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House blessing of the Bastiampilai home on September 20, 2009

Mr. Camilo Bastiampilai, his wife Benny and their son Randy have been members of the Old Catholic Church of BC for more than 16 years. Camilo has served as the custodian of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church during that time.

Photo # 1: left to right: Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mrs. Benny Bastiampilai, Deacon Jean Doucet, Mr. Camilo Bastiampilai

Photo # 2: The 25th wedding anniversary of Camilo and Benny in May 2008, pictured with Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Jürgen Schmode

Photo # 3: Throughout the years Camilo has prepared many delicious meals for the Bishop and the Church.

Photo # 4: At the picnic in the back of the Church in the summer of 1995 with Bishop Gérard and Randy in the blue shirt.

Photo # 5: 14 years later: The Bastiampilai family, Benny and Camilo with their son Randy in the middle





**Blessing of Jericho Beach Youth Hostel
on September 14, 2009**

Bishop Gérard LaPlante was invited to officially bless the closing of the Jericho Beach Youth Hostel (**Photo # 1**) in Vancouver, BC for the season. After some upgrades and renovation they will reopen for the Olympic games. **Photo # 2** shows Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Jürgen Schmode with staff and travelers at the blessing; on the far right is Mr. Hans Sieland, the operator of the cafeteria of the hostel, a friend of Fr. Jürgen for 12 years.



Photo # 3: left to right: Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Mr. Stephen Campbell, General Manager of the Youth Hostels of Vancouver, Bishop Gérard LaPlante.

Photo # 4: The photographer was Ms. Birgit Schmode, Fr. Jürgen Schmode sister (on the right) who came for a surprise two week visit from Germany.



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Sign at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church updated

After many years the sign over the entrance of the Church looked weathered and was fading, as you can see on **photo # 2**.

Mr. Horst Steinbach painted the board and the new letters.

On September 18, 2009 Mr. Alain Vaugier, our carpenter and Church organist, (**photo # 1** with the new sign) installed the revised sign.

He came out and installed the new board (**Photos # 4 + 5**) with the help of Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, and Fr. Martin Lotho (Photo # 3).





Above photo, after the installation, left to right: Mr. Alain Vaugier, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Martin Lotho, Fr. Jürgen Schmode; right photo: The new look of the Church entrance



First Wedding Anniversary for Mr. & Mrs. Dan (Linda) De Re

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