

The Old Catholic Church of BC

1994

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funeral	Confirmations	Ordinations
1994	8	10	70	0	0

The Church attendance is steadily growing, especially with groups from El Salvador, Brazil, and Sri Lanka.

January 9th

Bishop Gérard LaPlante was an ecumenical guest at the consecration of Bishop Michael Ingham, Bishop of New Westminster (Anglican Church of Canada) held at St. Andrews Wesley United Church, 1012 Nelson St., Vancouver, BC. Other guests included: Rev. Curtis

Aguirre, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Most Rev. Adam Exner OMI, Archbishop of Vancouver, Roman Catholic Church, Very Rev. Kenneth Olsen, Ukrainian Catholic Church, and representatives of the United Church, as well as the Unitarian Church were also present.

February

New Stations of the Cross installed in the Church.

Right: Wedding of Mr. Gerhard & Mrs. Maria Oberauer; witness to the wedding were Mr. Fred Foster and Mrs. Louse Heide, members of the board of the Old Catholic Church



Wedding of Mr. Roald & Mrs. Belinda Kovacic



Right: Wedding of Mr. Tony & Mrs. Aida Belcic; present with Bishop Gérard LaPlante are the three sons of Mr. Belcic

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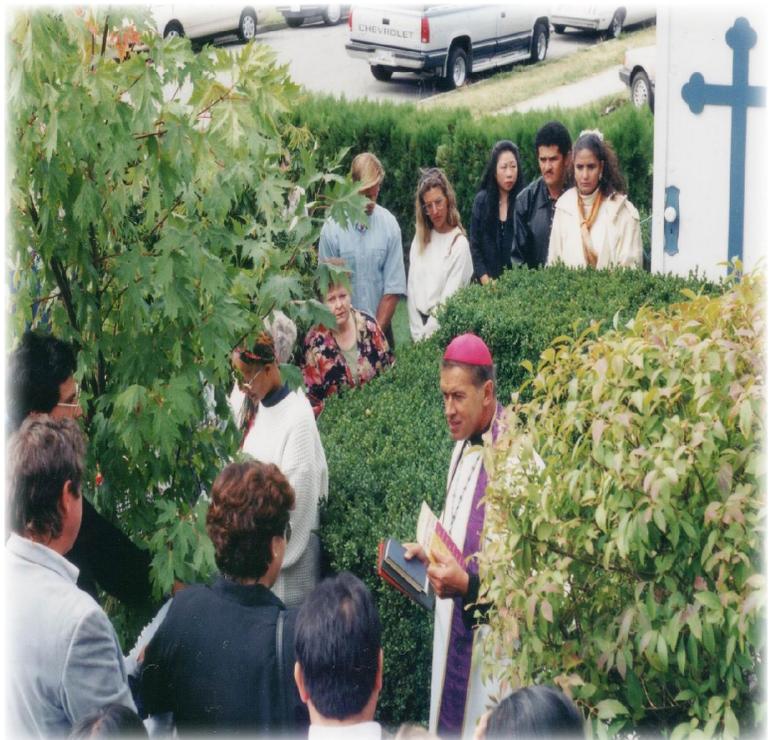


Below: Blessing of the plots for Ashes at the side of the Church 1994.



Above: Mr. Mattson, Manager of Glenhaven Memorial Chapel with Mr. Jürgen Alsbach 1993

Below: The cross marks the location of the plots.



Chinese wedding Mr. and Mrs. Szeto from Beijing, China.

Chapter 3

1995

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Con rmations	Ordinations
1995	8	18	60	0	1

The Old Catholic Church of BC entered “In Communion” with Christ Catholic Church of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Presiding Bishop Most Rev. Donald Mullan in March 1995. Bishop Karl Pruter, and Bishop John Brown are part of the said body.

April 30th

Visit of Bishop Donald Wm. Mullan of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

August 20th

Ordination to the Deaconate of Rev. Jürgen Schmode, (formerly a Lutheran Pastor) by Bishop Gérard LaPlante. Fr. Jürgen had served in the USA (German United Church of Christ in Seattle, WA, and in Canada (Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, Vancouver).

1996

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Con rmations	Ordinations
1996	18	14	57	0	1

January 28th

Departure for Germany of Rev. Jürgen Schmode to visit his parents in Iserlohn, Germany.

February 25th

Return from Germany of Fr. Jürgen Schmode.

Bishop concelebrates in Roman Catholic Church

The Rt. Rev. Gerard LaPlante, Bishop of the Old Catholic Church of British Columbia, concelebrated the Mass and delivered the homily August 25 at St. Ann’s Roman Catholic Church situated on the Micmac Indian Reserve of Restigouche, now called “Listuguj” in the Gaspé region of Quebec.

This site is historical and a place of pilgrimage since the first settlers from France arrived in 1760 and earlier. The parish priest is a Capuchin Father, Jean-Vianney Daigneault, who served as a missionary in India for 35 years. On September 28, 1996, he was celebrating his ordination anniversary of 50 years as a priest.

“He is a good, dedicated and humble priest loved by all who have the honor and privilege of meeting him,” says Bishop LaPlante.

October 27th

Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Jürgen Schmode by Bishop Gérard LaPlante.

Biography of Fr. Jürgen Schmode

Fr. Jürgen is a native of Hagen, Germany, where he was baptized on June 16, 1963 and grew up. He was confirmed on May 23, 1976 in Iserlohn, Germany where his parents as well as his two sisters still live.

After he earned his High School Diploma and an Associate Degree in Business Administration in Altena, Germany he moved to Berlin, Germany where he worked for two years with a social missionary organization. During that time he received a call to the ministry. His studies led him to seminaries in Heidelberg, Wuppertal (in Germany), and St. Paul, Minnesota. In Heidelberg, he was a member of the local Old Catholic Church. He graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN with a Master of Divinity (with a concentration in Cross Cultural Studies).

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Above: Easter Baptisms 1999 back row left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Grant and Maria Coates; Fr. Jürgen, Bishop LaPlante holding Micole Coates, Mrs. & Mr. Anita and Todd Schiewe; front row left to right: Jesse Durocher, James Schiewe, Christopher Schiewe.



Above: Mr. Jürgen Alsbach with Raphie I; 1995



Bishop LaPlante with the Cunningham family left to right: Mrs. & Mr. Susan and Bob Cunningham with their children Jude and Jacqueline 1994.



Right: Mr. Jürgen Alsbach at the Keeshond breeder in Nanoose Bay, Vancouver Island 1995

He went for his first call to Seattle, where he was ordained on September 21, 1991 into the United Church of Christ. The late Rev. Carl Mau - former General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation with 54 Million members - was a principal ordinator. He did some further studies in clinical counselling in Seattle and completed an unit of 400 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education. He accepted a call to Vancouver and was ordained into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada on February 15, 1993, at Martin Luther Church by the Bishop Marlin Aadland. He was ordained Deacon in the Old Catholic Church of B.C. on August 20, 1995 and on October 27, 1996 to the Holy Priesthood -- by the +Rt. Rev. Gérard LaPlante.

October

Fr. Gordon Hangerud undergoes surgery for colon cancer at Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster. He recuperates very quickly and spends six weeks at his daughter's place before coming back to the Church just before Christmas.

December

The heaviest snow and ice-rain in 75 years! No damages to the Church.

The Church is strong and attendance is still growing.

1997

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Con mations	Ordinations
1997	17	0	77	8	1

Donation of Hymnals by Rev. Eric Snyder of the United Church of Canada. He has attended services regularly for years.

October 18th

Ordination to the Diaconate of Pastor Terry Martin, former Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Vancouver, BC, now serving as a Prison Chaplain with the Provincial Correctional Services in Burnaby, BC.

1998

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Con mations	Ordinations
1998	12	8	168	8	1

One of the old friends of St. Raphael's - Fr. Leonard Mack McFerran - decided to join the Old Catholic Church.

The Reverend Dr. L.M. McFerran holds several degrees and diplomas including a Ph.D. in Sociology



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from the University of Auckland. He is a former Dean of Yukon and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, where he instituted weekly healing services within the context of the Holy Eucharist. The whole thrust of his ministry has been on healing and wholeness. Dr. McFerran is the author of several books and numerous articles.

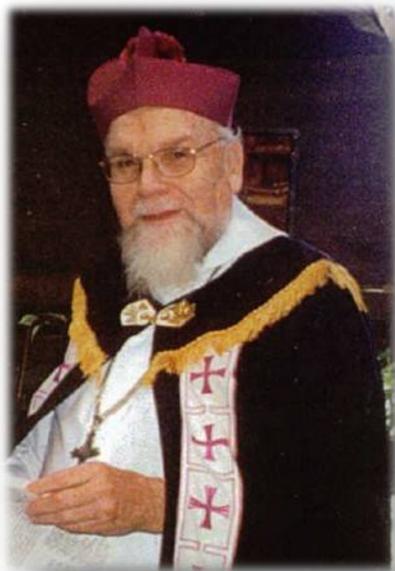
He will serve as an Auxiliary Bishop bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise. We all feel very blessed to have him in our midst. His consecration is especially significant because it is the 20th anniversary of Bishop Gérard LaPlante's consecration to the episcopate.

Biographical information:

Fr. Leonard Mack McFerran was born on October 19, 1927 in London, Ontario. He was baptized on June 11, 1939 at Trinity United Church in Kingsville, Ontario by the Rev. G.J.

Minielly. Archbishop Charles of Huron, Ontario, confirmed him on May 18, 1947. The Most Reverend G. F. Kingston commissioned him to the Church Army (Anglican) on May 7, 1950 at Redeemer Anglican Church in Toronto, Ontario. Bishop Stanley Steer ordained him to the diaconate on May 6, 1956 and to the priesthood on April 14, 1957 both times at the Cathedral of St. John in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He received conditional ordinations to the diaconate (April 1, 1998) and priesthood (April 9, 1998) by Bishop Gérard LaPlante.

On April 19, 1998 he was ordained to the Episcopate at the Cathedral of St. Luke's, Niagara Falls, Ontario by the Bishop Gérard LaPlante, assisted by Archbishop Donald Mullan, Bishop William Bushnell, and Archbishop Seraphim MacLennan.



Right: During the reception for the new Bishop: Fr. Jim Roberts (Roman Catholic), Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Br. Savio (Roman Catholic)



**The Rt. Rev. Fr. L. M. McFerran
1927 - 2007 RIP**

Right: During the reception for the new Bishop: Fr. Jim Roberts (Roman Catholic), Bishop Mack, Br. Savio (Roman Catholic), Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mrs. Laura Fortin, Mrs. Gloria Jones (both Metis)



Large crowd attends impressive ceremonies

The Rt. Rev. M. L. (Mack) McFerran was enthroned as Auxiliary Bishop of the Old Catholic Church of British Columbia and Alaska during impressive ceremonies at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Vancouver, BC, Sunday, May 24. Among the over 1000 congregation were Herb Daliwhal, MP, Federal Minister of Revenue; Ian Waddell, MLA and Provincial Minister of Tourism, Small Business and Culture; and Christie Jung, a long time member and benefactor of St. Raphael's. The politicians hailed from the Liberal, New Democratic and Reform parties respectively — covering the entire political spectrum.

Clergy from different denominations were also present - Roman Catholic priest Fr. James Roberts who was guest homilist of the day; Rev. Eric Snyder, United Church of Canada; Bro. Savio, Roman Catholic Friar of the Atonement; and many priests and lay people from the Anglican Church of Canada paying respect and showing support for their former priest.

Clergy from the Old Catholic Church of BC - were also present; Fathers Gordon, Jürgen, Terry and Gilbert. The Rt. Rev. Gérard LaPlante, Bishop of BC, officiated.

A special ecumenical guest was a representative of the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation Canada, Mrs. Shirley Chiang Tila. Many people helped with the post service reception. Karen McFerran, Marilyn Sztankovics and Vivian Rickeui-Merk worked hard to make it a success. Helping with the cleanup, among others, were members of the Jones family, Charles Dumont, Chaplain to Bishop LaPlante and a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Métis make presentations

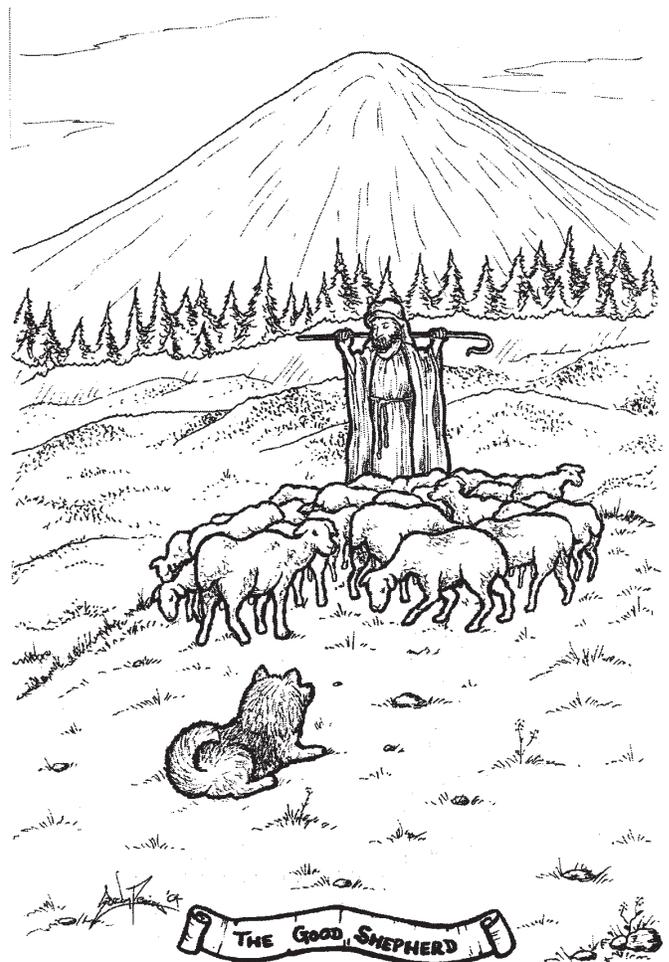
The Metis Association of BC, represented by Gloria and George Jones, presented Bishop Mack with a Metis Sash during the day's festivities. The sash depicts the four corners of the world. Bishop Gérard

LaPlante, himself a Metis, received a special sash in recognition for all the many ways he has supported the Métis community throughout the years.

Bishop LaPlante and Fr. Schmode meet with four Anglican Bishops

The Rt. Rev. Gérard LaPlante, Bishop of the Old Catholic Church of British Columbia, and Alaska, along with the Rev. Jürgen Schmode took time out of their busy schedules to meet with several Bishops of the Anglican Church in June: Bishop Michael Ingham of the New Westminster Diocese, Bishop Hannon of Prince Rupert, Metropolitan Crawley, Bishop of Kamloops, and Bishop Jenks of Vancouver Island.

They also had a chance to exchange greetings with Archbishop Adam Exner of the RC Diocese of Vancouver. Bishops Ingham and Gérard had a chance to talk briefly about the events surrounding



Bishop Mack McFerran's enthronement as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Old Catholic Church of BC. Bishop Ingham was quick to point out his continuing friendship and that any problems with the transfer of Bishop Mack from the Anglican Church to the Old Catholic Church of BC were only "minor technicalities". "We are looking forward to continue good relations with the Anglican Community in BC," says Bishop LaPlante.

New Deacon Ordained In British Columbia Will Serve In Belgium.

The Old Catholic Church of BC now has an outpost in Bruxelles, Belgium. The Rev. Deacon Terrence Theys was ordained to the diaconate at St. Raphael in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Holy Thursday.

The Rt. Rev. Gérard LaPlante officiated at the service on April 1. Deacon Theys has a secular job as a policeman and will continue in the duties. He is married with three children. He will carry out religious duties as a permanent deacon.

June 24th

Groundbreaking ceremony for Glenhaven Memorial Chapel. St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church has been officiating at Funerals there for over 50 years and Fr. Jürgen and Bishop Mack blessed the ground before construction for the \$ 7 million funeral home began.

June 24th

Bishop Gérard LaPlante presided and celebrated at the wedding of Mr. Jürgen Alsbach and his wife Nicole, born Dechent. Jürgen is a long-time member of St. Raphael's and very accomplished CEO of a leading security company in Germany as well as a lawyer and a health club owner. Nicole his wife is not less accomplished being one of the youngest judges at the Supreme Court of Rhineland Palate in Koblenz, Germany.

The wedding took place in the Protestant Church of Schmalenberg/Palate, Germany on Saturday, June 27 1998. The Church is more than 1200 years old and it was the first time since the reformation a Catholic service was performed in the Church and the first time ever an Old Catholic rite was exercised. The Old Catholic Church of BC is truly breaking new ground in its ecumenical relationships.

June 30th

Fr. Gordon is celebrating his 75th Birthday with many people from the Church congratulating him and a special dinner with his family.

Old Catholic Bishop participates in spiritual leaders meeting

The Old Catholic Church of BC was represented at a British Columbia, Canada, Spiritual Leaders Meeting on May 19 at the Museum of Anthropology the University of British Columbia.

Chief Gail Sparrow and Elder Vincent Slogan gave the greeting and blessing to open the meeting. MLA Tim Stevenson made introductions and Premier Glen Clark gave words of welcome.

Chief Joseph Gosnell presented reflections on Nisga'a Treaty Resolution and Spiritual Leaders had a roundtable discussion. Richard Inglis presented historical information on Nisga'a People to round out the program.

1999

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1999	12	9	77	5	2

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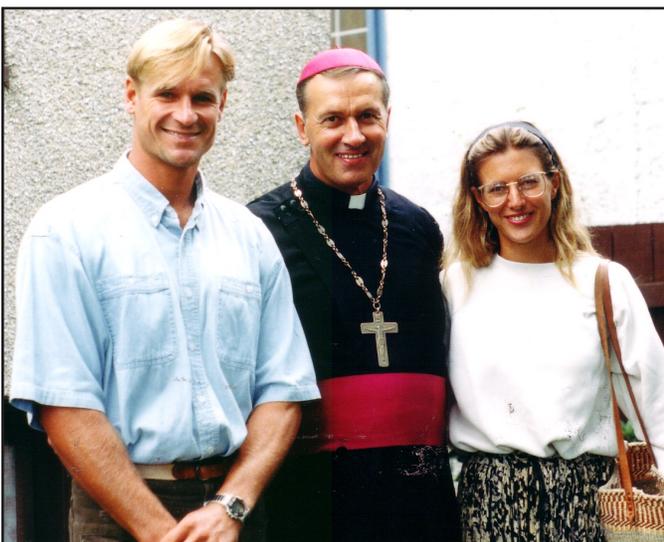
Above: Board members Mr. Ken Watts (left) and Mr. Fred Foster installing Christmas lights 1989.



Above: Baptism of Emilia Maria Palmer (baby); clergy left to right: Bishop Mack, Bishop LaPlante, Fr. Stephen; family: Parents Mr. David and Diana Palmer; Godparents Mr. Laszlo Sztankovics Ms. Wendy Woods.



Above: Left to Right: Mr. Joe Sinkovits, Bishop LaPlante, Mrs. Maria Sinkovits, Mr. Jürgen Alsbach 1995.



Bishop LaPlante with Mr. & Mrs. Roald and Jane Kovacik from Sooke, BC.



First Communion at St. Raphael's.

7. February

The first Mass was held at our new Mission 'Our Lady of Nativity', Port Kells, Surrey, B.C. Bishop Mack presided, with Mr. Alwin Hyndman assisting. The oratory is located on Mr. Hyndman's property. The building used to be an old stable and was recently renovated, decorated, and finished for its new purpose.

In the summer of 1999, Bishop Mack published his first book as an Old Catholic Bishop: *An Anthology of Angels*. Since then he published three more books: *Dream Fragments* (1999); *An Anthology of Our Lady* (2000); *Study of dreams* (2001)

On the 18th of December 1999 Bishop Gérard LaPlante ordained to the priesthood Rev. Fr. L. Alwin Hyndman and Rev. Fr. Donald Smellie.

The ordinations took place at Our Lady of the Nativity (Port Kells) Surrey, B.C. Fr. Hyndman is the founder and first priest of this Old Catholic Parish, Fr. Don is the Assistant Priest.

2000

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Con rmations	Ordinations
2000	12	8	140	0	2

January

For the Millennium Year, a bilingual calendar of the history of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church was published, filled with pictures and stories of our Church. 1000 copies were printed, quickly sold and distributed as the calendars were very well received.

February

On Sunday February 6th, 2000 at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church, Bishop Gérard LaPlante ordained to the priesthood Rev. Fr. Sylvain Tremblay from Montreal, Québec. Fr. Tremblay is also working at the Shrine of St. Perigrin praying for those suffering from terminal illnesses - especially cancer. He will

represent the Old Catholic Church of BC in Québec. He has put the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament as well as the "History of the Old Catholic Church of BC" on the Internet in French.

During the summer and fall of 2000 we had lively discussions with the German Old Catholic Church. As a result, they invited us to join the "Utrecht Union" of Old Catholic Churches.

A new mission has been opened at Bellevue Washington, USA. It's called St. Barbara's Old Catholic Church.

Summer

A new cross is installed on the steeple of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.

Together with Marpole United Church and St. Augustine Anglican Church we are working on sponsoring a refugee family from Iraq, who are now living in a refugee camp in Jordan. They are good friends of Sam Ismail, who is a member of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.

September 10th

Ordination of Fr. Stephan Hollandert to the Diaconate. Fr. Stephan has joined us from the Anglican Catholic Church. He is of Jewish background and carries dual citizenship - American and Canadian. He is also a member of the Camaldolese Benedictines. He holds two degrees, B.A. and M.L.S. He is also a Certified General Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is assisting Fr. Jürgen Schmode at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.

October 1st

25th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante

Many friends and members joined in for a festive celebration of this anniversary. After Holy Mass everyone was invited in the reception room of Glenhaven Memorial Chapel for the official celebration. Guests included Mr. Jürgen Alsbach from Germany, and many friends from over the years. Best wishes were received from the Roman

Catholic Archbishop, the Anglican Bishop Michael Ingham and Archbishop Mullan.

Biography of Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante

Bishop Joseph Gérard Alphonse LaPlante was born on November 10, 1941 in Causapscal, Quebec, where he was also baptized the next day on the 11th by Fr. Wilfred Huard. Most of his brothers and sisters still live there and he visits there regularly. He was confirmed on September 1, 1951 by Msgr. C. E. Parent, Archbishop of Rimouski Diocese, Quebec at St. Jacques Church, Causapscal, Quebec. He was ordained Priest on October 5, 1975 by the Rt. Rev. Ernest Jackson in the Oratory of Bishop Jackson in Toronto, Ontario. He was consecrated Bishop on September 30, 1979 by the Most Rev. Donald Berry, M.A. (Principal Consecrator) and the Most Rev. Joseph H.V. Russell at Blessed Trinity Cathedral, Liberal Catholic Church, Hamilton, Ontario. Bishop LaPlante leads the Old Catholic Church of BC and has served as an unpaid Priest since 1975.

After graduating from Sacred Heart University in 1960 he went on to the University of Moncton and Montreal. He arrived on the West Coast in mid 1964 worked for McMillan-Bloedel, insurance company and the federal government until 1988.

When Bishop Gérard first started to attend St. Raphael's, the Church was in dire straits. Attendance was down to 2 or 3 people on Sunday morning; Fr. Carey was getting on in age, and the building was badly neglected and starting to fall apart. With his zest for life and inexhaustible energy, Bishop LaPlante managed to breathe new life in the Church. After some urgent upgrading to the building - including insulation of the upstairs and downstairs as well as installing new gutters and freeing the Church from the starting rot - he continued to build up the congregation. Many came through personal friendship, others joined because they were helped in time of need, whether it was by providing shelter, or helping to find them work, or doing weddings and funerals.

Also the legal position of the Church had to be re-confirmed and brought up to date. Necessary changes to the name of the Society were made, the national registration as a charitable organization was accomplished. With it, the Church gained the ability to issue income tax receipts.

In September 2000 we celebrated the 25th anniversary to the Priesthood of Bishop LaPlante.

In Souvenir

**"For you I am a Bishop;
with you I am a Christian"**

Saint Augustine, homily for the anniversary of his ordination as Bishop, 4th century, Divine Office, September 19.

"I wish to thank all the clergy, friends, and parishioners that participated the celebration of the 25th anniversary of my ordination. Your good wishes and gifts were greatly appreciated."

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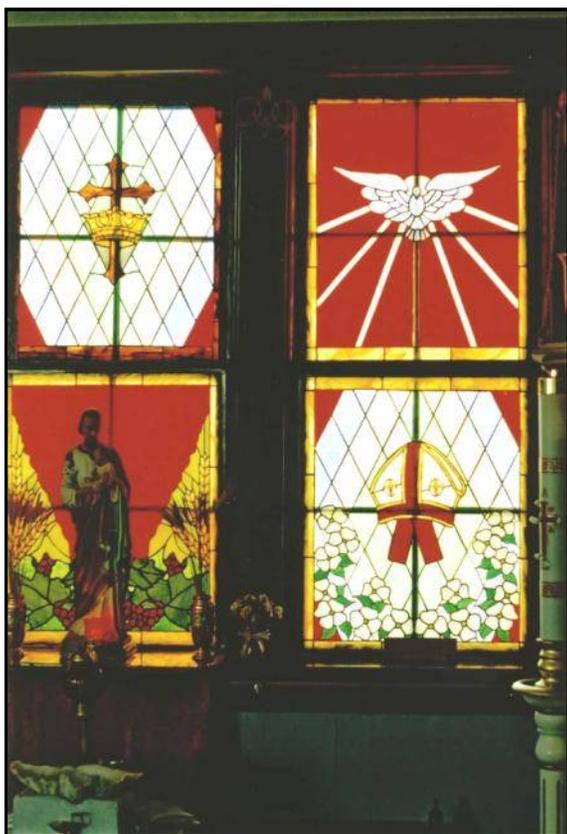
Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante

2001

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Confirmations	Ordinations
2001	18	8	143	10	2

January 1st

The year had a very tragic beginning: Our member, Mrs. Weinmueller lost 4 of her grandchildren and her daughter-in-law in a tragic traffic accident near Boston Bar, BC. They were: Rose Marie Murray, Nicole Marie Weinmueller, Peter Adam Weinmueller, Jessica Lynn Weinmueller, and Christopher Adam Harrison. Funeral services were held on January 10, 2001 at Valley View Funeral Home with more than 1000 people in attendance and extensive coverage and interest from local TV, radio, and newspapers. May they rest in peace.



Handmade Stained Glass Windows

Mrs. Marilyn Sztankovics - pictured above in the middle with Bishop Gérard LaPlante on the left and actor Philip Rhys on the right - designed and handcrafted the stained glass windows of our Church as seen on the pictures at the right. The top picture shows the window on the west side, the lower picture the windows on the east side of the sanctuary.

A hard and dedicated worker she has been a member of St. Raphael's for many years and used her many talents for the benefit of the Church. Together with her sister Mrs. Vivian Rickey-Merck (pictured below on the left) she has helped at countless dinners and special events; she has also printed and worked on the layout of many of our Church publications, and we are very thankful for her many years of devotion to the Church.



Spring 2001

Many repairs and renovations were completed from March to July.

The Church was completely repainted outside at the cost of \$3700 by the generosity of Mr. Schultz. A new sun deck was added in the rectory gardens and the chimneys of the Church and rectory were rebuilt and stabilized. Concrete dividers were added along the alley side of the Church to protect it from damage, the shed in the back of the Church was completely renovated and stucco was put on. The garage was painted, a new fence and gates installed in the back, the carport was substantially reinforced and painted, and the windows of the rectory were painted. All this came at a cost of \$4000, which was generously donated by Mr. Celeste Baldasso.

April 2001 Easter

On Easter we had 8 baptisms (four adults and four children) as well as 4 con rmatons. More baptisms followed during the summer.

We have been invited by the German Old Catholic Church and its representative the Vikargeneral Fr. Schlenzig to join the Union of Utrecht. A letter from the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham, Anglican Bishop of the diocese of New Westminster was taken by the Rev. Fr. Jürgen Schmode who was traveling to Germany (his native country) to visit his parents and at the same time discussed the Union with the Vicar General.

May

Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Bishop Michael Ingham met on the 23rd of May for further discussion concerning the Union of Utrecht and the Old Catholic Church and Anglican relations in the diocese.

Baptism and con rmaton of Dr. John Perverzo

Baptism on April 24, Wedding on June 2, 2001. Dr. John is the chiropractor of Bishop LaPlante and Fr. Gordon. He practices in North Vancouver and resides on Bowen Island. The Baptism was administered by

Bishop LaPlante at the Monastery in Maple Ridge. The wedding took place on Bowen Island in their home. Dr. Perverzo is of Russian descent, and comes from the Doukhobour Group, who settled in Grand Forks, B.C. and were persecuted because of their Christian beliefs in Russia as well as in B.C., even as late as the 1950's when their kids were forced into residential schools.

September 11th

Fr. Jürgen's sister, Birgit was visiting with us at that time, and subsequent to the events of the terrorist attack in New York, she had to extend her stay for a week. Mr. Jürgen Alsbach, who wanted to come with his father couldn't make it and had to cancel the day he wanted to y. The Bishop had to cancel his much anticipated trip to Québec. There was also much anxiety in Vancouver. A public prayer service was held with many people attending who normally do not attend Holy Mass. We tolled the death bell to commemorate those who died innocently in this vicious attack.

September 30th

Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

A festive Mass was followed by a reception at Glenhaven Memorial Chapel. Many guests and friends came or sent their greetings and everyone thanked God for the blessings he gave us through the years.

2002

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Con rmatons	Ordinations
2002	18	20	149	8	1

January

On January 6, Fr. Stephen was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante. The Church was full and everyone was invited for a small reception in the back of the Church following Holy Mass.



St. Barbara's Old Catholic Mission in Bellevue, Washington, USA, has hosted its first baptism.

The Rt. Rev. Gérard LaPlante, Bishop of British Columbia, officiated at the service. Tristan Olivier Sampson, child of Kevin James and Marie Sylvie Suzanne Laurendeau, received the sacrament.

Godparents are Pierre McNeil and Julie Head. Tristan's parents were married by Bishop LaPlante at St. Anne's Academy, Victoria, BC, a few years ago. Mom is a nurse and Dad is a commercial pilot for United Airlines.

St. Barbara's Mission was launched by Bishop LaPlante earlier this year. It's a mission parish of St. Raphael's Church in Vancouver, BC.

May

Mr. Jürgen Alsbach came for a surprise visit from

Germany. Everyone was happy to see him, but he only could stay for five days before he had to leave. He promised to be back in September for another visit.

June

On June 23rd we had a picnic for the Church in the Rectory gardens. Special guests were members from Holy Trinity Anglican Church from Redmond, WA, USA. Fr. Gary Wulf participated in the Mass and the picnic afterwards.

We have entered into Communion with Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Redmond, WA, the Rev. Fr. Gary Lee Wulf, Priest, Rev. Patrick Randall Milbank, Deacon. They are located at 17371 NE 24th Street Redmond, WA 98052. Tel. (425) 641-3059. We are happy to join hands with them in Christian fellowship.

September

Again we had a number of visitors. Mr. Jürgen Alsbach and his wife, the Honourable Judge Nicole Alsbach came for a two week visit. This was the first time Mrs. Alsbach came to North America and she enjoyed her visit very much.

Five Generations in one Church

With the baptism of Deishone Dominic Edward Newman we now have five generations of the same family at St. Raphael's:

Mrs. Myrtle Sawiuk

Mr. & Mrs. Napoleon & Delores Durocher, daughter and son-in-law.

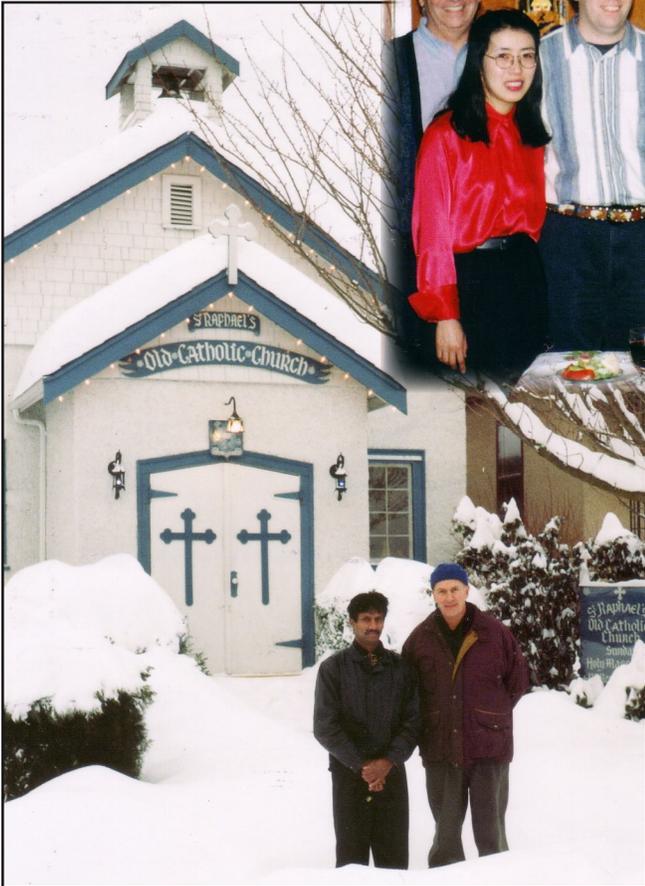
Mr. & Mrs. Victor & Debbie Newman, granddaughter and husband

Mr. Victor and Gail Newman, great-grandson and wife

Mr. Deishone Dominic Edward Newman, great-great-grandson

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Christmas Dinner 1996 left to right: Mr. Paul Theys, Mrs. & Mr. Didie Theys, Mr. Jim Gee, Bishop LaPlante, Fr. Gordon, Mr. Real Morrais, Pastor Snyder, Mr. Tom Christie, Mr. Joe Zuccherro, Mrs. Marilyn Sztankovics, Fr. Jürgen



Bishop LaPlante with Mr. Ramish Bastiampillai Winter 1996.



Mr. Carmen Cool putting some finishing touches on the patio.



The builders of the patio in front of the kitchen 1997; left to right: Mr. Brian Harker, Mr. Tony Dowling, Bishop LaPlante, helper, Mr. Carmen Cool.