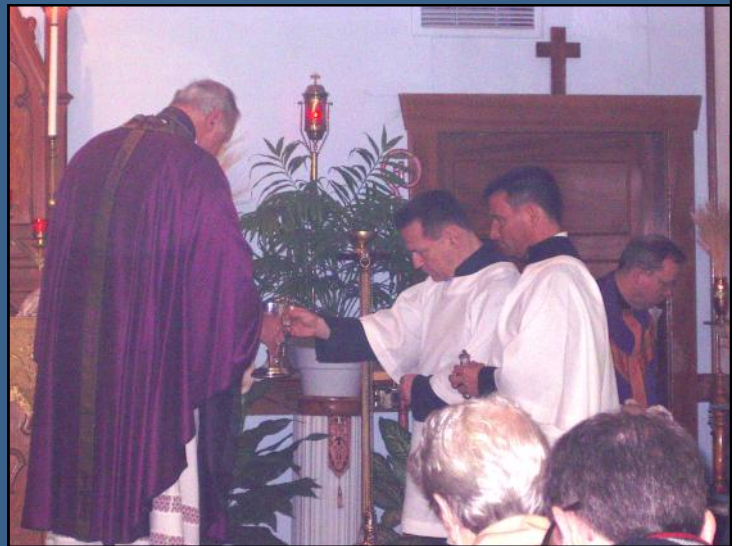




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Top left picture: left to right: Fr. Gordon Hangerud, Mr. Victor Doucet, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. Jean Doucet; inside the vestry before Holy Mass; top right picture: During Holy Mass: Bishop Gérard LaPlante assisted by Mr. Jean and Victor Doucet on February 24, 2008

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After Holy Mass greeting the members and visitors; left picture: clockwise starting lower left: Mr. Jean Doucet, Mr. Victor Doucet, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mrs. Helen Cameron, Mrs. Rose Muirhead. Left Picture: Mr. Jean Doucet (left) with Mr. Victor Doucet (right)





Above left:

Bishop Gérard LaPlante with the Doucet brothers inside St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church in 1980: left to right: Wilfred, Michel, and Victor Doucet



Above right:

At the ordination of Fr. Pat Stewart to the Priesthood, 3 April 1980, left to right: The Rev. Fr. Jim Roberts, Roman Catholic Priest of the diocese of Vancouver, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Pat Stewart, Mr. Victor Doucet, server

Below left:

Bishop Gérard LaPlante in Bathurst, New Brunswick at the committal of Mr. Patrick Doucet; next to him the Rev. Fr. David Boudreau, O.F.M., Roman Catholic Priest of the diocese of Bathurst, New Brunswick

Below right:

Fr. Gordon Hangerud and Mr. Jean Doucet in the garden of St. Raphael's December 1994



The Doucet Family from Bathurst, New Brunswick

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Bishop LaPlante and the Doucet family have maintained regular contacts since 1980 by letters, phone calls, and visits to the Church. Bishop LaPlante visits the family yearly when going to the Gaspé Coast. One of the brothers, Mr. Jean Doucet, attends St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church; he lives in New Westminster and studies to be a future deacon.



**Mr. Patrick Doucet
1963 - 1980
Rest in Peace**