affirms that it is improper for Church Organizations to apply for, or accept grants from lotteries. **CARRIED**
5. *Moved by Rev. Wm. Stadnyk*
Seconded by Rev. Duncan Lyon
That this Synod instruct the Executive Committee to set up a Commission on Renewal and Stewardship to implement the first motion on Stewardship. **CARRIED**

Christian Initiation

Moved by the Rev. Don Landon
Seconded by Dr. David Gould

In the Christian Church men and women who come to faith in the Lord Jesus are welcomed into His Body through their repentance and affirmation of faith in Him, and through His gift of grace in baptism, the laying-on-of-hands and the Holy Communion. In Anglican tradition, the Bishop presides at this Service.

In Christian tradition, it has been the concern of the Church that children begin in the process of initiation and growing up into Christ from their earliest days. The acts of initiation are not private matters, but belong within the community of faith and require commitment to our Lord by the parents within that community. Differing patterns for this process have evolved in our Anglican Church. We seek to hold these variations together:

1. After careful preparation of the parents by the parish priest, an infant or child may receive baptism with water and the laying-on-of-hands. Any of the authorized services may be used, but must include immediately after the dipping or pouring of water, in the Name of the Trinity, the Bishop or priest placing a hand on the infant's head and saying: "N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit as a child of God, (and we receive you into the congregation of Christ's flock, signing you with the sign of the cross (+) . . .)" The Bishop may authorize the use of chrism in this action. **NOT CARRIED**
2. It is expected that subsequently all who have been baptized in childhood will, after careful preparation, renew their baptismal vows in a mature public affirmation of faith, commit themselves to share in the Lord's ministry in and through His Church, and receive the laying-on-of-hands by the Bishop. Parishes have a responsibility within their faith community to help growing Christians make this step of commitment and articulate their belief. **CARRIED**
- 3-A. In parishes where diocesan authority has been given *a baptized child, having received pastoral instruction from priest and parents, and reverently seeking to partake of the Holy Communion, may proceed after a simple affirmation of faith to Communion. **CARRIED**
- 3-B. It is recognized that many Christians will seek to receive the Holy Communion only after they have made their mature personal commitment, thereby responding to their baptism with repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus, and have received the grace that comes through the further sealing of the initiation covenant in the laying-on-of-the Bishop's hands. **CARRIED**

Initiation is the commencement of a process of growth. The stages of such growth cannot be programmed, but are dependent on the Holy Spirit and man's openness to His activity. Accordingly, further affirmations of faith may be made publicly and sealed with the laying-on-of-hands as other significant steps in faith and commitment are made.

Human Life

1. *Moved by Rev. Don Landon*
Seconded by Dr. David Gould
Whereas this Synod affirms the sanctity of human life and its concomitant, the value and potential of the human and spiritual family, especially its strengths for asserting and developing the powers and beauties and mysteries of its individual members, through faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, this Synod stands firmly against any laws which endorse abortion on demand or euthanasia. **CARRIED**
2. *Moved by Mr. John Corbishley*
Seconded by Mr. Wm. Kosny
This Synod affirms that life is a gift from God, therefore we cannot condone the destruction of human life by any active means. However our belief in the resurrection to eternal life encourages us to face death with dignity and hope, affirming the right of the individual or his family in consultation with the attending physician to choose to discontinue extraordinary medical treatment. **CARRIED**
3. *Moved by Rev. Duncan Lyon*
Seconded by Rev. Wm. Stadnyk
That this Synod endorses Mr. Lorne Maek's "Natural Death Act 1977" as a step forward in proclaiming the Christian doctrine of Life and Death to the community as a whole and that this endorsement be communicated to the appropriate Government Department. **CARRIED**
4. *Moved by Rev. Don Landon*
Seconded by Rev. Ken Blaber
That this Synod affirming that the primary Minister is the risen Lord Jesus Christ among us and affirming that an alive parish is a loving community where clergy and laity share His ministry Resolves that in every parish
 - 1) we pray for, expect and recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit among our people
 - 2) we call forth, develop and use these gifts to the fullest
 - 3) the parish Priest, as servant, facilitate the development of this kind of community
 and resolves that the Bishop be requested, through his office, to provide assistance and funding to accomplish #1, 2, and 3. **CARRIED**

5. *Moved by Rev. D. L. Woodward*
Seconded by Mr. Frank Joy
That this Diocese come up with a good Christian Education course, suitable for all ages, from "Cradle to Grave." **NOT CARRIED**
6. *Moved by Rev. Fred Roberts*
Seconded by Dr. David Gould
That this Synod concur in the agreement expressed in Sections 1-23 of the statement on authority published by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission and that we memorialize General Synod to this effect. **CARRIED**

WEDNESDAY: Stewardship

1. *Moved by Wolf Kirchmeir*
Seconded by the Rev. David Bowring
Resolved that every Algoma Anglican commit himself to contribute a minimum of 3% of his gross income to the Church in the coming year, and more thereafter. **RULED OUT OF ORDER BY BISHOP NOCK WHO SAID THE SUGGESTION WAS COVERED BY AN EARLIER RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED FOR A RENEWAL OF TITHING OR SURRENDERING 10% OF AN INCOME TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH.**
Resolved that every Algoma Anglican commit himself to share his time and talent outside working hours in the works and projects of his Church and his community. **CARRIED**
Resolved that every Algoma Anglican pray for a renewed sense of vocation in his work and commit himself to seek ways of serving his client or employer rather than ways of enriching himself. **CARRIED**
2. *Moved by the Rev. Mark Conliffe*
Seconded by John Corbishley
That this Synod call upon Anglicans to refrain from participating in all gambling that does not involve hazarding trivial amounts for entertainment. **CARRIED**
3. *Moved by Dr. K. J. Tipper*
Seconded by Mrs. Ellen May
Resolved that this Synod strongly condemn parish-operated lotteries including raffles, bingos, etc. **CARRIED**

WEDNESDAY: Initiation

1. *Moved by the Rev. Don Landon*
Seconded by Dr. David Gould
That this Synod affirms that the normal time for a "Mature Public Affirmation of Faith" be no earlier than the later teens. **LOST**
That a Diocesan Task Force be formed to develop special teaching teams to aid parishes in implementing these changes. **CARRIED**
2. *Moved by Dr. David Gould*
Seconded by the Rev. Don Landon
That Resolution #1 not be implemented until after September, 1978. **CARRIED**
3. Whereas Baptism and Holy Communion are recognized as the Church's two principle Sacraments, it is
Moved by Rev. Colin Clay
Seconded by Mr. John Fruthey
That episcopal visits be arranged around Holy Baptism of infants and first communion of young children, and that Confirmation of committed Christians (with oil blessed by the Bishop) be administered by the priest as circumstances warrant. **WITHDRAWN**

WEDNESDAY: Human Life

1. *Moved by the Rev. W. Stadnyk*
Seconded by Mr. Leonard Payne
Part 1—that this Synod encourage every parish to foster the development of a loving community within and without the Church, as a service to Jesus Christ and our fellowmen. **WITHDRAWN**
Part 2—to develop community support systems which would provide training and organization of Clergy and Laity to support those in the crisis situations of life (i.e. unwed mothers, mid-life stress, dying, and widowhood). **WITHDRAWN**
2. *Moved by Dr. David Gould*
Seconded by the Rev. Mark Conliffe
Whereas life is created by God and is sacred in His sight. Therefore this Synod affirms the statement on abortion approved by General Synod and further recommends that hospital abortion committees be more representative of the general community by including medical, social, moral, and legal viewpoints. **CARRIED**
3. *Moved by Mr. E. H. Smallwood*
Seconded by Miss Marion Page
That this Synod affirm that the potential of human life begins at conception. **CARRIED**

General resolutions

1. *Moved by Canon T. F. Moore*
Seconded by the Rev. James Turner
That this Synod send greetings and salutations to Her Majesty the Queen in this her Jubilee year assuring her of our love and loyalty. **CARRIED**
2. *Moved by Dr. David Gould*
Seconded by the Rev. D. M. Landon
That the date of the next Diocesan Synod be set back to 1979, if necessary, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. **CARRIED**
3. *Moved by Miss Marian Page*
Seconded by Captain Earl Burke
That this Synod requests that the Advisory Ministry Committee, in consultation with the Bishop, to establish the overall aims of Christian Education in the Diocese of Algoma, and to provide curriculum guidance to achieve these aims. **CARRIED**
4. *Moved by the Rev. Murray Porter*
Seconded by Mr. Dave Bradford
That the Advisory Ministry Committee be requested to encourage and assist the parishes of the Diocese to develop support systems which will provide training and organization of Clergy and Laity to carry out the Ministry of Christ to our fellow man. **CARRIED**

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT SYNOD:

Moved by the Rev. Wm. R. Stadnyk
Seconded by the Rev. E. B. Paterson
"Whereas the decisions about Christian Initiation taken by this Synod are of vital importance to the life of the Church and because we feel that there was some confusion and misunderstanding in the debate, we hereby give notice of motion that we intend to introduce Section I of the House of Bishops Proposal on Christian Initiation (revision of February 10, 1977) at the next Synod and ask that intensive study of Christian Initiation be continued in our Diocese and that full coverage be given to this matter through the pages of the Algoma Anglican and other means deemed advisable."

THE SAULT

Covenant Players visit

On Sunday, May 1, the Heinricha Bornham Unit of the Covenant Players visited the parish of Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie. This unit is one of some fifty-one internationally, and this unit covers the area of Northern Ontario between Kenora and Orillia.

Covenant Players is an international, inter-denominational, repertory theatre company that seeks to serve the Church using drama as a means of communication, and of challenge.

It is a non-profit organization which is dependent upon free-will offerings and the support of individual Churches for their existence.

JUNE 19-25

Special week for the Senior Citizens

Anglican Senior Citizens throughout the Diocese of Algoma will be interested to know that Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services has set aside the week of June 19-25 to honour Ontario's senior citizens. This year, the intent is to recognize the creative accomplishments of these people.

The theme is a continuation of last year, when the focus was upon the involvement of seniors in the field of volunteer service. This year, their ongoing contributions to the cultural heritage of the province is being celebrated.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN wishes to salute all senior citizens throughout the Diocese of Algoma, and expresses thanksgiving especially for the many contributions of these people to the Anglican churches in this area.

LAKEHEAD

Mrs. Sutton a chorister since 1938

A member of the choir in the parish of St. Luke's, Thunder Bay, since 1938, Mrs. Hilda Sutton has retired. The youngest of seven girls, she has sung in church choirs in her native land of England since the age of twelve, and her eldest sister was an organist. Two of her children, Fred and Joan, have followed in their mother's footsteps, and for several years sang in the Junior Choir at St. Luke's. At present, her son, Vic, is completing his third year as People's Warden of St. Luke's.

Even though Hilda has put up her choir gown, she still helps out at special services and on Sundays, her beautiful alto voice can still be heard in the congregation. Hilda told the parish that her favourite hymn is "This is My Father's World".

The parish of St. Luke's has offered its expression of gratitude to Mrs. Sutton for her work over the years "through her songs of praise in the choir".

Bishop delivers "different" charge to Synod '77



Courtesy of the Sault Star

The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, is seen delivering part of his "Charge" to the Theological Synod delegates, who were meeting in Sault Ste. Marie to discuss four major issues. Looking on are Mr. Din Oosterbaan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese, and the Rev. William Stadnyk, a member of the Agenda Committee for this Synod.

assistants the Rural Deans, the Ordinands, our prospective postulants and representatives of our rural clergy, lay stewards, Anglican Church Women and youth delegates. We are, of course, delighted to have our former Diocesan, Archbishop Wright, taking part in our opening Eucharist today, and we welcome the visiting clergy of other Christian Communions.

This Synod will be a Synod with many differences. For one thing, the Bishop's Charge will not be a Charge in the classic sense. In the formation of the agenda the Agenda Committee decided that the Charge should be fractured and presented in sections as an introduction to the various issues to be discussed. In essence, then, the whole Synod will be a Committee on the Bishop's Charge, as the members consider the issues in the light of the introductions and the materials at hand.

Secondly, the organization of Synod will be different. Much time will be spent in groups discussing the issues involved. At the plenary sessions, discussion will centre on the consensus of the groups as well as on any resolutions which have been formulated.

Thirdly, this Synod will be different, because we will have time for reflection and meditation to prepare us for our group meetings and plenary sessions. In this connection I have asked one of our most able priests, the Rev. Father John McCausland, to lead us in five meditations on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fourthly, the content of the Synod will be different. Constitutions, Canons, Auditor's Statements, Elections, Budget Reports, will have no place on the agenda, and after last Synod that should bring a sigh of relief. But this will not mean an easier Synod, for in their place we will be required to discuss and make decisions on such broad issues as *Christian Initiation, Stewardship, Human Life, and Ministry*, and these are much more intangible subjects than Canons and Budgets. Because it is such a Synod greater responsibility than usual has been placed upon the Agenda Committee. In planning for it the

members of the committee have met six times for lengthy periods and have tried to produce a plan which will function satisfactorily. I hope that we will all recognize the contribution they have made in spite of any flaws or imperfections which the Agenda may reveal as it unfolds in practise.

One might well ask what a Synod has to do with such subjects as *Abortion, Death and Dying, Gambling and Lotteries, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, Ministry, Renewal and Church Relations*. Are these not matters best dealt with by theologians and other experts? I would venture to answer no, because their ramifications involve all of us in our expression of the Christian life today, and we have a responsibility in framing that expression. We cannot leave it to others. We cannot 'let George do it'. We need the theologians and the experts to be sure, but that does not absolve us of our responsibility. This fact is skilfully considered in a recent book called *'Christian Life Style'* by Edward Patey, Dean of Liverpool. It is published by Mowbrays and can be ordered from the Anglican Book Centre, 600 Jarvis Street, Toronto. It is a book I urge all members of Synod to own. I quote at some length from his chapter on 'Pilgrimage'.

"The Bible is a book about pilgrims. It is as men are prepared to uproot themselves and move forward into new situations that they come face to face with the living God. Abraham, Moses, Ezekiel, Peter and Paul were men on the move. And it was their readiness to move which enabled them to catch a fresh vision of the purpose of God, both for themselves and for the people among whom they lived. The life style of a Christian is a pilgrimage. Yet too often people in the Churches give the impression of being commuters rather than pilgrims. For whilst pilgrims are ready to move forward into new and unexplored territory the commuter goes backwards and forwards in the same groove, where the scenery is familiar and assured and the unexpected rarely happens."

"Whether we welcome it

or prefer to ignore it all institutions are subject to the process of change. The desire to return to clear cut rules and regulations betrays a wish to by-pass the more demanding style of the teaching of Jesus and to return to those very conditions which St. Paul said Jesus had come to annul. Christianity is not founded on a set of rules, but on obedience to a Person. Jesus left, in teaching, parable, and above all—in example, a series of principles which point to the perfection of life lived on earth 'as it is in heaven'. How precisely those principles could be put into practice He left to the intelligence, conscience and imagination of each succeeding generation, according to the freedom which Christ offers. Many would like to find an easier path to righteousness, but that is not what Jesus promised. We are not called to collect simplistic answers to shallow questions from some kind of moralistic slot machine. We are called to a courageous pilgrimage in which we must make what are often difficult decisions. Those who follow a faith which has as its central tenet a belief in resurrection after death, should expect to belong to a community in which there is a constant dying of outworn concepts and a continual renewal of life and faith."

At this Synod we are challenged to reflect, to meditate, to discuss and make decisions on issues which will have a bearing on our Christian life style today and in the future. During these coming days may the prayer of Solomon be our constant prayer. "Give thy servant an understanding heart." If this is our prayer and if we are open at all times to the leading of the Holy Spirit then whatever differences we may have in our deliberations will be enfolded in an atmosphere of fellowship, love and concern.

"The Charge"
 to be
 continued
 in next month's
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My brothers and sisters in Christ:

I greet you with love and affection in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The memories of our happy Synod of last year are still strong in my mind and I look forward to our second Synod together as one in which, to quote the title of C. S. Lewis' autobiography, we shall be "Surprised by Joy". For doing the Lord's work, even in a Synod, should bring us a deep sense of joy, as it is one of the fruits of the Spirit, and we pray that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

We are deeply indebted to the Rev. I. Johnston, Minister of St. Andrew's United

Church, and the Board for allowing us the full use of their facilities for our Synod once again. Their gracious cooperation is greatly appreciated and is a mark of the close Christian fellowship which exists in our community.

A word or two is perhaps in order about the services at Synod, particularly about those taking part. You may wonder at times what rationale is used in the choice of participants at Synods. Bodies just seem to appear! To resolve this question I, therefore, open to you the deep, perhaps unfathomable, recesses of the mind of the Bishop! For this Synod it was my decision to have as



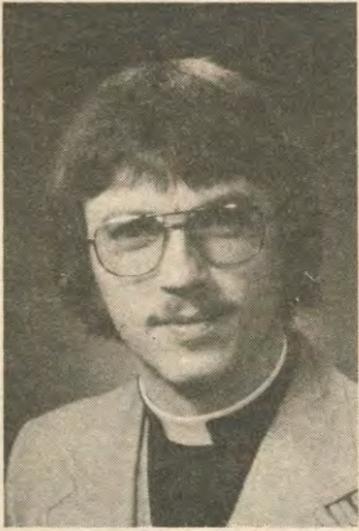
Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

Wives of clergy participate in discussion groups of the Synod

Here are a number of the wives of the clergy who were attending the Theological Synod. They are sitting here in the Visitors' Gallery, but many of them joined in the discussion groups set up by the Synod.

St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay

Four ordinands at Ascension Day service



The Rev. Jerry Smith

The Rev. Jerry Smith was born in Bracebridge in 1951, the oldest of three children in the family. He spent the entire part of his early life and childhood in Gravenhurst (Grades I through XIII). He then went on to study Recreation (the study of man at leisure) at the University of Ottawa, with hopes of becoming a Recreation Specialist.

After two years, he transferred to Huron College,

University of Western Ontario, to finish a degree in Arts (at the recommendation of the Faculty of Theology at Huron).

Fr. Smith married a Fine Arts and English Major, Marjorie Aldom, in the summer of 1973. He met her during his year of Arts at Huron College. The Smiths have two children, and recently Mrs. Smith joined the pages of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN as a regular columnist.

During the summer of 1975, the Smiths spent the summer at the CPR Mission of Biscotasing and Ramsey (both points of the Chapleau charge). In April of 1976, Fr. Smith graduated from Huron College with an M.Div. degree. For a year, Fr. Smith has been the Assistant Curate of Holy Trinity in the Sault, responsible for the Heydeen and Searchmont areas.

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN join in wishing the Rev. Jerry Smith, recently priested at St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay, the very best as he continues his work at Holy Trinity and in Searchmont and Heyden.



The Rev. Frank Gower

The Rev. Frank Gower has been living in the Diocese of Algoma since 1974, but most of that time has been as a theatre manager. Recently, he was ordained to the Diaconate at St. Thomas', Thunder Bay.

Mr. Gower was born in Toronto on January 9, 1936, and is married to Margaret, and they have two children, Michele and Tom.

He was a member of the

parish of St. Mark the Evangelist in Toronto (Parkdale) from 1966-73, and under the direction of the Rector there, the Rev. Dr. C. G. Cotter, he served as Rector's Warden, People's Warden, Treasurer, Server, and Sunday School Superintendent.

The Gowers moved to Burk's Falls in 1974 (February) and joined All Saints' parish, serving under the late Ven. Lloyd S. Hoover. He was appointed summer student assistant at that parish in the summer of 1976, and was the summer student assistant to the Rev. Dalton Woodward, Powassan, in 1977.

He attended Wycliffe College, and graduated in May of 1977.

Mr. Gower was a theatre manager for 24 years, and for four of these was the senior manager for a large Canadian chain of theatres.

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN join in welcoming the Rev. Frank Charles Gower to the parish of St. Luke's Cathedral in the Sault, where he will serve as Assistant Curate.



The Rev. Kenneth Gibbs

People from Algoma at Wycliffe's Convocation

A number of present and former Algoma priests and deacons were involved in Wycliffe College's 100th Spring Convocation held in Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto on Tuesday, May 3, 1977.

Combining a busy parish life with extra-mural studies is not an easy accomplishment, but it can be done. The Rev. Kenneth G. Gibbs has seen his efforts crowned with the awarding of the Licentiate of Theology. Fr. Gibbs is the Rector of the Church of St. Peter the Apostle in Elliot Lake, and graduated with the Diploma of Theology at Wycliffe in 1961.

The Rev. Lawrence Harold Winslow, B.Com., who was made a Deacon at Thunder Bay on May 19, received his Master of Divinity degree from Wycliffe at this memorable Convocation. He was also the recipient of the Major E. A. Hetherington Memorial Scholarship for obtaining the highest average of those in the graduating class. As well, he received the Reading of the Liturgy Prize (donated by the Bishop George Calvert Trust), and the Reading of the Bible Prize (donated by the Canadian Bible Society). (Ed. Note. For a picture and biographical sketch of this new deacon in the Diocese of Algoma, please see story on this page of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.)

The Rev. Roger W. McCombe, on leave from the Diocese of Algoma, and Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, presented at this Convocation for the first time the New Testament Greek Prize, in honor of the Rev. Canon Harold Hesketh. Canon Hesketh is a former priest of the Diocese of Algoma who served at Chapleau. This is to be an annual award.

Mr. Malcolm Mugeridge, a distinguished journalist and Christian layman received a Doctor of Sacred Letters, and was the Convocation speaker.

Wycliffe College was founded in 1877, and this summer graduates from around the world will hold their reunion in Toronto. The guest of honour is the Most Rev. Donald F. Coggan, Archbishop of Canterbury, a former graduate and teacher at Wycliffe College.



The Rev. Lawrence Winslow

Mr. Lawrence Winslow, who was made a Deacon at the Ordination service at St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay, on Thursday, May 19, was born on December 11, 1940 in Toronto, Ontario.

He attended Public School in Toronto until 1953, and High School at Thomas D'arcy McGee, Montreal (Roman Catholic) until he graduated in 1957. Then he

went to Sir George Williams University, Montreal, where he obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree (with a major in Business Administration) in 1961. To that he added a major in accounting in 1964.

From May of 1961 until December of 1973, he worked in the computer business. He obtained an M.Div. degree from Wycliffe College in Toronto in May of 1977.

Mr. Lawrence is a sports fan, whose main sport has been hockey; he played seriously until the end of Junior A in 1961, and has played since that time. He participates in tennis, paddling (racing canoes), skiing (downhill), football, baseball, table tennis, and golf.

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN would like to join St. Thomas', Thunder Bay, where the Rev. Lawrence Winslow has been appointed as Assistant Curate, in welcoming this newly ordained deacon.



The Rev. Russell Nicolle (formerly a Church Army Captain)

The Rev. Russell F. Nicolle is not new to the Diocese of Algoma, as he has been in the Diocese since 1974, but up until this time, he has been known as Captain Russell Nicolle, C.A.

He was born in Rocky

Harbour, Newfoundland, on May 24, 1938. There he attended St. Matthew's Church School and upon graduation, he pursued a business career. In 1962, he joined the Church Army, and upon graduating from Church Army Headquarters, he began a parish ministry in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

In 1966, he began a five-year term with Missions to Seamen in Hamilton and Toronto. In 1971, he went to the Diocese of the Arctic, and joined the staff of the Cathedral there.

Then, in 1974, he was transferred to the Diocese of Algoma and became the Incumbent of the parish of Manitouwadge, and he will continue in this position. He is married, and the Nicolles have two children.

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN join in rejoicing with the parish of Manitouwadge (which includes Marathon) at the ordination to the diaconate of their Incumbent.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parish sends out excellent, newsy publication

To the Editor:

I believe you receive a copy of "The St. John's Lamplighter", the parish publication of the parish of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay.

It is an excellent publication and our Rector, the Rev. H. Morrow, and staff deserve public recognition for the kind of thoughtful, informative articles which we receive month by month.

I hope you or your staff have time to read "The Lamplighter", and will make use of some of the information available to St. John's in Thunder Bay.

Anne Lovekin, Thunder Bay.

(Ed. Note. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN has also noted the

excellence of this parish's publication, and since we like to think of ourselves as a sister publication of the many parish newsletters in the Diocese of Algoma, we

happily commend this venture in St. John's, Thunder Bay. Moreover, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN has frequently printed articles from "The Lamplighter", as recently as

last month's THINGS TO KNOW article about "Church Manners" on page 6A (May edition), and be assured that more will appear in the future.)

Parish Mission at West Thunder Bay

From April 24-28, the parish of West Thunder Bay participated in a "Parish Mission", for which the missionaries were the Rev. Clare Scratch, and Mrs. Suzanne Scratch.

The various sessions each day were held in the several churches that make up the parish—St. Mark's, Rosslyn; St. Mary's, Vickers Heights; St. James, Murillo;

the Church of the Messiah, Kakabeka Falls; and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Slate River. In the afternoons, various meetings were held in the communities which comprise the parish.

Fr. Scratch's themes for each of the evening services were as follows: "God calls us to Repentance and Forgiveness"; "God calls us to

Obedience"; "God calls us to Action"; "God calls us to Love"; and "God calls us to Forget Ourselves".

Fr. and Mrs. Scratch stayed at the Rectory with Fr. and Mrs. Turner during their visit, and had lunch and dinner each day with parishioners. Coffee was served after each of the evening services.

GOOD EXAMPLE

A vicar told his congregation, "Every blade of grass is a sermon." A few days later a parishioner saw him mowing his lawn, "That's right, Father," the man said, "cut your sermons short."

—A parish bulletin

Brother Robert takes SSJE vows

On February 17, 1977, Brother Robert Taylor took his first vows in the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Bracebridge, in a ceremony that was dignified and beautiful. A solemn High Mass was celebrated and the receiving of the vows took place after the singing of the Gospel.

Brother Robert spent two years working at his pottery, living in the Guesthouse at SSJE in Bracebridge, and last year spent some time in Charlottetown ministering to the aged and grappling with academics at the university.

The Community of the SSJE in Bracebridge is happy to have Brother Robert become a part of the



Courtesy of THE LITTLE PAPER
Robert Taylor, SSJE, is seen being presented to the Rev. David Hemming, Superior. At this ceremony, Brother Robert took his first vows.

SSJE family. It was a happy chance that the members of the Windsor Household were able to attend the ceremony.

St. John's, Thunder Bay

Five ladies show devotion to parish

The parish of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay is very proud of a small, energetic, devoted group of women, who have developed an idea into one of the most successful projects in recent years. In the last year and a half, they have raised some \$5,000 selling good used clothing and many other articles in their *Nearly New Shop*, which is open for business in the parish hall the first Friday night of each month (except for the summer months).

In connection with this

project, *The Collectors' Corner* has been set up for the sale of collectable items, such as stamps, coins, china, glass, furniture, silver, etc.

Everything for sale is usually donated, but recently a whole houseful of items was put up for tender and the *Nearly New Shop* won the bid. As a result, the parish hall was filled with everything from a kitchen stove to garden tools. Eager buyers thronged the hall to see what bargains they could find.

On April 15-16, the Col-

lectors' Corner was set up at the Airline Motor Hotel in conjunction with the Antique Dealers of Thunder Bay, in aid of the Lakehead Association for the Mentally Retarded.

The parishioners of St. John's owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the five women who have given so much of their time and effort to their Church. These five women are Pam Sheils, Audrey Grisdale, Elizabeth Whalley, Irene Roy, and Kathy Appelt.

Trinity Church, Parry Sound

Bishop dedicates Memorial Organ

The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, officiated at the service of Confirmation and Dedication in Trinity Church, Parry Sound, on Thursday, April 28. After the dedication of the Trinity Memorial Organ, fifteen candidates were presented for confirmation.

Using Ephesians 5:19 as his text, Bishop Nock remarked on the tremendous beauty of that part of the world, especially in the fall. The grim realities of life tend to make us forget that God is the God of beauty, joy, and happiness. He recalled Paul's words, to ex-

press joy with music. Through music, it is possible to express joy, sorrow, hope, failure, and love for one another. There is good reason to express joy in salvation and redemption. Joy is echoed down through the centuries from mystic plain-song, to negro spirituals and modern music. Some of the finest music is Church music.

Drawing a parallel between the organ and the Church, Bishop Nock noted that the organ is an amazing instrument—each part has an intrinsic value, but the parts must be played to-

gether. As we make a commitment in the Church and join in Christian fellowship, we are reminded that coming to Christ by ourselves is not enough. Each has a value of his or her own, but everyone must play his or her part, as the keys and stops of the organ. All are needed to make the whole.

Bishop Nock expressed his pleasure at being in Parry Sound, and at seeing so many familiar faces. The pleasure Trinity Church had in welcoming him was evident in the numbers who greeted him at the reception following the service.

Holy Trinity, The Sault

Visitor from Company of Ploughhands

On Sunday evening, May 8, the guest preacher at Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie was the Rev. David Mitchell of St. Thomas', Ontario. He is currently involved as Chaplain and founder of the Company of Ploughhands, an interdenominational association of Christians

whose fellowship centres around Jesus Christ, and is expressed by a common commitment to grow in the Christian life.

Each "plough-hand" covenants to follow a monthly programme of Scripture study and personal self-examination designed to crys-

tallize attitudes and characteristics based upon God's revelation to Jesus.

The programme is followed for a year-long "furrow" and the covenant commitment is made to put one's hand "to the plough" for the year without looking back.

The late Benna Fuller

Interment at Shingwauk Cemetery

The interment and a memorial service for the late Miss Benna Fuller (1888-1977), who devoted her life to the work of the Church in this Diocese was held at 2:15 p.m., May 11, the last

day of the Theological Synod.

The interment was held at Shingwauk Cemetery, and the memorial service was held immediately following, at the Bishop Fauquier Me-

morial Chapel, 1544 Queen Street, East.

Flowers in memory of the late Miss Benna Fuller were placed on the Chapel Altar by Miss Ina Hodgins of Thunder Bay.

Around Algoma . . .

Wayne Conboy has become a novice of the SSJE in Bracebridge. Many of his friends from Oshawa, along with his parish priest, attended the ceremony. Brother Norman Newbery has been unanimously elected to the Life Profession of the same society. That ceremony was held on June 12, when Fr. Temple Kingston, Principal of Canterbury College, Windsor, was the preacher. Finally, the SSJE has a new postulant, Peter Townsend. . . . St. Mary's, Vickers Heights (of the parish of West Thunder Bay), held its annual *Strawberry Social and Bake Sale* on May 12. . . . The Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury has been contemplating the idea of taking over Camp Manitou for a parish family camping programme this summer. It would involve about a dozen families, and the cost would be in the neighbourhood of \$100 a family. It would take place in August. The cooking duties would be supplied, and the parishioners could enjoy together "a relaxed unstructured communal week". . . . The Altar Guild of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay held a very successful *Spring Tea* in March. Despite the weather, the hall was filled to capacity. The members decorated the hall in a green motif which was most attractive. President Alma Nicholls and Mrs. Vivian Ellam, Rector's wife, greeted the many guests. The trays were looked after by Mr. Ron Stark, Mr. Brian Price, Mr. Ernie Nicholls, and the Rev. W. Ellam, Rector. . . . A sell-out crowd enjoyed a *St. George's Day Dinner*, April 23, prepared by the members of the ACW at the parish of Trinity Church in Parry Sound. The menu featured traditional dishes such as Roast Beef, Yorkshire pudding, trifle, and mince pie. The proceeds from this evening of fine food and fellowship will help in the purchase of furnishings for the Narthex. . . . Christ Church in Lively held a "Twentieth Century Folk Mass" at its regular Sunday morning service on May 15. . . . More than 100 viewed the film, "Prince Charles and Canterbury Cathedral", during its 2 showings at St. Paul's, Thunder Bay, March 27 and 30. . . . On April 17, 1977, at the three services (9 and 11 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.), the Church of St. Peter the Apostle in Elliot Lake used the New Eucharistic Rite. The comments from the parishioners were mostly favourable. . . . The ACW of the Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury gave \$1,000 to the Church from the monies received at its *Annual Spring Tea* on April 27. . . . 105 teenagers and young adults attended the April 1 *Coffee House* of St. Paul's in Thunder Bay when they saw the unforgettable film, "The Gospel Road", portraying the life of Jesus, with narrations and songs by Johnny Cash. The Gospel rock group, known as "One Open Door" played and sang. Following the film, Ron Farr challenged those present concerning commitment to Christ. . . . Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie has some new white altar hangings, given to the honour and glory of God by the Eliza-Mary Group of the

ACW in honour of Mrs. Ada Jeffrey. They were officially dedicated at the 11 a.m. service on Easter Day. Mrs. Jeffrey is the oldest living member of this congregation. She served on the altar guild and was an active life member of the WA for many years. . . . The Choir of the parish of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay is wearing new choir robes (of an admiral blue shade), which they wore for the first time on Easter Day. These have been made possible through donations of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Miss Louise Taylor, and friends who have given to the memorial fund in memory of Mrs. Lillian Eugenie Taylor, a long-time member of St. John's, whose love was music, and who died on February 4, 1976. . . . Some 180-200 people attended the *Pot Luck Supper*, organized by the Advisory Board members of St. Michael's and All Angels in Thunder Bay. These members also hosted the event. The emphasis was upon fellowship among parish families. . . . The Rev. John McCausland, SSJE, presently the priest-in-charge of Gore Bay, Silverwater, and Kagawong, has written a new book, entitled, *Firmly I Believe*, and it is to be printed by the SSJE in Bracebridge, and sold at a price of \$4.00. . . . The Rectory Garage Fund of the West Thunder Bay parish continues to grow, now at \$1,650.23. . . . "The Story of Peter and Resurrection", narrated by Mrs. Islay Wilkinson, and accompanied by the Choir, replaced the service of Morning Prayer on April 24 at Trinity Church, Parry Sound. So effective was the beautiful narration and musical accompaniment that many listeners felt transported to that time and place. . . . Archdeacon Gilbert Thompson, former rector of St. John's in Copper Cliff, and now retired and living in Elora, was the guest preacher at Christ Church, Lively, on June 12. This was part of that parish's 25th Anniversary celebration. . . . The Rev. Dr. Charles Ripley and the Rev. Gordon Phillips both of whom are Anglican priests in Thunder Bay assisted in the Easter Day Eucharists at St. Paul's Church in that city. . . . A group called "Sunshine" assisted in the worship service at St. John's in Thunder Bay on Sunday, April 17. It is an ecumenical group of musicians and choristers comprised of children from Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and United Church backgrounds, under the direction of Mrs. Guy Laliberte. . . . Another Canadian College of Preachers was held in Thunder Bay from April 18-22. Some 16 Anglican priests and Church Army Captains from the Dioceses of Algoma, Moosonee, and Keewatin met under the direction of the Rt. Rev. G. B. Snell (retired bishop of Toronto), Canon W. Sewell (Hamilton), and the Rev. Paul Gibson (Church House, Toronto) for worship, lectures, and practice preaching. . . . St. John's in Thunder Bay held a "3-in-1" Sale on May 28, for its "Nearly New", "Collectors' Corner", and "Garage Sale" with items of every kind to be sold.