

# Sacramental Life of the Old Catholic Church of BC

## Consecration of Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante

### 30 September 1979 Holy Trinity Cathedral, Hamilton, Ontario



30 September 1979— consecration of the Rt. Rev. Rev. J. Gérard A. LaPlante; laying on of hands; left to right: Bishop Joseph Russel, Bishop Donald Berry



1979—portrait painting of Bishop Gérard LaPlante created at the time he was ordained



Bishop LaPlante after the consecration with parishioners and family: left to right: Mrs. Louise Heide, Ms. Coulette LaPlante, Mr. Jerome LaPlante, Mrs. LaPlante, newly consecrated Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante, Mr. Alain Vaugier, Mr. Romain Comeau



October 1979—Causapsal, PQ; The new Bishop is celebrating Holy Mass with his parents, family, and friends

### Bishop J. Gerard LaPlante

Bishop Joseph Alphonse Gérard LaPlante was born on November 10, 1941 in Causapsal, Quebec, where he was also baptized at the next day the 11th by Fr. Wilfred Huard. Most of his brothers and sisters still live there and he visits there regularly. He was confirmed on September 1, 1951 by Msgr. C. E. Parent, Archbishop of the Rimouski Diocese, Quebec at St. Jacques Church, Causapsal, Quebec. He was ordained Priest on October 5, 1975 by the Rt. Rev. Ernest Jackson in the Oratory of Bishop Jackson in Toronto, Ontario. He was consecrated Bishop on September 30, 1979 by the Most Rev. Donald Berry, M.A. (Principal Consecrator) and the Most Rev. Joseph H.V. Russel at Blessed Trinity Cathedral, Liberal Catholic Church, Hamilton, Ontario. Bishop LaPlante leads the Old Catholic Church of BC and has served as an unpaid Priest since 1975.