



Left: At the birthday celebration for Bishop Gérard LaPlante at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Redmond, Washington



**11 November 2007**

### **Bishop Gérard LaPlante birthday celebrated at Holy Trinity**

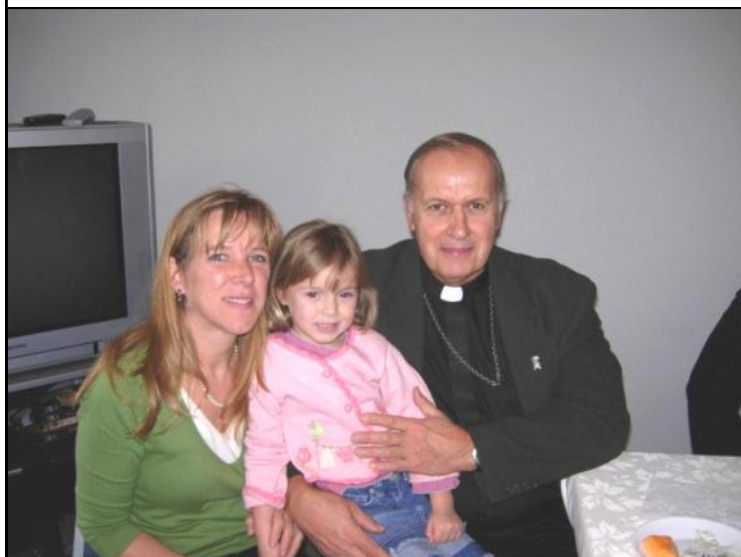
On the 11th November Holy Trinity Anglican Parish in Redmond, Washington, USA celebrated Bishop Gérard LaPlante's birthday; on this happy occasion, a friend and parishioner of the Bishop, Mrs. Sylvie Sampson (nee Laurendeau) came from Tacoma, Washington, with her infant daughter Marina Suzanne (5 years old).

12 years ago, Bishop LaPlante and his friend Mr. Jürgen Alsbach were visiting Victoria, BC and met Sylvie and her friends from the Québec Province, and became friends.

On 11 October 1998 Bishop LaPlante officiated at Sylvie's wedding to Mr. Kevin Sampson, an Airline Pilot, now serving with the US Air Force. The marriage took place at St. Anne's Academy Chapel, build in 1858. This Chapel served as Victoria's first Roman Catholic Cathedral! They have been friends of the Bishop and the Church since then, and the daughter Marina was baptized by Bishop Gérard LaPlante 5 years ago.



**Above:** Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Gary Wulf share the same Cake, albeit with different flags



**Above:**

During the reception: Mrs. Sylvie Sampson, her daughter Marina, and Bishop Gérard LaPlante



**Above:** Bishop Gérard LaPlante in front of the MacKenzie home with Mrs. Sylvie Sampson and her daughter Marina. Both Bishop Gérard and Sylvie are from Québec, Sylvie resides now in the US.

**Left:** Mrs. Sylvie Sampson, Marina with Mrs. Barbara MacKenzie inside.

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The sign outside Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Redmond, Washington, USA





**Above:** During the wedding of Sylvie and Kevin Sampson at St. Anne's Academy, Victoria, BC on 11 October 1998 with Bishop Gérard LaPlante officiating



**Above:** during the signing of the registry; Fr. Gordon Hangerud played the organ at the service;

**below:** At the baptism of Marina Sampson inside Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Redmond, Washington, USA in July 2004

