

## Historic moment as first woman ordained in Algoma

On May 2nd, at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury, the Right Reverend Leslie Peterson, Bishop of Algoma, will ordain three persons to the Diaconate. It will be a particularly significant event in that one of the ordinands is Susan DeGruchy. She will become the first woman to be ordained in Algoma.

Bishop Peterson acknowledges that the ordination of a woman for the first time in this diocese, is an event of some note, and indeed, controversy. "However, there will be four Deacons ordained for Algoma this Spring," he said, "and I am proud of each one of them. I do not want the fact that one of them happens to be a woman to overshadow the significance of the event for any individual."

Bishop Peterson has explained that the decision to ordain a woman was not one he took lightly. "Algoma is part of the Canadian Church, which has made a decision on the subject of the ordination of women. I knew this when I was elected Bishop.

"When Bishop Nock told me that one of the theology students we were sponsoring was a woman, I knew that I

would have a decision to make. I went to Toronto to see Susan and we talked for several hours. When I came away, I knew she was the type of person I would be happy to have in Algoma."

Bishop Peterson has said that he is aware that some priests and lay people in the Diocese are disturbed about his decision to ordain a woman. "I think, however, I have made the right choice," he said. "Although I am ordaining Susan as a Deacon, the expectation must be that she will be priested in a year's time."

The Bishop said that there seems to be a problem of communication in the diocese concerning what led to the ordination. "This is unfortunate," he said, "as no one ought to be ordained in an atmosphere of controversy."

Bishop Peterson points out that the Algoma Synod, in 1976, approved in principle, the ordination of women. In 1979, the Synod was asked by Bishop Nock, who was "testing the water," if the time was right to implement the 1976 motion. The Synod response was in effect, "not at this time."

"Nevertheless," said

Bishop Peterson, "Bishop Nock did not consider this as rescinding the original motion and neither do I.

"Some people feel that the ordination of women is in contravention of Article 6 of the Articles of Religion," the Bishop said. "But I can find nothing in my actions that is contrary to Scripture.

"I know that this change in the tradition of the Church continues to be a difficult one for some Anglicans to accept. That is why, I think, the 'conscience clause' was included in the original motion of the General Synod. I do feel, however, that all people of the Church have to deal with this matter in charity. I

know that Susan DeGruchy will be welcomed in Algoma and I am looking forward to having her here."

Susan DeGruchy came from Toronto to Sudbury several years ago to practise law. She immediately became associated with the Church of the Epiphany and was involved over the years in many of their activities and organizations.

According to the Venerable Eric Paterson, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, who, along with his wife, developed a close friendship with Miss DeGruchy, Susan had felt a calling to the priesthood since childhood. "That is a difficult thing for a woman to deal with," he said, "and even after she began practising law, Susan realized that she would have to come to grips with what she believed was her vocation."

Archdeacon Paterson admits that he was not always in favour of the ordination of women. "In fact," he said, "I voted against it in 1976.

"However, Susan is not by any means a militant. She is a very sensitive and sensible lady. Her approach, her attitude and her theology were really the determining factors in my own change of mind."

Archdeacon Paterson recalls one anecdote which, while not recorded verbatim, explains why he came to accept the ordination of women and also sheds some light on the personality of Susan DeGruchy.

"I was more or less teasing Susan one day," he said. "So you want to be a priestess," I asked her. She told me she had no intention of being a priestess. She told me that the Priesthood was in Christ and she would simply exercise it on behalf of Him and on behalf of His people.

"In other words," said Archdeacon Paterson, "she was saying, 'It is not my Priesthood, but Christ's.' I then realized that as I must submerge my personality every time I stand before the altar, so could she submerge her sexuality. That ended the problem, for me," he said.

Archdeacon Paterson said that he is delighted that Susan DeGruchy will be among the candidates to be ordained at the Church of the Epiphany next month. "This parish helped to support Susan when she was studying," he said. "She is very dear to us. She has fallen in love with Algoma and with Northern Ontario and I know she will be a great asset."

## Four ordained as Deacons

This spring four Deacons will be ordained by Bishop Leslie Peterson for work in the Diocese of Algoma.

On March 18th the Bishop travelled to Saskatoon where in St. Chad's Chapel at Emmanuel College he ordained Mark Moot. Mr. Moot will join the staff of St. Stephen's Church in Thunder Bay. His wife, Leona, and sons, Garth and Paul, will follow at the end of the school year.

Three will be admitted as Deacons in a service at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2nd.

Clifford Dee is a graduate of Wycliffe College, Toronto. He is unmarried. Mr. Dee spent two summers in the Diocese, working on the C.P.R. Mission. He has been appointed Incumbent of Wawa and Hawk Junction under the supervision of the Rector of St. John's Church, Chapleau.

Morley Clark is a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto. Prior to studying for the ministry he ran a successful business in Hamilton. Mr. Clark has been appointed Incumbent of Trinity Church, Marathon. He will be joined by his wife of 30 years, Margaret, and their teenage daughters. Their sons will continue the family business in Hamilton.

Susan M. DeGruchy is a graduate of Huron College, London. She formerly practised law in Sudbury and attended the Church of the Epiphany. Miss DeGruchy has been appointed Curate of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Thunder Bay.

## Diocesan Executive Committee met in February at Sudbury

By the Venerable William A. Graham

The following are highlights from the third meeting of the Executive Committee, held at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury on February 24th and 25th, under the chairmanship of the Bishop, the Right Reverend Leslie E. Peterson.

The meeting was opened with prayer. Regrets from those unable to attend were noted. Norman Greene, Algoma Director of A.I.M., and the Reverend R. Duncan, chairman of the Social Action committee and Diocesan representative of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, were introduced as guests.

The agenda was accepted, followed by the acceptance of the minutes of the October meeting and business arising therefrom. The correspondence read included a letter from Archbishop Garnsworthy concerning the visit to Toronto of Pope John Paul, who will attend an Ecumenical Service at St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street, on Friday, September 14th. Also a letter was received from Archbishop Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, inviting Bishop Peterson to the next Lambeth Conference, which will take place in 1988.

At the service of Mattins and Eucharist on Friday, February 25th, the Bishop installed the Venerable Ross Kreager as Archdeacon of Temiskaming. After an excellent breakfast the meeting reconvened, when the Treasurer of the Diocese, Din Osterbaan, presented his statement. He told the meeting that over \$22,000 had been donated to help ease the Diocesan deficit,

and the actual deficit for 1983 was \$10,552.96 — much less than the original forecast.

Concern was expressed about *The Algoma Anglican* and Mr. Osterbaan noted that donations had been made in response to the appeals by the Bishop and by the Editor, to help keep the paper in circulation. A motion was made that all monies sent in for *The Algoma Anglican* be kept for that purpose, even if they exceed the amount budgeted.

After lunch, the Reverend R. Duncan showed slides taken on a visit to Central America under the auspices of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, showing the poverty

and primitive conditions under which most of the people are forced to live. He is willing to come to any Parish which is interested in seeing these slides.

Norman Greene gave an update on Anglicans in Mission. Reports of the Advisory Committee were given. New business discussed included a report on the Diaconate by Dr. D. Gould. There was a discussion on Parish realignment in certain Deaneries, and, of course, many property matters.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for June 21st and 22nd, to be held at Coppercliff. The meeting closed with prayer at 5:45 p.m.

## Come to Camp Temiskaming!

The Camp Committee is preparing for another season of activity at Camp Temiskaming. The Camp, run by Temiskaming Deanery, is situated on Fairy Lake, 12 miles west of New Liskeard.

The season begins with a work weekend, June 8th, 9th, and 10th, to prepare the Camp for operation. Then comes Counsellor's Camp, which runs from June 24th to 30th, for boys and girls 14 and up. Next, Junior Boys (8 to 10), from July 1st to 7th; Junior Girls (8 to 10) from July 8th to 14th; Senior Girls (11 to 13) from July 15th to 21st, ending with Senior Boys, (11 to 13) from July 22nd to 28th.

The camping activities include swimming, canoeing, crafts, nature study, singing, sports, religious instruction — and fun! While the program is Anglican-oriented, children of any denomination, or none, are always

welcome.

If you are interested, please contact your local Anglican Church. Camp Registrar is Fr. Frank Gower, P.O. Box 8, New Liskeard, Ontario, P0J 1P0, phone: 647-4073.

## S.S.J.E. soon to leave Canada

Just before going to press *The Algoma Anglican* received from the Reverend Frere Kennedy, Father Superior of the Canadian congregation of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, the following announcement, which states that the remaining members of the Society in Canada will merge with the American congregation at Cambridge, near Boston, Massachusetts. The Fathers and Brothers of the S.S.J.E. closed their Bracebridge Mission House after more than 50 years in Algoma Diocese at Easter, 1983, and moved to a residence at Hamilton. Father Kennedy's announcement explains the position:

"Following consultations with the Visitor of the Society, Bishop Timothy Matthews, and with Bishop John Bothwell, Bishop of Niagara, in whose diocese the Society has been located since Easter of last year, and following recent conversations between the Superior of the American Congregation,

S.S.J.E., and the Superior of the Canadian Congregation, S.S.J.E., and after much prayer and reflection, the Chapter of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Canada made the decision on February 5th last, for purposes of formation and further development and training, to withdraw from its Canadian base for the present and to merge with the American Congregation at an early date.

"The intention is in mind, if it appears to be God's will, three years or more from now, of the merged congregation then opening a priory in Canada, later to become, as may seem appropriate, a separate congregation. This long-distance plan is being carefully worked out so that arrangements will be made from a position of strength.

"Recently, the novice in the Canadian S.S.J.E., and one member in junior vows made the decision to leave the order. There will be three members, who, under

the plan will become part of the merged congregation in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a fourth member hopes to be on temporary leave of absence from the American congregation to continue pastoral work in the Diocese of Niagara. The associates of the Canadian S.S.J.E. will be kept informed of the work and ministry of the merged congregation and will be placed on the mailing list of that congregation.

"Requests from Canadian parishes for parish missions, retreats and quiet days can be directed to the Society of St. John the Evangelist, 980 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A., 02138. Persons in Canada interested in inquiring about becoming postulants in the Society may also write to this address. The Society asks for the continued prayers of its friends and associates as it moves forward in plans which, it is firmly felt, will build for a stronger Society in the future."

## Algoma Night in Huron

On Friday, February 10th, Bishop and Mrs. Nock welcomed young people from Algoma to their rectory in Arva. Sixteen sat down to dinner, followed by an evening of games and chatter.

Among those present were: from Sault Ste. Marie, Ted McKinney, Mary Roberts, Bonita Collette, Penelope Johnson, Rosemary Peeling; from Sudbury, Susan DeGruchy and Perry Chiupka (and friend Susan LeClair); from North Bay, Tom and Shirley Cunningham — all students at Huron College and University of Western Ontario. Also present were: Mrs. Pat

Crawford (U.W.O. student) and daughter, Marianne, and Philip Burfoot, all former residents of Sault Ste. Marie, and Mr. John Wood, one time organist of St. Luke's Cathedral in the Sault. Ed Swayze, of Thunder Bay, and Laura Gasparetto, of Sault Ste. Marie, were unable to attend. Tom Little, of the Sudbury area, could not be contacted in time.

These are the Algoma-ites known to the Nocks in the general London, Ontario, vicinity. Bishop Nock writes, "If there are others from Algoma, please let us know, so that we can keep in contact with them."



ORDER OF ST. LUKE CONFERENCE: At the Order of St. Luke conference held in Thunder Bay the guest speaker was Dr. Helen Reesor, shown at the right, with Mrs. Dona Toohey, conference convener. (Article on page 3)

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## Letter from the Bishop —

### Passiontide/Easter is Prime Time in the Church

Every member of the Church is called to again visit Calvary and see the extent of our Lord's Love for human beings like us. The Cross is the meeting-place for all people and God. The atrocity — the filth — the pride — the greed — the frivolousness of man, meets the love — the generosity — the mercy — the patience of God.

The time you and I spend this Passiontide in our parish Church listening to scripture readings about Jesus, or singing hymns of the Passion, or meditating in silent prayer before Him, are a sign of our love for Him, in a world that despises His truth and recklessly overthrows His commandments.

The real joy, however, comes on Easter morning when we share with Christians everywhere, the resounding Alleluia that Christ is Risen indeed. Sin has been conquered — Satan has been routed — Death has been overcome — Jesus Christ sits upon the throne.

The days before Easter are so precious to the development of depth in our spirituality. It is good again and again to be reminded how much we owe to Jesus for our life and health — mark your calendar now and plan to be there with the members of the Christian Community and grow in Christ's presence.

May Passiontide be meaningful and costly as you die a little with Jesus — may Easter be glorious as you partake of His Resurrection Power.

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## The Bishop's Itinerary

April 1st—9:30 a.m., Christ Church and St. Peter's, Sault Ste. Marie; Confirmation.  
April 1st—7:00 p.m., St. Luke's Cathedral, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 2nd—7:30 p.m., St. John's Sault Ste. Marie; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 3rd—7:30 p.m., St. John's, Garden River; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 6th—10:30 a.m., Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission.  
April 8th—11:00 a.m., St. John's, Copper Cliff; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 8th—7:30 p.m., Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 9th—7:30 p.m., St. George's, Minnow Lake; Confirmation.  
April 10th—7:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, Sudbury; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 11th—7:30 p.m., Church of the Ascension, Sudbury; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 12th—7:30 p.m., St. Alban's Capreol; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 15th—11:00 a.m., All Saints', Onaping; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 15th—7:30 p.m., Christ Church, Lively; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 16th—7:30 p.m., St. George's, Espanola; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
April 20th (GOOD FRIDAY)—Three Hour Service — St. Luke's Cathedral; Sault Ste. Marie.  
April 21st (EASTER EVE)—7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie, Confirmation and Easter Blessing.  
April 22nd (EASTER DAY)—St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie.  
April 26—Convocation, Huron College (to accept Degree of Divinity).  
April 27th—Englehart—Girls' Auxiliary (Diocesan Annual).  
April 28th—Englehart—Girls' Auxiliary (Diocesan Annual).  
April 29th—Englehart—Girls' Auxiliary (Diocesan Annual).  
April 30th—Ontario House of Bishops.  
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May 1st—Provincial Executive, Mississauga.  
May 2nd—Ordination to the Diaconate, 7:30 p.m., Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury.  
May 4th—10:30 a.m., Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission.  
May 6th—10:00 a.m., St. Michael's, Thunder Bay; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
May 6th—2:30 p.m., St. Stephen's, Thunder Bay; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
May 6th—7:00 p.m., St. John's, Thunder Bay; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
May 7th—7:30 p.m., St. Paul's, Thunder Bay; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
May 8th—Quiet Morning—Deanery Clergy.  
May 8th—7:30 p.m., St. George's, Thunder Bay; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
May 9th—7:30 p.m., St. Luke's, Thunder Bay; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
May 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th—Men's Cursillo, Sault Ste. Marie.  
May 14th, 15th, 16th—ACW Diocesan Annual, Huntsville.  
May 17th—7:30 p.m., St. Paul's, Sundridge, Confirmation.  
May 20th—11:00 a.m., St. Thomas' with West Thunder Bay; Confirmation.  
May 23rd, 24th—7:30 p.m., Advisory A.I.M. Committee, Sudbury.  
May 27th—11:00 a.m., St. Brice's, North Bay; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
May 27th—7:30 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls; Holy Eucharist.  
May 28th—9:00 a.m., St. Brice's, North Bay; Quiet Day (Clergy).  
May 28th—7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Powassan; Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.  
May 29th, 30th, 31st—Huron College, London (Consultation on Theological Education).

## EDITORIAL

### Ordination of Women

An historic event for the Diocese of Algoma, will take place at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury next month. Like many historic events it may not be without controversy.

The issue of the ordination of women in the Church is one that has been debated for years. It has been divisive in nature and there is danger that this divisiveness could now creep into Algoma. It would be very unfortunate if this were to happen.

When Bishop Peterson ordains Susan DeGruchy next month, he will be putting into effect a motion that was passed by the Algoma Synod in 1976. The decision to do this was a courageous one and one which the Bishop himself says did not come easily.

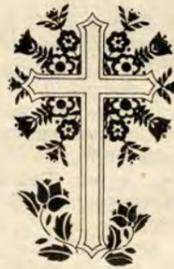
It is understandable that some priests and lay people in Algoma will find the Bishop's decision not easy to accept. However, the decision has been made, in the best interest of the Church, based on theology, common sense, the will of the Diocese and the Canadian Church.

Often, especially in the Anglican Church, when change is contemplated, many of us wish that the issue would simply go away. Some issues cannot be ignored, and the right, indeed the responsibility, of women to play a complete role in the Church is one of them.

It is likely that, within a year, Algoma will have in its midst a woman priest. The fact that this person is a highly qualified and deeply dedicated theologian may be of little comfort to those who are fundamentally opposed to the ordination of women.

It is to be hoped, however, that Bishop Peterson's call for charity and compassion on this issue will be heeded. Although our land mass is large, the Diocesan family is small. We should embark on this new step in our Church life, if not fully in agreement, united in understanding and in acceptance of the will of our Bishop.

Our prayers, our support and our good wishes are important, not only to Susan DeGruchy but to the other ordinands, Mark Moot, Clifford Dee and Morley Clark. — (H.K.N.M.)



## The Church: Do you need it?

By the Reverend  
W. G. Dobinson,  
Little Current

The Church is the praising worshipping community of believers throughout the world who gather week by week to offer their prayers of thanksgiving, intercession and petition to Almighty God. The Church proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ: the good news that God loves all men and offers to all the joy of His presence in this world and in the next. This is the meaning of heaven or eternal life: living in God's gracious presence in this world and after death, moving into His complete presence.

My concern is that more and more people use the Church as simply a place to have their children baptized and confirmed, be married and finally be buried. In between these milestones of life, many do not darken the Church door. This is a fact and is true for every denomination in Canada. We must be terribly honest: a

## Announcements . . .

The Reverend Murray Bradford has been forced to leave St. Stephen's, Thunder Bay, due to illness.

Morley A. Clark, L. Th., has been appointed Incumbent of Trinity Church, Marathon. Morley is to be Ordained Deacon on May 2nd, 1984, in Sudbury.

On May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, there is to be an Ordination to the Diaconate, of the following people:

Morley A. Clark, L. Th. (Trinity)

Clifford J. Dee, B.A., M.Div. (Wycliffe)

Susan M. De Gruchy, B.A., LL.B., M.Div. (Huron)

The Ordination Retreat will be held at Thorneloe College, and will be conducted by Dr. F. Peake, on Monday and Tuesday, April 30th and May 1st.

Susan De Gruchy is appointed to St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Thunder Bay, as Assistant Curate, as of May 1st, 1984, and will be under the direction of the Reverend Canon M. S. Conliffe.

Clifford Dee will be appointed to a parish very shortly.

David C. Donevan (Wycliffe) has been appointed to St. Christopher's Church, McGregor Bay, for Summer Student Ministry.

## The Apostolic Ministry

By Canon John G. McCausland, S.S.J.E.

In the last few months, we have been thinking about the "planks" which make up the external structure of the Church. The basis of the structure is the Scripture. Scripture is proclaimed and explained by the Creeds. We are united to Jesus Christ through the Sacraments. The fourth "plank" concerns ministry. In the history of the Church, all the planks have caused division and controversy. Some Christians believe that religion is entirely "spiritual" and, therefore, no structure is necessary. The Anglican Church (Article XIX—page 706) believes in a visible Church. Of course we must really practise our Faith: most of the problems in the Church have come from a surface or insincere acceptance of these planks.

One of the most encouraging features of modern Christianity is the real and continued attempt to discover the nature of the Ministry in New Testament and second century times. The first Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles shows us how the New Testament Church acted to continue the Ministry of the Apostles. The "Apostle" must have been with the company of the Disciples from our Lord's Baptism until His Ascension; he must also have been a witness of the Resurrection. There was no New Testament so the witness of the Apostles was a necessity. Anglicans, in general, believe that our Bishops have this Ministry. In the letters of Timothy and Titus, we discover the beginning of a more local Ministry, without the responsibility of the "care of all the churches" which St. Paul had. (2 Cor. 11:28). To meet new problems (Acts 6:1-6) the Apostles ordained "The Seven." It is to be noted that the New Testament Church was conscious of acting under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By the year A.D. 150, i.e. about sixty years after the death of St. John the Evangelist, a ministry of three Orders was normal in the Greek-speaking Church.

Of course their duties would not be as well defined as we have made them today. The Apostles were given their ministry of Word and Sacrament by our Lord. They could hand this on, but NOT the fact that they were personal witnesses of the Resurrection. When something more local was needed, Timothy and Titus (and Others) were given the authority and the grace. Assisting the Apostles and Timothy and Titus were the successors of "The Seven" who began to be called Deacons.

Next month, we will try to take the four planks and apply them to the Solemn Declaration (page viii, Prayer Book) and Constitution of the Anglican Church of Canada. We will also try to see what developments have occurred which might modify or enrich the structural basis of our Church.

Church and it is as though one removed the heart, the conscience of people. It serves as a constant reminder of God's love, His standards and His offer of the new life. Secondly, the Church is the instrument whereby the Gospel of Jesus Christ is spread to man from one generation to another. Each time I baptize a baby or adult, I pray that they and those who bring them to be baptized, will grow up strong and true soldiers of Christ and that the service has not been a ritual soon to be forgotten.

The Church, as the praising thankful people of God, dedicated to Christ and living in His presence, is the only fitting response to the love of God in Christ Jesus, "the man for others." Does the world need the Church? Do you need the church and its message? Think about it. You, too, through God's grace, can be a man or woman for others, living a God-centered life, in this world and the next.

BOOK REVIEW —

**A model for wholeness in Ministry**

"The Gift that is in You" — Barry Valentine; published by Anglican Book Centre, Toronto; 94 pp. \$5.95.

Reviewed by the Reverend Canon D. N. Mitchell

"Our gifts come from God, but the discerning of them belongs to the Church," states the former Bishop of Rupert's Land in the Introduction to his book which in six short chapters shows a keen discernment of the ministry of the Church and how clergy and laity should work together in fulfilling it; for he says that thinking of one person as "the" minister "is one of the worst blights on the Church."

He first considers the gifts of Preaching and Teaching; regarding preaching as sacramental, to be done only by persons trained and authorized by the Church; however, he suggests a strategy of preaching in which others may be involved. Sometimes we have wished that a discussion period could follow a sermon; the Bishop suggests a group to work with the pastor in the selection of sermon topics and he envisions a teaching program not only for the young, but which

helps people at all stages of life "to enter anew into the faith, history, mission, worship and organization of the Church."

After Teaching the great responsibility of the Church is to use the gifts of Outreach and Evangelism, both within and beyond the parish boundaries, a task which calls for truly committed Christians who are themselves evangelized and see these not as separate, but inter-related ministries.

The varied duties of Administration, which he calls the "underpinning" of the parish, are described as an area of stewardship in which many gifts are required, ranging from the worship services to proper bookkeeping. In a chapter on Spirituality Bishop Valentine examines the kinds of prayer, Bible reading and Study groups, value of parish retreats and other disciplines. Under the subject of Pastoral Care he deals with sensitive situations which often arise, the ministry to the development of persons who are brought into touch with the Church, and reminds us that "we are not members in a club but living members of a body, the Church, the Body of

Christ."

When so many variations from the Prayer Book services are taking place the concluding chapter about Worship deserves careful thought; yet the book is remarkable not only for what it says, but for what is not said. The author provides no patent answers; but direction is offered to help parishes to think out the way together. Questions are listed after each chapter to stimulate discussion and quicken thinking.

This book can be an excellent source for parish study, pointing the way towards a greater sharing in the whole ministry of the Church. We close with a reference to a statement in the final chapter where the Bishop stresses that ministry to "un-churched" people in events as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals can be an opportunity for evangelism — "people are open to loving and teaching in a way that may never be available again." This gentle note of urgency underlines the importance of the author's message, which is based on St. Paul's word to Timothy: "Do not neglect the gift that is in you."

**Fr. Delaney inducted as new Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie**

The Reverend Timothy J. Delaney was formally inducted as the fourth Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, on Wednesday, January 18th.

In the service Father Delaney was accompanied in the processional by Archdeacon F. R. Coyle, who conducted the service as the representative of Bishop Leslie Peterson.

The Archdeacon read aloud the Mandate of Induction, a document formally appointing Father Delaney as Rector of St. Matthew's. This was followed by prayers and the signing of the Declaration and Oaths, at which time Rector's Warden, Jack Denny, and People's Warden, Fenn Hankinson, stepped forward to welcome their new Rector to the Parish and present him with the keys of the Church.

In a deeply impressive ritual Father Delaney was led to the Baptismal font, the prayer desk, the lectern, the pulpit and the altar. At each place one of the visiting Clergy read a statement encouraging the new Rector to care, lead and tend to the needs of the people. The Archdeacon then addressed an Admonition to the congregation to pray for and support their new Pastor.

The combined choirs (youth and adult) under the direction of choir directors Gordon and Sandra Root then sang the anthem, "Lead me, Lord," as Father Delaney was vested before the altar by the Archdeacon for the celebration of Holy Communion which followed. The congregation was treated to a moving sermon by guest preacher the Reverend Canon Harry Morrow. Canon Morrow was the first Rector of St. Matthew's and recently retired from St. John's, Thunder Bay, where he and Father Delaney shared a close relationship serving in the same Deanery. As a friend and fellow clergyman, Canon Morrow welcomed the new Pastor into the local Anglican community and imparted a few words of advice drawn from his many years as a Minister.



**RECTOR INDUCTED:** The new Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie is the Reverend T. J. Delaney, shown above with the Wardens Fenn Hankinson (at left) and Jack Denny, at the time of Father Delaney's Induction. Prior to coming to St. Matthew's, Father Delaney was Rector of St. John's, Schreiber.

Hawley, of the neighboring Emmanuel United Church, extended greetings and welcome to the New Rector on behalf of the local Christian community.

Following the service the Parish A.C.W. hosted a reception in the Church Hall, giving the congregation an opportunity to congratulate the new Rector and his wife, Marge, and to welcome the visiting Clergy.

Rector's Warden, Jack Denny, took the opportunity to say a few words welcoming Father Delaney

to St. Matthew's, and presented him with a large set of keys to serve as a reminder of this momentous occasion. He also made a presentation to Canon Morrow on behalf of the Parish as a token of appreciation for the dedicated manner in which he served St. Matthew's as interim rector for three months prior to Father Delaney's appointment. The fellowship shared at the reception provided a suitable completion to a memorable occasion in the life of St. Matthew's.

**Advisory Ministry Committee studies Baptism**

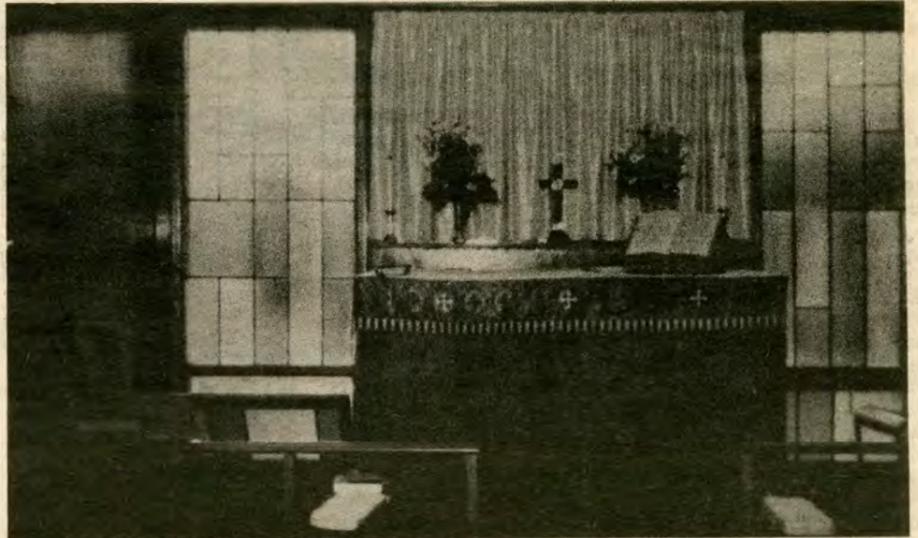
The Bishop has challenged the Advisory Ministry Committee to look at baptism and what it means in the context of the total ministry of the church. Baptism gives us our identity as people of God, and initiates us into a relationship with Jesus Christ as head of His Church. Every baptized Christian has a ministry and shares the work of the church under the leadership of the bishop, priests and deacons.

In response to this challenge, the committee is exploring ways to help people to discover their ministry and enable them to exercise it. The members have had to examine their own beliefs and struggle with the questions to come to a consensus.

It was agreed that there is a need for sound teaching, and one approach is to develop preparation programs for baptism that are flexible enough to be used in various parish situations and structures. This task has begun with different parishes developing a format suitable for their situation.

As well as spending time on this project, one of the ministries being defined is that of youth ministry; a pilot project is in the planning stage.

The Advisory Ministry Committee is aware that many people in the diocese are also rising to the challenge of rediscovering the meaning of baptism and its importance. The commit-



**MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR ALTAR:** This view of the altar in the Church of St. Michael and All Angels at Azilda shows the Cross, candlesticks and flower vases which are a memorial to Sandy MacNeil, one of the founders of the Church, who passed away last year.



**MEMBERS OF MacNEILL FAMILY:** This picture, in St. Michael's Church, Azilda, shows the Reverend Ken Oastler with members of the Sandy MacNeill family, from the left, Sheila Boileau (daughter), granddaughter Micheline Boileau, Mrs. Sandy MacNeill and grandson, Dan Boileau.

**Furnishings of Altar at Azilda Church in memory of one of the founders**

In the Church of St. Michael and All Angels at Azilda, in Sudbury Deanery, the furnishings of the altar are a memorial to Sandy MacNeill, who was one of the founders of this attractive church. Sandy MacNeill passed from this life on April 23rd, 1983.

After his death, his wife, Emma MacNeill, had a memorial fund from which it

was possible to acquire the brass Cross, candlesticks and flower vases. Each of the matching pieces was engraved with the words, "To the glory of God in loving memory of Sandy MacNeill, April 23rd, 1983."

Mrs. MacNeill is the former Emma Nitzke. She and Sandy MacNeill were married in the Church of the Epiphany on April 29th, 1937, by the

late Reverend P. F. Bull. In their family are daughters, Sheila Boileau, of Hamner, and Margaret (Peggy) Peever and son, Fred MacNeill, of Heyden.

The memorial gifts for the church altar were dedicated on September 11th, 1983, the Sunday nearest September 12th, which would have been Sandy MacNeill's 72nd birthday.

**Conference on Christian Healing at Thunder Bay**

The Thunder Bay Chapter, Order of St. Luke, hosted a conference on Christian Healing February 18th and 19th at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Chaplain of the Order is the Reverend Canon D. A. P. Smith. The program commenced with the Holy Eucharist at 8:00 p.m.

Approximately 120 people from the city and region participated.

The purpose of the Order of St. Luke is to promote the ministry of healing through prayer, sacraments, medicine and pastoral care. The Order is interdenominational and international, and endeavours to hold a Healing Conference annually in every major centre.

The keynote speaker at the

Thunder Bay Conference was Dr. Helen Reesor from Waterloo, Ontario. Dr. Reesor is a faculty member of the department of Family Medicine at the University of Western Ontario and practices medicine in Waterloo. She is a charter member of the Kitchener-Waterloo chapter of the Order of St. Luke, and was appointed a missionary of the Order in June, 1983.

Dr. Reesor spoke on "The Scriptural Basis for the Healing Ministry" and on the characteristics and priorities of "A People Worthy to Serve." The talks were followed by small discussion groups under the

direction of the Reverend Michael Lawson, Rector of the Parish of West Thunder Bay. Dr. Reesor also spoke in St. Paul's at the Sunday morning Eucharists, and the Conference closed with a Healing Service on the Sunday evening when the Reverend Garth Clifford of Atikokan, was the preacher. Father Clifford is the Warden, Ministry of Healing, for the Diocese of Keewatin.

The Conference was convened by Mrs. Dona Toohey, assisted by members of the Thunder Bay Chapter. The local Chaplain of the Order is the Reverend Canon D. A. P. Smith, Rector of St. Paul's.

The church cottage at Christ Church, Ilfracombe, is available for the months of July and August, 1984. The three-bedroom cottage is supplied with running water, furnishings (but not bedding) and is suitable for a family. It is situated on the shores of Buck Lake near Huntsville. The use of the cottage is given in return for two services each Sunday at historic Christ Church, Ilfracombe. Interested clergy should write to Canon G. W. Sutherland, Box 248, Huntsville, Ontario, P0A 1K0.

**Mission matters**

INDIA: Drinking water has been provided for nearly 200,000 people in 258 communities through the Church of South India drought relief program. Fifteen dioceses have added a percentage of local funds and also supplied voluntary labour by people in the communities, for digging and deepening wells. Madras diocese exceeded its target of 200 wells, and also distributed wheat as food-for-work in the program.

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## — Around Algoma —

The bulletin of Christ Church, Lively, records the retirement of the Church organist: "After thousands of hymns, hundreds of Church services and countless choir practices, our organist Edith Johnson has retired. The congregation has enjoyed the leadership which Edith has provided. The choir and servers will miss her fellowship that was shared in the choir room before and after the services. We hope that Edith enjoys retirement and we want her to know that she is missed. Take care, Edith. You're important in the parish." The Reverend Robert T. Flowers is Rector of Christ Church.

Members of the Men's Club of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Sault Ste. Marie, entertained members of the Parish at a pre-Lenten party on Shrove Tuesday, March 6th. A service of Evening Prayer was conducted at 6:00 p.m. by Archdeacon Frank Coyle, then everyone proceeded to the Memorial Hall for a roast beef dinner. Chef Fred Boileay was assisted in serving the delicious meal by members of the Men's Club. The Girls' Auxiliary, with their leader, Barbara Sherwood, did the clean-up operation. Various games were enjoyed during the evening. At St. John's services are being held Wednesday mornings and evenings during Lent.

The officially designated Lenten study for 1984 has been on the subject of Evangelism. At the Algoma Deanery Meeting, held in Thessalon, Fr. Tim Delaney and Fr. Doug Stanley made a presentation of Evangelism, under the headings, "Who, What, When, Where, How and Why?"

At Holy Trinity Church, Sault Ste. Marie, on February 5th the guest preacher was Elizabeth Ferguson. She is the founder and director of "Adoption Accepted," an organization dedicated to helping with adoption-associated stresses and problems. She is the wife of the Reverend William Ferguson, Rector of the Church of the Nativity in Scarborough, and with her husband has represented the Anglican Church of Canada on a world-wide level in a joint venture in mission called "Sharing of Ministries Abroad" (S.O.M.A.).

The congratulations of their many friends go to the members of the senior and junior choirs and the handbell choir, and their directors, of St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay, who entered the Lakehead Musical Festival competitions and were awarded first place. We were pleased to receive this information from Archdeacon Haddon, Rector of the Church.

One of the events of the winter for a group from Holy Trinity Church, Sault Ste. Marie, was the "Winter Ski" week-end at the property of Dorothy and Ron Richards on Batchewana Bay, February 24th to 26th.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the building of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Thunder Bay, and the 50th anniversary of the pipe organ, a special series of Sunday afternoon music recitals is being held during Lent. The church choir, organist, solists and instrumentalists are taking part, as well as guest musicians. At the final recital on Palm Sunday the guest artist will be Mrs. Jane Forster. Other performers were announced, Anne Konig, Evelynne Patterson and Wilma Ayre.

Following the 11:00 a.m. service on February 26th, many St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, parishioners gathered in the Parish Hall to say farewell to Bob and Linda Cross. In March, Father Cross assumed duties in the parishes of Manitowaning, Mindemoya and South Bay Mouth. People were welcomed to the reception by Dean I. L. Robertson, who asked the Blessing. Tea was poured by Mrs. Yvonne Peterson and Mrs. Joyce Robertson. The refreshments were provided by the ladies of the A.C.W. The service and reception were graced by the presence of Bishop Peterson. On behalf of the congregation Herb Johnson, Past Warden, presented Bob with a travel bag, ideal for carrying his vestments to his Manitoulin parishes. Mrs. Dorothy Bowers presented Linda with a charming enamelled pendant designed by Jean Burke. Along with these gifts, a cheque was presented to Bob and Linda. The best wishes of many friends go with Bob and Linda as they start out on their ministry.

The Most Reverend E. W. Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, is to be the theme speaker of this year's United Church Muskoka Conference, which will be held June 8th, 9th and 10th, at Elgin House, Lake Rosseau, Muskoka.

We were privileged to read some advance publicity about an exhibition hockey match at Sault Ste. Marie between the Flying Clergy-Media Combines and the Senior Greyhounds, and we noted that Father Tim Delaney, of St. Matthew's, and Bishop Les Peterson had made the Clergy-Media team. We suppose the game took place, as predicted, on March 1st. The final score is probably known in the See City but has not yet been reported in our part of the Diocese.

### St. Saviour's Church BLIND RIVER

February 19th was a "parish family day" for the people of St. Saviour's Church, Blind River. It was planned as a winter activity day but due to rainy weather all met in the church hall at 3:00 p.m. and played at various table games. At 5:00 all sat down to a potluck supper and afterwards finished the day with a singsong thanks to Mike Shamas and his accordion! This time together was enjoyed so much that they are planning to do it again soon.

March 4th was a special Sunday as St. Saviour's welcomed Bishop and Mrs. Peterson to the 11:00 a.m. service. While sharing a light luncheon together after the service Bishop Peterson welcomed questions in an informal discussion of topics that concerned parishioners. Ordination of women, poronography and environmental concerns, such as acid rain, nuclear proliferation and the cruise missile were items mentioned.

March 6 St. Saviour's Parish enjoyed the annual Pancake Supper, thanks to Abe Shamas and his special recipe for delicious pancakes. All appreciated the super efforts of Abe and the gentlemen of the parish who served up such a tasty meal.

In Lent a weekly course on prayer is being led by Father Terry, based on the book *Beginning to Pray* by Archbishop Anthony Bloom, on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., preceded by a 7:30 Eucharist.

## Address by Bishop Peterson — Day of Reflection observed at Coniston

By the Reverend  
Robert Lumley

Bishop Leslie Peterson was the Conductor at the seventh annual Day of Reflection for Action at All Saints', Coniston, on Saturday, February 25th. Leslie Cresswell and Jack Stacey, who welcomed the visitors at the door, counted 63 people present, including visitors from Lively and Garson.

The day began at 10:00 a.m. with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Reverend Robert Lumley, assisted by Argyle Eastwood, and Reader, Lisa Vellow, with other readers, Stacey Hann and Beverley Steeves. Blain Santi and Dwayne Riles were the servers.

The choir, with Ann Hann at the organ, led the singing with stirring songs. The opening song was "To God be the Glory" and the others were "All your anxieties" and "How great Thou Art." During the Communion of the people, Lloyd, Jean and Beverly Steeves, Tammi Jarvis, Lisa Vellow, Marion Vellow, Peggy Martin, and Diane Leclair sang the lovely song "I come to the Garden alone." After a short break, Bishop Peterson, who began his ministry in Coniston, gave the first of four very spiritual addresses, based on the Agnus Dei, "O Lamb of God . . . Grant us thy peace."

Following the first address, three of the congregation spoke briefly. There was: Ted Nicholson, a Regional Councillor, on Anglicans getting involved in public life; Nadine Lumley, speaking for Phyllis Julian on "the Church is people" and Dwyane Riles on "the Church should be young and adventurous."

All joined in a chorus in between each five-minute talk. Following the Bishop's second address the speakers were: Genny Rollins, recommending personal renewal, and an annual week of renewal in each parish; Patrick McNally, on practical service by laymen in secular life and in the Diocese — "How about

holding synods on week-ends, so that people working may attend?"; Iris Oost gave a very effective and sensitive testimony on the working of the Holy Spirit in her life.

Argyle Eastwood led us in mid-day prayers.

We broke silence for luncheon as so many wished to visit with Bishop Peterson and Mrs. Peterson, whose presence was a pleasant surprise. The potluck luncheon was provided by the A.C.W. of Coniston and Wahnapiatae, too many to mention, and as usual was excellent.

After luncheon, Bishop Peterson led us in two more devotions and in between Bob McLatchey spoke on the

projects of Anglicans-in-Mission, such as financing days as this one throughout the Diocese and bringing in top speakers. Dr. Winslow Case spoke on the Church is an Ecumenical Eucharistic Fellowship mentioning the new Study Book "I hear you calling me" as an invaluable resource.

Helen Thompson brought the day to a close by leading us in Evensong saying the Grace about 2:45 p.m.

There was still a cup of coffee in the pot and many remained for another visit with Bishop and Mrs. Peterson before they set off for Sault Ste. Marie, leaving behind a very happy and joyful people.



Members of the Order of the Holy Shroud  
St. George's, Thunder Bay

### Order now two years in existence

In the two years since it was founded, the Order of the Holy Shroud, of the Parish of St. George, Thunder Bay, has grown to 14 members. Meetings never average less than ten attending. The above photograph was taken just after the members put on a dinner for the Parish, and on Shrove Tuesday the Order gave a pancake supper for the Parish. The membership now includes a Presbyterian, one postulant, eight brothers, a novice and the Rector's father-in-law, a postulant (he came to live in Canada last December). The success of the Order with its disciplined meetings and blend of fun and devotion, is helping to develop the life of the Parish in ways unseen when the Order was founded.

If other parishes in the Diocese would like information on the Order and its programs, they should communicate with the Reverend Duncan Lyon, Chaplain and Rector of St. George's, 304 McIntyre Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 3B6.

### Rector gives advice on Ordination of women

In a letter to the people of St. Paul's Church, Thunder Bay, the Rector, the Reverend D. A. P. Smith, has commented upon the forthcoming ceremony by which Susan DeGruchy is to be made a Deacon and will become an Assistant Curate in one of Thunder Bay's churches. His message, which was printed in *The Spark*, the St. Paul's parish newsletter, seems of general interest is, therefore, included in part in this issue of *The Algoma Anglican*, as follows:

Dear People of St. Paul's: These are times of change in the Church as well as in the world. One of the most dramatic and apparent changes in the Church is the ordination of women, and we Anglicans in Thunder Bay are about to have a woman deacon in our midst. This woman, no doubt before long, will be ordained a priest. Her name is Susan DeGruchy.

She is not to be at St. Paul's so that should ease the strain for those of us who will need some time to get used to the idea. After she is made a deacon on May 2nd, St. Mark's Day, she will be appointed and licensed as Assistant Curate to the

parish of St. Michael and All Angels, serving under the direction of Canon Mark Conliffe.

Some of us will welcome the advent of an ordained woman in Algoma as an indication that the Anglican Church of Canada is finally recognizing the female Christian and what she has to offer. St. Paul will be quoted: "There is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ" (Gal. 3:28). On the other hand, many will feel alarmed and will feel constrained to recall that St. Paul also said that "women should keep silence in the churches" (I Cor. 14:34). The issue has long been a matter of considerable debate and concern in the Church but the Anglican Church of Canada, after much hesitation officially recognized the Ordination of Women at the General Synod of 1975. At the present time the Diocese of Algoma is one

of the last three dioceses (of the 30 in Canada) which does not have ordained women amongst its clergy, but now Bishop Peterson, after much prayer, consideration and consultation, has made his decision to proceed with this ordination.

We at St. Paul's, then, will have the opportunity to get to know Miss DeGruchy as she begins her work in this city. I have not yet met her but I have heard only excellent reports about her, even when she was a practising lawyer in Sudbury several years ago. I know that she will make a fine deacon and will reassure many — much as did Jackie Robinson, the first negro to break into major league baseball! Already we at St. Paul's have an association with her, in that last Fall, by the decision of the Advisory Board, we were able to send some financial support out of our Students' Bursary Fund.



AT GOULAIS RIVER: Confirmation Service at St. James' Church, Goulais River, on December 18th, was celebrated by Bishop L. Peterson, Yuri Krajewsky, Michael Case and Rhonda Case were candidates. It is reported by Ruth McDonald that following an impressive service, a social half hour was enjoyed in the new parish hall. Although much is yet to be done on the hall, it stands tall on the hill beckoning all to further participation with parish people. Accordingly on Saturday, February 11th, a potluck supper was held. Bishop Peterson said the grace, and C. Johnson, the Rector's Warden, welcomed those who came. Amid succulent odours from a generous variety of home-cooked casseroles, salads and desserts, and pleasantries of friends, a very successful evening passed. This bolstered anticipation of many future events in the new parish hall. In the picture, front row, left to right are: Michael Case, Rhonda Case and Yuri Krajewsky, with the Reverend Douglas Stanley and Bishop Leslie Peterson. (Photo by Margaret Boissineau, Heyden).



- The Altar Guild of St. Thomas's Church, Thunder Bay, has a Purple set consisting of:
- 1 Superfrontal (to fit a 7" long Altar)
  - 1 Antependia
  - 1 Burse and Veil
  - 1 set Collection Bags
  - 3 credence cloths
- Any church who can use the above can have them by writing to St. Thomas' Church, 1400 Edward Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7E 2J6, c/o Mrs. W. Ross. The above articles are free for the asking, but cost of shipping would be appreciated.