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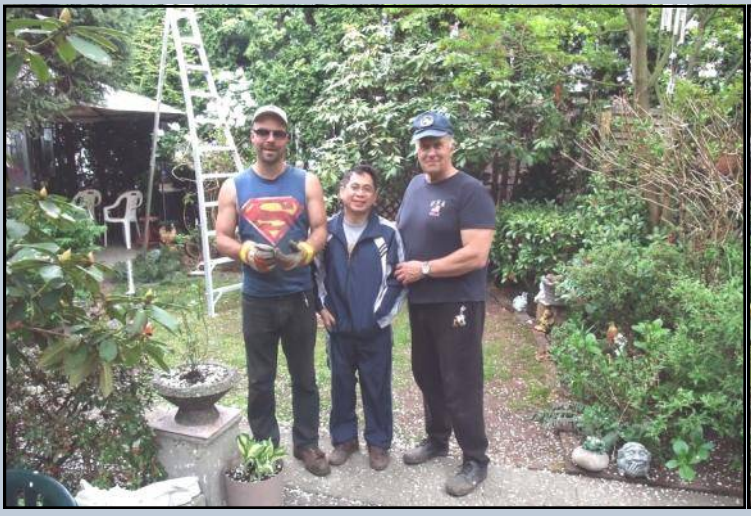
1 May 2009

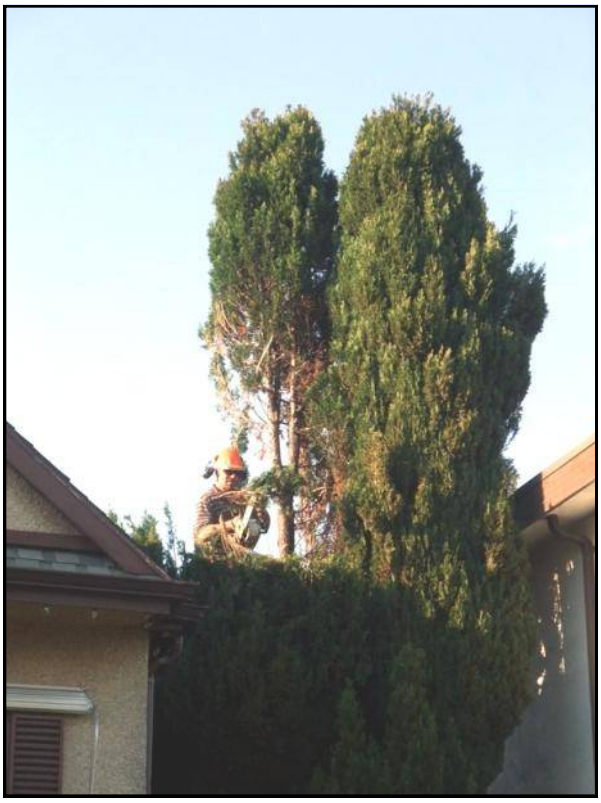
Above left photo: Bishop LaPlante with Mr. Epp; **above right photo**: pruning in the back in the rectory

Spring cleaning at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church & Rectory

On May 1, 2009, Mr. James Epp from the Tree People came by to prune the trees in the back of the Church. Since some of the work was up high, he needed to use the crane on his truck. Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Martin Lotho assisted with the clean up.

Right photo: Mr. Epp at work **Below photo**: Mr. James Epp, Fr. Martin Lotho, Bishop Gérard LaPlante **below right photo**: with Fr. Jürgen





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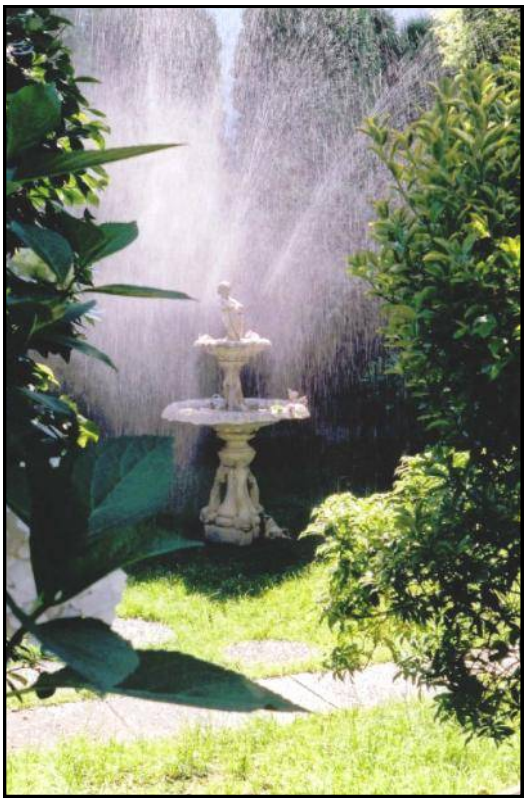

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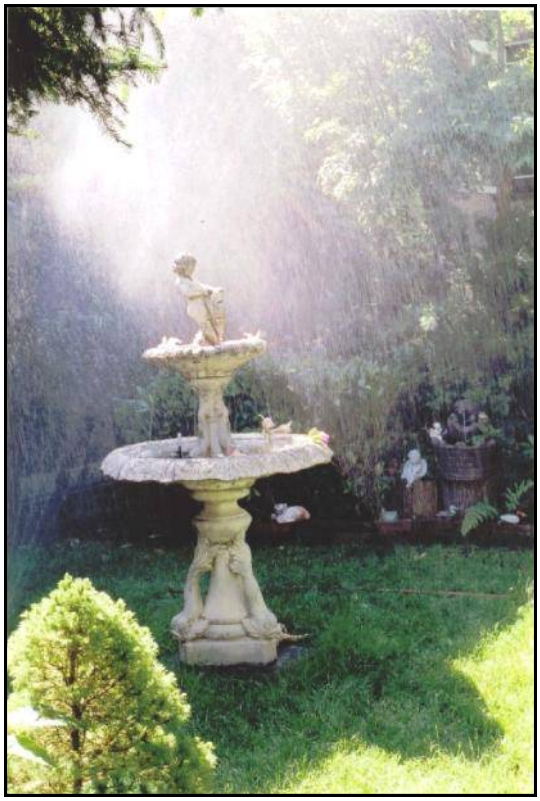

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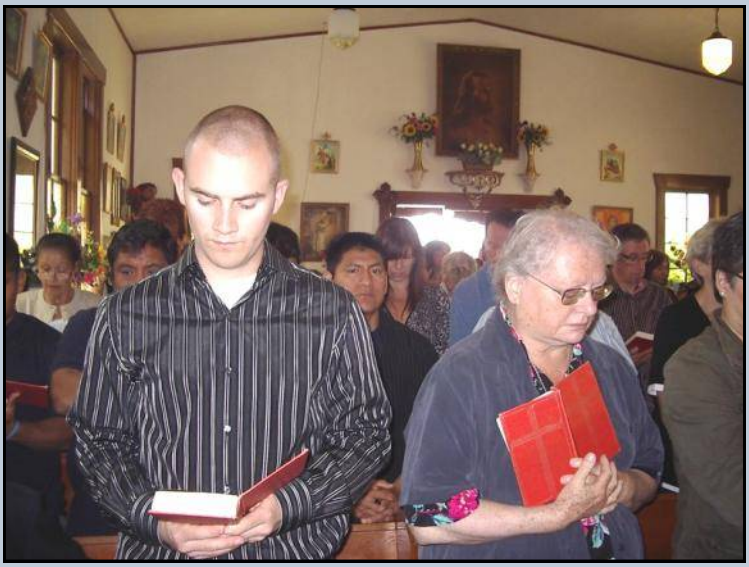


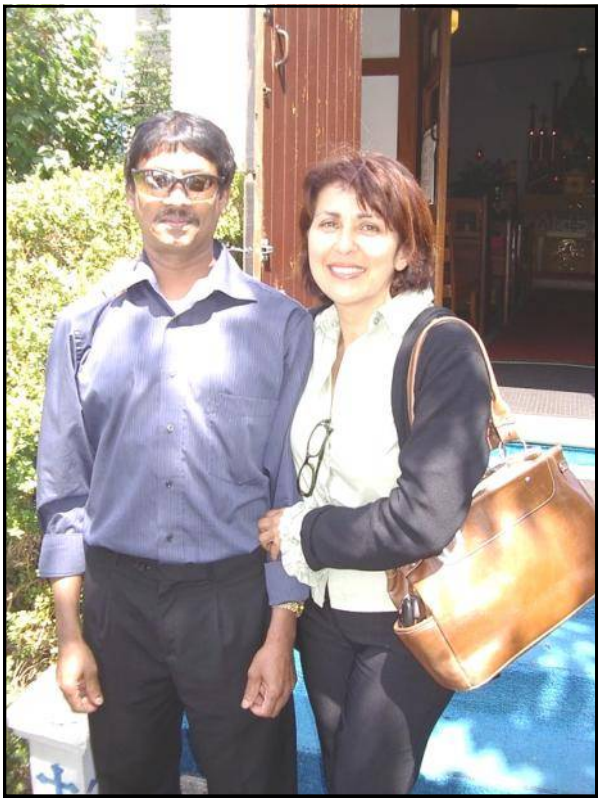
Above photos: left Mr. Andrew Roy, Ms. Kitty Delavault and other parishioners

Holy Mass at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

On June 14, 2009, the brother of Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. Jerome LaPlante, was visiting from Causapscal, Quebec in June. We also said good-bye to our long-time members, the Haddad family, who are going to live in Montreal, Quebec.

Above and below photo: Clergy greeting parishioners

Photo below: The Brascia family



Above photo: Mrs. Haddad saying good-bye to Sacristan Mr. Camilo Bastiampillai

Holy Mass at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

Photo below: distributing bread and pastries
St. Raphael's parish has distributed donated bread and pastries for the last 35 years every Sunday after Holy Mass.

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31 July 2009

Above left photo: Bishop Gérard LaPlante with Cooper Jude Heide

Above right photo: left to right: the Godparents, Mrs. Sheri Heide, holding Cooper, Mr. Michael Heide, Bishop Gérard LaPlante

Baptism of Cooper Jude Heide

On Sunday, July 19, 2009 we celebrated the baptism of Cooper Jude Heide, a fourth generation Old Catholic being the great-grandchild of Mrs. Louise Heide. Louise was a member for more than 30 years before her passing 2 years ago. For the baptism, family members came from the BC Sunshine Coast, Vancouver Island and the BC Interior.

Above pictures: During the baptism

Photo above: Bishop Gérard LaPlante holding Cooper with the parents, grandparents, and Godparents

Photo above right: Bishop Gérard LaPlante with Ms. Tracy Heide next to him, and Mr. Jeff Heide behind him and other parishioners

Left Photo: Bishop Gérard LaPlante with Mrs. Ricki-Lynn Barnes and two of her three children, all of whom were baptized at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

Right Photo: Bishop Gérard LaPlante with the Heide family in the back of the Church after the baptism

Above left photo: right: Before Holy Mass

Above right photo: After the baptism on the left the Abastilla family, Fr. Jürgen holding Airah Abastilla, on the right the Fernandez family with the baby Christine Fernandez

Two Filipino baptisms at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

On July 5, 2009 we celebrated two baptisms at St. Raphael's. Both families were originally from the Philippines. The Abastilla family are Filipino Aboriginal and they have been members of the Old Catholic Church since 1996. The Fernandez family lived in our neighborhood for many years and have been members for more than 10 years.

Above left photo: right: Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Jürgen Schmode greeting the Abastilla family

Above right photo: Fr. Jürgen Schmode and Fr. Martin Lotho with the Fernandez family

Above and below photos: Clergy of the Old Catholic Church of BC greeting parishioners

Photo below: Deacon Jean Doucet, Mr. Gilles Guay, Fr. Martin Lotho, Fr. Jürgen, Mr. Samuel Thomas, Bishop Gérard LaPlante

Photo below: distributing bread and pastries

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August 2009

Wedding of Mr. Dustin Gilligan & Ms. Naomi Girard

The wedding of Mr. Dustin Gilligan, member of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church, was celebrated the 8th of August, one year after he proposed to his fiancée, Ms. Naomi Girard, (8-8-8). Fr. Jürgen Schmode officiated at the wedding on August 8, 2009 and had previously officiated at the funerals of his grandmother and his grandfather. Dustin, his brother Ted, and his aunt Theresa nee Gilligan were all baptized and confirmed at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church on Easter 2008. Dustin owns Roadhouse Landscaping and looks after the yard of the Church.

Photo above: The baptism of Dustin on Easter 2008

Photo right: Maintaining the Church yard

Photo above, left to right: Fr. Martin Lotho, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Jürgen Schmode

Photo above left: Baptism of Adrian Mamaril.

Photo below: Fr. Martin in the centre holding Adrian, on the right the father Mr. Benson Mamaril and on the left the mother Mrs. Pia Mamaril, flanked by Godparents and other family members.

Fr. Martin Lotho from the Philippines

Fr. Martin Umali Lotho joined us from the Philippines where he was born on October 13, 1966 in Santa Ana, Manila. He was baptized on June 1, 1967 at Our Lady of the Abandoned Roman Catholic parish in Santa Ana, Manila, by Fr. Pedro Ruano, OFM and confirmed in the same parish on February 10, 1980 by Bishop Protacio G. Gungon.

He was ordained Deacon on May 30, 2007, and ordained Priest on June 8, 2007, both times by Bishop Joseph V. Galaroza of the Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira nas Filipinas, an Old Catholic Church in the Philippines.

He attended high school at Paco Catholic School in Paco, Manila. After which, he studied at St. Louis University in Baguio City, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy. He worked in the family printing business after that. After his ordination he came to Canada to work as a missionary among the Filipino community. Bishop Galaroza released him so he could transfer to the Old Catholic Church of BC. He was accepted by Bishop Gérard LaPlante on March 1, 2009, and has been serving as Assistant Priest at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.

First Baptism by Fr. Martin Lotho

Fr. Martin officiated at the baptism of Adrian Mamaril on August 16, 2009; he met the family after he arrived in Vancouver and they joined the Old Catholic Church of BC.

Photo below: After the baptism; left to right: Deacon Jean Doucet, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Martin Lotho, Mr. Benson Mamaril, his son Adrian, and Mrs. Pia Mamaril

Baptism of Dalia Tomas Jose

On August 23, 2009 Fr. Jürgen Schmode baptized Dalia. She is the 4th grandchild of Mr. & Mrs. Gaspar Tomas that was baptized at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. The family is originally from Guatemala and are Mayan First Nation.

Left photo: The baptism of Dalia

Right Photo: left to right: The godfather Mr. Francisco Tomas Lorenzo, the father Mr. Henry Tomas Gaspar, Fr. Martin, Fr. Jürgen blessing Dalia

Photo # 1: Bishop holding little Angelina Gaspar Lorenzo, who was baptized in April 2009 by Bishop LaPlante; she is the cousin of Dalia, as is Ezekiel who is standing in front of the Bishop. Next to the Bishop is the mother Gloria Gaspar.

Photo # 2: The Tomas family with Fr. Jürgen holding little Dalia; on the right of Fr. Jürgen Mr. Gaspar Tomas the grandfather.

Photo # 3: left to right: Deacon Jean, Fr. Jürgen, Mr. Lorenzo Tomas, the father Mr. Henry Tomas Gaspar, holding his daughter Dalia, the mother Juana Tomas, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Martin Lotho

All Photos: Continuing a 35 year tradition after Holy Mass, Bishop and clergy of the Old Catholic Church of BC greet members and distribute bread and pastry.

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September 2009

House blessing of the Bestiampilai 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

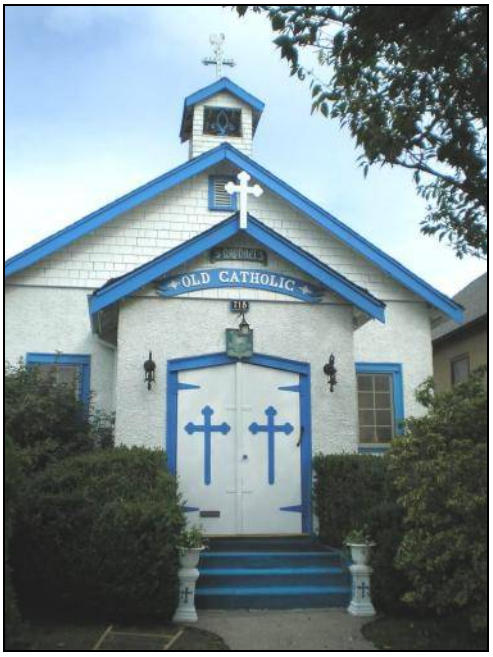
Bishop Gérard LaPlante was invited to officially bless the closing of the Jericho Beach Youth Hostel **(Photo # 1)** in Vancouver, BC for the season. After some upgrades and renovation they will reopen for the Olympic games. **Photo # 2** shows Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Jürgen Schmode with staff 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.

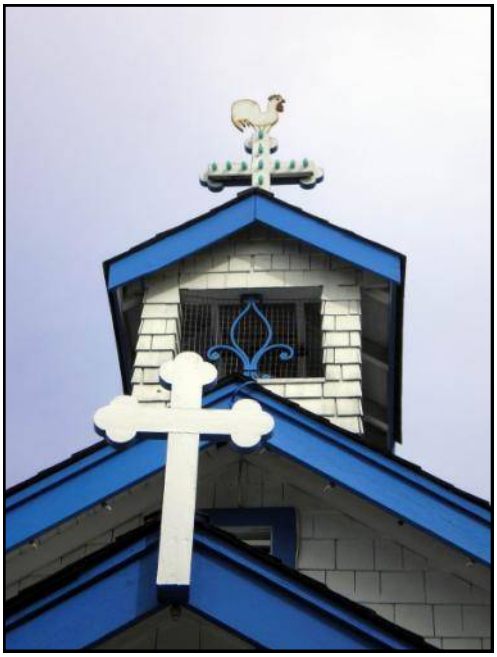
Photo # 4: The photographer was Ms. Birgit Schmode, Fr. Jürgen Schmode sister (on the right) who came for a surprise two week visit from Germany.

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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October 2009

Baptism and Confirmation of Ms. Min Jeon Gracia Ku

On October 11, 2009, we celebrated the baptism and confirmation of Ms. Min Jeon Gracia Ku from Incheon, South Korea, who came to Vancouver in early September to study English for a year. Her twin brother Seong Mo was also baptized at the same time, but he received the sacrament at St. Mateo Catholic Church, in Jakjun, Incheon City, Korea. Both of them were very happy to be baptized together, even though they were on two different continents.

Photo 1: The baptism of Ms. Min-Jeon Gracia Ku
Photo 2: Her confirmation by Bishop Gérard LaPlante
Photo 3: left to right: Deacon Jean Doucet, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Fr. Martin Lotho, Ms. Min-Jeon Gracia Ku, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Godparents Mr. Jerome Olaizola, Mrs. Lucia Olaizola
Photo 4: Outside St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church after the baptism with clergy and friends the friends of Ms. Gracia Ku

Baptism and confirmation of Ms. Min Jeon Gracia Ku cont.

Photos 1-3: The baptism of Gracia Ku's brother Seong Mo at St. Mateo Catholic Church in Jak-jun, Incheon City, Korea.
Photo 4: The newly baptized Seong Mo with his parents Mr. Jea-Bon Ku & Mrs. Hyun-Mi Kim

Holy Mary
Patron Saint of Korea

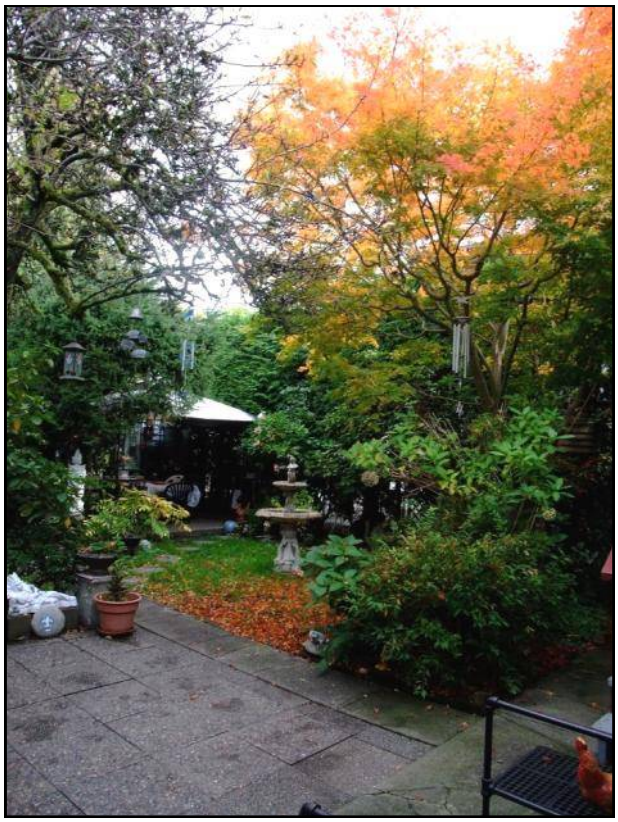
Photo 1: left to right: Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Magda Long, Chris Long, holding Samantha, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Deacon Jean Doucet

Photo 2: Samantha Long

Visit of Mr. Chris (Magda) Long family

The Chris (Magda) Long family visited on October 11, 2009, to introduce their second daughter Samantha. Chris and Magda were married in 2003 by Fr. Jürgen Schmode. Their first daughter was baptized in May of 2007; Samantha's baptism is scheduled on November 22, 2009, at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.

Photo 4: The bilingual thanksgiving cake—we are in Canada!



Fall coming in at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

Filipino Thanksgiving Mass at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

Fr. Martin Lotho celebrated a Filipino Thanksgiving Mass on October 18, 2009. The Mass was offered to give thanks for the birthday of his mother, and the blessings everyone in the Filipino community has received since coming to Canada. Many of our Filipino members joined him, including Ms. Mable Elmore, newly elected MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly, our provincial parliament) and BC's first MLA of Filipino descent.

Photo 1: Fr. Martin Lotho handing information of the Church
Photo 2: Fr. Martin Lotho with some of our Filipino members
Photo 3: left to right: Fr. Martin Lotho, Ms. Mable Elmore, MLA, Fr. Jürgen Schmode
Photo 4: left to right: Deacon Jean Doucet, Fr. Martin Lotho, Ms. Mable Elmore, MLA, Fr. Jürgen Schmode

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November 2009

Baptism of Samantha Anna Long

On November 22, 2009, we celebrated the baptism of Samantha, the second daughter of Chris and Magda Long. They were married by Fr. Jürgen Schmode in August 2002, and their first daughter was baptized in August 2006 Bishop by Gérard LaPlante in St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. On this occasion the Our Father was also recited in Polish as Magda and her family are originally from Poland.

Photo 1: Bishop Gérard LaPlante baptizing Samantha
Photo 2: Fr. Jürgen Schmode reading the charge to the Godparents.
Photo 3: Little Samantha in the arms of the Bishop, on the left her parents, Chris and Magda Long, on the right her Godmother, Mrs. Ania Serwin
Photo 4: The Baptismal party, Samantha Long in the arms of Bishop Gérard LaPlante, her three year old sister Stephanie in front of her mother.

Life of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

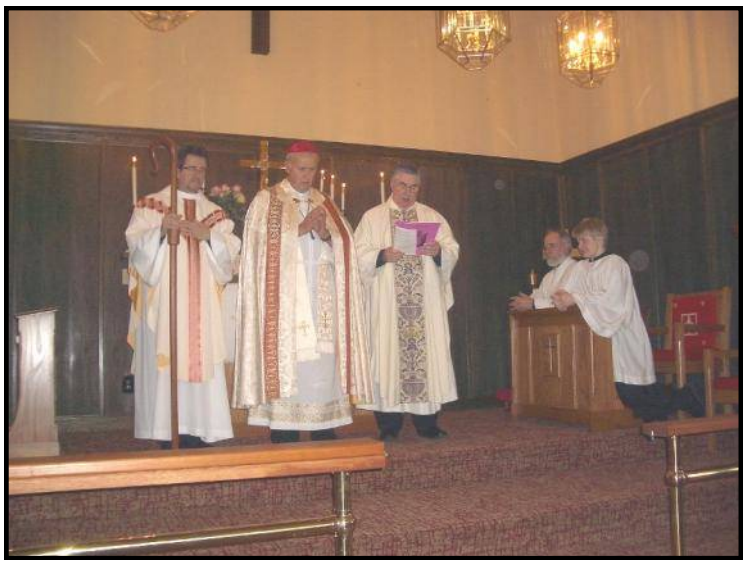
Photo 1: left to right: Mr. Fred Foster, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. François St-Pierre
Photo 2: left to right: Mr. Gerhard Oberauer, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Mr. Fred Foster, Mr. David Oberauer, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. François St-Pierre
Photo 3: left to right: Deacon Jean Doucet, Ms. Natasha Doucas, Bishop Gérard LaPlante holding little Maxime Doucas, Mr. Chris Doucas. Maxime will be baptized on Christmas this year.
Photo 4: Mr. Michael Moser, Mr. Gerhard Oberauer, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. François St-Pierre

Life of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church cont.

Fr. Claude Lacroix arrived for a visit from Quebec City on November 6, 2009. With Bishop Gérard LaPlante he went to visit Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Redmond, Washington. His visit was cut short because of the passing of Mr. Eddy LaPlante, brother of the Bishop. He went back to Quebec on November 11, and accompanied Bishop LaPlante to Causapscal, Quebec, where the funeral took place.

Photo 1: left to right: Fr. Claude Lacroix, Mr. Brian Harker, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. François St-Pierre, Fr. Jürgen Schmode Photo 2: left to right: Fr. Gordon Hangerud, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Claude Lacroix, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Mr. François St-Pierre Photo 3:Bishop Gérard LaPlante with the brother of Mr. Camilo Bastiampilai (on the far right) and his family from Toronto, Ontario. Photo 4: Fr. Claude Lacroix, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Deacon Jean Doucet, Mr. François St-Pierre Photo 5: left to right: Fr. Claude Lacroix, Fr. Martin Lotho, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Gordon Hangerud, Deacon Jean Doucet, Fr. Jürgen Schmode

Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Claude Lacroix at Holy Trinity Church, Redmond, Washington November 8, 2009



Left to right: Fr. Claude Lacroix, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Dana Updegrove, Deacon Stephen Terry, server inside Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Priests greeting parishioners after Holy Mass

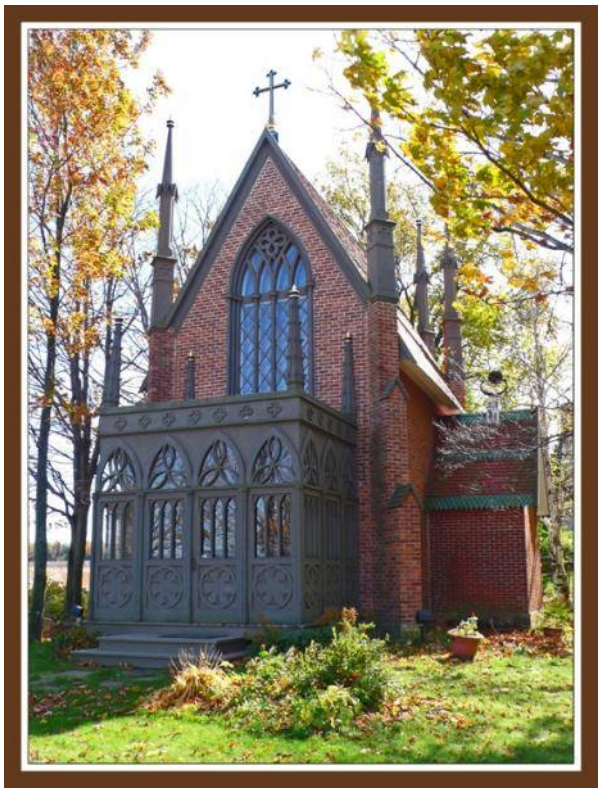
Fr. Claude Lacroix's work in Quebec

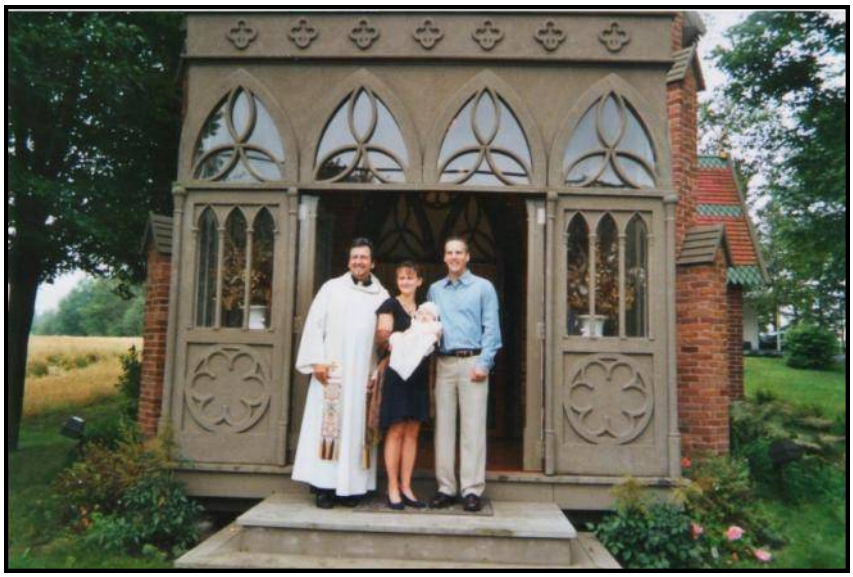
Photo below left: Fr. Lacroix poses with parishioners after a wedding in summer 2009 in St. George de Beauce, where he celebrates Holy Mass once a month.

Fr. Claude Lacroix's work in Quebec cont.

La chapelle Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

Our Lady of Grace Chapel in St. Nicolas, Quebec is a small Gothic revival building and a historic monument built 1867 – 1868 for the private use of the Pâquet family. Inside, each corner has an alcove with a statue of a different saint (Sts. Nicholas, Joachim, Anne and Joseph); these statues were imported from Germany in 1871.
Fr. Lacroix regularly celebrates Holy Mass and other liturgies in this Chapel.





Fr. Claude with parishioners after a baptism in the historical chapel of Notre-Dame-de-Grace, St. Nicolas, Quebec.