

Bishop Gérard LaPlante celebrating Mass on Eltz Castle

On February 1989 while visiting Germany Bishop Gérard LaPlante celebrated Holy Mass in the Chapel of Eltz Castle, assisted by Mr. Jakob Count of Eltz. At that time, the Count encouraged the Bishop to continue his missionary calling and expressed his wish to visit him in Vancouver, BC.

Eltz Castle, one of the most beautiful and best preserved castles in Germany is lying in a romantic setting surrounded by an unspoilt landscape and has been in the ownership of the same family for more than 800 years.

Castle Eltz is one of the most famous landmarks in Germany, because it was prominently displayed on the DM 500 bill until the Euro.

The Count of Eltz was the Honorary representative of the Republic of Croatia in Germany, Ambassador of the Order of Malta to the Holy See and a former member of Parliament.

The Count passed away in February 2006, and Bishop Gérard paid a visit to his last resting place to say a prayer in June 2006 while visiting for the Baptism of Lina Alsbach. He was accompanied by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie from the USA and Mr. Jürgen Alsbach, Koblenz, Germany.



Above: The Count of Eltz assisting Bishop Gérard during Holy Mass February 1989

Below: After Holy Mass, left to right: Countess of Eltz, Bishop LaPlante, Mr. Jürgen Alsbach, Count Jakob of Eltz



Bottom three pictures left to right: Eltz Castle, Family Funeral Grave and Chapel of Count Eltz, Memorial Plaque for the Count

