

Funerals

The time of death is a time of compassion and prayer. The Old Catholic Church of BC assists members and friends in many different ways, including officiating at a funeral.



**10 April 2003
Requiem Mass
for Mr. Fedde
Ydenberg at St.
Raphael's Old
Catholic Church**

Left: the casket is carried to the Church



Right: Bishop Gérard LaPlante meets the casket at the entrance of the Church and sprinkles it with Holy Water

Below left: The censing of the body



Above right: after the Funeral, left to right: Legion Representative, Bishop Mack McFerran, Mrs. Lillian Vanderzalm, Mrs. Doris Fistravec (widow), behind her Mr. Bill Vanderzalm (former Premier of BC), Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mrs. Marilyn Sztankovics, Mrs. Louise Heide, Mr. Larry Thompson, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, family friend

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For your information: The Clergy of the Old Catholic Church of BC also preside at funerals where the deceased was not a member of a parish, because we believe it is part of human dignity. Many times, only the deceased and the Priest were present at those sad occasions.



15 January 1980 —Requiem Mass for the Rev. Fr. John Carey, Rector and Priest of St. Raphael's for more than 20 years, and World War I Veteran.



27 June 2004—Ashes of Mrs. Maria Sinkovits, long time parishioner, were blessed at the Church



7 April 2007—At the funeral of Mrs. Louise Heide; Bishop Gérard LaPlante with her relatives at the reception following the service in the back of the Church.



September 1980—Burial of Mr. Patrick Doucet; he died tragically 17 years old due to a car accident. The Requiem Mass was held at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church on 17 September 1980. The Doucet family has been long time friends of the Bishop and the Church and Mr. Jean Doucet is very actively involved in the life of our Church.