



Above left: The first anointing during the baptism liturgy top right picture; Sierra Yellow-Quill is baptized, holding her is her godmother Mrs. Tammy Herman, behind her aunt Ms. Theresa Contois

10 Baptisms and Confirmation at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

On Sunday, June 15, 2008 we celebrated 10 baptisms in our Church, within two families - the Contois and the Henry family. Both families are First Nations and Métis.

The Contois family

We met the Contois family two years ago, when Fr. Jürgen had the funeral of three family members in a six week period. Since that summer the family attends St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. The entire family is Ojibwa from Winnipeg, Manitoba. They belong to the Long Plain Band. Baptized of the family were: Sierra Yellow-Quill 2 years, Amore Martinez Yellow-Quill 6 years, Tyler Martinez-Yellow-Quill 7 years, Brendan Hunter 6 years, Simone Durette 10 years, Ciara Herman 11 years (friend of the family of Ukrainian – German descent).

The Grandmother of the family, who sits in a wheelchair but manages to come to Church very often with the help of her daughter Theresa, celebrated her 75th birthday on this Sunday and the entire congregation, congratulated her.



above left picture: baptism of Amore Yellow-Quill; above right: baptism of Tyler Yellow-Quill



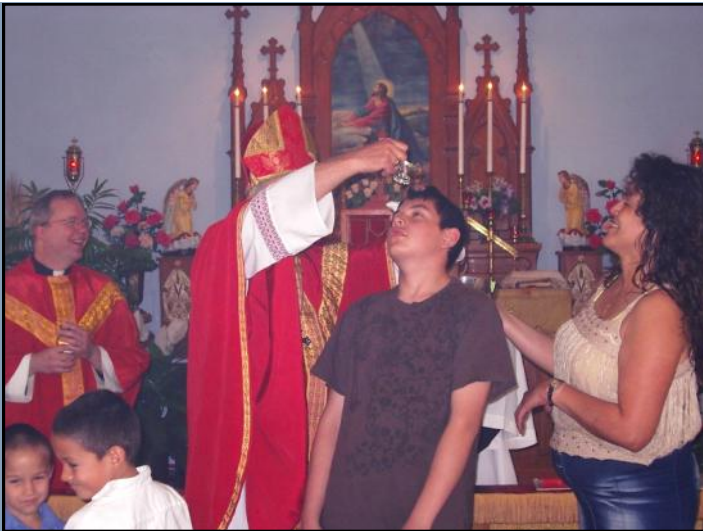
Above left: baptism of Brendan Hunter above right: baptism of Simonne Durette

The Henry family:

We have known the extended family for over 20 years. Larry Henry is of Cree and French/Irish background, his wife Lori is Cree and Carrier First Nation and works in counseling of First Nation people; their children: Silas 13 years old, and Renee 11 years old go to school. Larry, Lori, and Silas were also confirmed by Bishop Gérard LaPlante on this day.



above left picture: baptism of Ciara Herman; above right picture: baptism of Renee LaCendre



Above left: baptism of Silas LaCendre

above right: baptism of Lori Anne LaCendre



above left picture baptism of Larry John Henry;

above right: group picture with all the newly baptized



Above left: taking another picture with grandmother Mrs. Contois. She had 12 children - all born around Winnipeg, Manitoba - and raised all together 20 children. This was her 75th birthday.

Above right: greeting the parishioners after Holy Mass; Mr. Jean Doucet is shaking hands with a new member who just arrived from Mexico a few days earlier.



above left Mr. & Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Bastiampilai greeting the Bishop Gérard and the Priests. above right: Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Jürgen with Mrs. Contois in her wheelchair and her daughter Ms. Therese Contois and grandson Brendan Hunter