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### **Ecumenical News**

Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante, Bishop Jürgen Schmode and Fr. Martin Lotho were invited for the Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II on April 27, 2014 at the Pacific Coliseum by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver.



September 18, 1984; Visit of Pope John Paul II in Abbotsford, BC left to right: the Rev. Fr. Miroslav Dejanov, Serbian Orthodox Church, Mr. Charles Matson, the Rev. Fr. Cyril Bulasevich, Russian Orthodox Church, Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante, Cpl. M. Gosselin, RCMP, Fr. Gordon Hangerud

Photo 3: Left to right: Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Right Reverend John Braganza, OSB, Abbot of Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC, Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante, Pastor Greg Thiessen, First United Mennonite Church, Fr. Martin Lotho





**Photo 1:** 30 years later at the Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonization of Pope John Paul II. Left to right: Bishop Jürgen Schmode, the Most Rev. Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Reverend J. Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante

Photo 4: Left to right: The Most Reverend Ken Nowakowski, Eparch of the Ukrainian Eparchy of New Westminster, Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante, Pastor Greg Thiessen.



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Left to right: Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Bishop H.W. Leung, Fr. Martin Lotho

# **New Anglican Bishop**

We were invited for the consecration and installation of the new Bishop Melissa Skelton of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster on March 1, 2014. Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante was unable to attend and Bishop Jürgen Schmode and Fr. Martin Lotho represented the Old Catholic Church of BC & Society.

**Photo 1:** Bishop Jürgen Schmode, with Fr. Martin Lotho at the consecration ceremony at the Vancouver Convention Centre. (Photos courtesy of "Topic" May 2014)



Photo 2: Fr. Martin Lotho and Father **Hrant Tahanian** from the Armenian Orthodox Church



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