



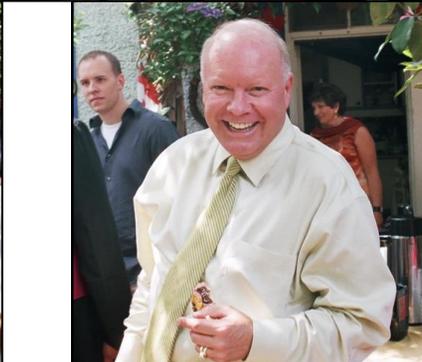
Top left: Bishop Cisneros, Bishop Gérard, Bishop Jürgen with Kenyan members (left to right) Paulina Nduta, Gabriel Nganga, Mrs. Lucille Pallard (from Vancouver), and Michael Wanyoike. They are refugee claimants and are sponsored by the Old Catholic Church.

Top right: Bishop Jürgen with his sister Birgit and father

Right centre: Bishop Jürgen with Mrs. Muriel Wulf from Renton, Washington.

Below centre right: Bishop Gérard with Mr. Gerhard Oberauer originally from Austria and now living in Valemount, BC.

Below left: Bishop Gérard with from left to right: Mr. Brian Harker originally from New Zealand, Mr. Andrew Goddard originally from Quebec, and Mr. Pete Wolff from Germany. Bottom right: Mr. Larry Thompson



**The Consecration of the Right Reverend Jürgen Schmode  
At  
St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
On  
June 3, 2007**



Above: During the consecration ceremony; Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante, centre, assisted by Bishop Hilario Cisneros (left), the Very Rev. Gary Wulf (right) as reader; holding the book of the Gospel: left Fr. Al Hyndman, on the right Deacon Jean Doucet; on the very right, Mr. Andreas Weber, server, from Rwanda; right: Bishop Gérard addressing the congregation



left: Bishop Jürgen is greeting the Mansoor family. This Chaldean Christian family from Iraq was sponsored as a refugee family by the Old Catholic Church of BC, they have 6 children and are very happy to be part of the Old Catholic Church below: The overflowing crowd side St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church



**An account of the consecration of Fr. Jürgen Schmode  
to the Episcopate  
by Fr. Alwin Hyndman**

We did the unthinkable on Sunday, June 3, 2007 and cancelled Liturgies at the Oratory so that all were free to attend St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church for Fr. Jürgen Schmode's consecration to the episcopate. The Church was packed so that two dozen had to stand outside (including our Colleen) at the beginning of the service. They were joined by others during the celebration so that at the end, we had as many people inside as there were outside! Fr. Gordon sat in the front with the monks of the Order of the Magnificat from Maple Ridge, the Rev. Fr. Antoine and the Rev. Br. Boniface, joining the family of Fr. Jürgen and the Rev. Fr. Dennis Morgan from St. Mary's Anglican Church.

It was a lovely, authentic liturgy with no fuss or pomposity. For the sermon, Bishop Gérard amicably invited the three Bishops and three Priests to speak. Bishop Gérard stressed our Old Catholic warmth of welcome to a cosmopolitan world and an ecumenical love. He named several visiting clergy from other jurisdictions. We were treated to French, German and Spanish tongues and an Episcopal Mexican presentation by the Rt. Rev. Hilario Cisneros, from Palm Springs, California.

The new Bishop Jürgen thanked all for coming and spoke to the family nature of the episcopate. His relatives were here from Germany and Alberta. Fr. Gary Wulf from Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Redmond, Washington, USA read most of the consecration prayers while Bishop Jürgen assisted Bishop Gérard with most of the Canon. Fr. Gary reiterated the clerical and lay expectation from Bishops and the humility required. Fr. Al read the Gospel and in his sermonette noted four of the consecration prayers stress our centrality of the Holy Trinity. This knowledge of 'who God really is' determines authentic catholicity to which Mother Church is called. He wished Bishop Jürgen 'many years'. Fr. Stephen who had read the Epistle fluently stated that the apostolic office fixates on 'kerygma' proclamation of the Christian Gospel; on 'diaconia' (service to others); and on the 'prophetea' (inspired leadership by the Holy Spirit). Thus, we all provided a rounded theological foundation to uphold the consecration of the new Bishop, who will give assured apostolic succession should Bishop Gérard become incapacitated. Bishop Gérard continues to demonstrate open collegiality.

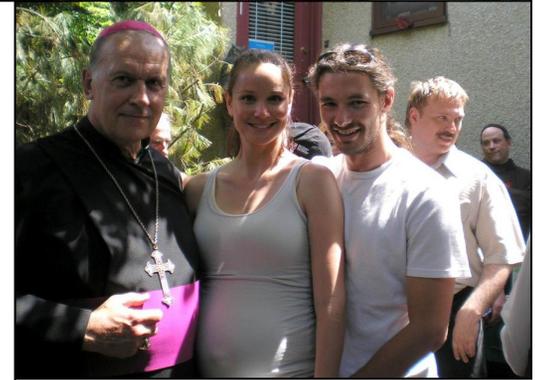
The procession out had the crucifer, two monks, two deacons, three priests, and three bishops. The soloist Susanne Nordin at St. Raphael's offers a brilliant resonance and the organist provides a lovely blend; we sang 'Joyful, joyful', Veni Creator, Te Deum, Preface, and recessional. The congregation was devout and attentive. It was a joyful and fulfilling service.

The reception in the rectory gardens continued until evening and was enjoyed by everyone. More than 20 different nationalities were present and some members traveled from Valemount, BC, Vancouver Island, and Washington State. The visits continued throughout the week, i.e. Mr. Gary Grettic came from Miami, Florida to extend his best wishes.

The TV show 'German Today' interviewed the new Bishop and this 30 minutes interview was aired on Channel M four times the next week. Also the 'Vancouver Courier' published a one page story on June 8, 2007 regarding the consecration with a picture of Bishop Gérard and Bishop Jürgen. This is the second time they published a story regarding our Church this year and it was distributed to every household in Vancouver.



Top left: Bishop Cisneros, Bishop Gérard, Bishop Jürgen  
Top right: Bishop Jürgen with his parents from Germany



Right centre: Bishop Gérard with actress Sarah Wayne Callies and her husband Josh Winterhalt, who are members of the Old Catholic Church of BC. Sarah is well known for her roles in "Prison Break", "The Celestine Prophecy", "Tarzan", "Numb3rs", "Law & Order", "Dagnet" and others. Sarah and Josh are expecting their first child in July; the baby will be baptized by Bishop Gérard.



Below right: the crowd outside the Church during the service.  
Below left: during the reception in the garden.

