

Vancouver, BC 2 January 2007

Dear friends:

As you know in the last few months our Church was featured in several newspapers regarding our joining the Utrecht Union. One of them was the Anglican Journal out of Toronto, Ontario, which is the official newspaper of the Anglican Church in Canada. You can read their article here:

<http://www.anglicanjournal.com/issues/2006/132/dec/10/article/new-member-of-union/>

The Anglican Journal

New member of union

staff

Dec 1, 2006

The Vancouver-based Old Catholic Church of B.C. (British Columbia) was recently accepted into the Utrecht Union, the worldwide federation of Old Catholic churches that seceded from the Roman Catholic church in the late 19th century over the issue of papal infallibility. The Old Catholic churches have been in full communion with the Anglican church since 1931 and the move makes the Old Catholic Church of B.C. the only North American member of the Utrecht Union. The Vancouver School of Theology has also announced it will accept students from the Old Catholic Church of B.C. who wish to study for the priesthood.

The Canadian Press (CP) picked up the article and wrote a summary in their news service. For those of you outside Canada: The Canadian Press is the equivalent of the Associated Press (AP) or Reuters News Service in the USA and around the world. The Canadian Press wrote the following:

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Follow this link to see it on their website:

<http://www.cp.org/premium/online/member/family/061227/U122713AU.html>

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The article was then picked up by the CBC which is the equivalent of PBS in the USA, or ARD in Germany.

<http://www.cbc.ca/cp/Home+Family/061227/U12279AU.html>

The CBC

Old Catholic Church of B.C. joins Utrecht Union

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Canadian Press

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Several newspapers across Canada published the story as well, here are the listings, and if possible the website address.

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Religion/550034.html> (Halifax, Nova Scotia)

The Chronicle Herald, Halifax, N.S.,

Sunday January 7, 2007

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<http://torontosun.com/Lifestyle/2006/12/31/3097100-sun.html> (Toronto, Ontario)

The Toronto Sun December 31, 2006

CHURCH JOINS UTRECHT UNION

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These newspaper published the article in their paper but not online.

Times-Herald (Moose Jaw), Saskatchewan

December 30, 2006

Old Catholic Church of B.C. joins Utrecht Union

The Daily News (Truro), Saskatchewan

December 30, 2006
Old Catholic Church of B.C. joins Utrecht Union

Daily Herald (Prince Albert) Saskatchewan

December 30, 2006
B.C. church joins Utrecht Union

Cape Breton Post, Sydney, Nova Scotia

December 28, 2006
Church joins Utrecht Union

Niagara Falls Review (Ontario)

30/12/2006
Old Catholic Church of B.C. joins Utrecht Union

Belleville Intelligencer (Ontario)

30/12/2006
Church of B.C. joins Utrecht Union

We are very pleased about the publicity we received by these newspapers and we know it will support us for the future work of our Church.

With our best regards

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