



Top left picture: The Kviselius / Figarski family; left to right: Mrs. Figarski, Ms. Anna Kviselius, Mr. Chester Figarski, Fr. Jürgen Schmode with Molly Kviselius, Mr. Jean Doucet, Mrs. Jennifer Kviselius, Dr. Niklas Kviselius, Mrs. Karolina Figarski top right picture; The baptismal party in the rectory garden posing with Bishop Gérard LaPlante

Baptism of Molly Kviselius at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

On Sunday, 29 June 2008 we celebrated the baptism of Molly Kviselius daughter of Dr. Niklas Kviselius and his wife Jennifer nee Figarski.

We first met the couple in 2006 during the preparation of their wedding officiated by Fr. Jürgen Schmode. They got to know the Church, clergy and members and became members. Niklas is a Swedish National, he is of Swedish and Croatian descent. Jennifer was born in Vancouver, her father is from Poland and her mother from Japan. They met in Tokyo, Japan, where Niklas studied for his Ph.D. and Jennifer learned Japanese - a truly international couple.

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above left picture: The reception after the baptism in the back of the Church; above right: the young family posing for the first time at the home of Jennifer's parents in Surrey, BC



Above pictures: after Holy Mass - members of St. Raphael's are greeted by the Priests as they leave the Church

In February 2008 Niklas was awarded his Ph.D. in Economics by the Stockholm School of Economics. His thesis "Trust-Building and Communication in SME Internalization" was published the same year. On the request of the Swedish government he was awarded a scholarship by the Japanese government to do post Ph.D. research in Tokyo. The young family will move there in September after a brief stay in Sweden.

Over the years they have always stayed in touch with the Old Catholic Church of BC, visiting us when in Vancouver and sending us pictures when back in Sweden.

Molly is their first daughter and after their stay in Sweden for a month, she will meet her great-grandmother who resides in Tokyo.



above pictures: on the left: Ms. Anna Kviselius came from Sweden for the baptism (seen in the brown dress) on the right: Molly Kviselius was only 11 days old when she got baptized