## The Old Catholic Church of B.C. L'Église Vieille Catholique de C.B.

"Coast to Coast"

"D'un océan à l'autre"



Left to right: Major Walter Botwinski III, Ms. Sonya Muller, Bishop Gérard LaPlante

## Major Walt Botwinski III & Mrs. Sonya Muller

- He is stationed in Washington State
- He is highly decorated having served in many areas of conflicts over the last two decades. Haiti, Somalia, Kosovo, and Iraq. He also served several years in Germany.
- Sonya works for the Vancouver Port Authority.

## **Wedding with Military Honors** On August 17, 2007

Major Walter S. Botwinski III from Ellensburg, Washington and Ms. Sonva Muller from Vancouver. BC - both members of the Old Catholic Church of BC – got married on August 17 at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church in Vancouver, BC.

On the day before his wedding Walt received a very special aift: He learned that he was promoted from Captain to Major! Congratulations!

The wedding reception took place on the M.V. Hornblower, taking the guests on a sunset cruise around Vancouver. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the large congregation.

We wish them God's blessing on their life together!



Above: The Botwinski and Muller family together with the clergy of the Old Catholic Church of BC after the ceremony.

Back row, left to right: Fr. Jürgen, Mr. Jean Doucet, Bishop Gérard LaPlante. Front row: Mr. Botwinski, Mr. Botwinski Jr., Mrs. Sonya Botwinski, Major Walter Botwinski III, Mr. Muller, Mrs. Muller, his two kids



Bishop LaPlante (right) with Major Walter Botwinski III, just before the wedding



Above: Fr. Jürgen, Mr. Jean Doucet, Major Walter Botwinski III, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, before the wedding



Above, during the ceremony: Fr. Jürgen and Bishop Gérard, in front, Ms. Sonya Muller and Major Walter Botwinski III



Left to right, after the signing of the registry: Fr. Jürgen, Mrs. Gisela Ortmeyer, Mrs. & Mr. Walt Botwinski, Bishop Gérard, Mr. Todd Viau



The newlyweds in front of the Church



Singer Mrs. Suzanne Nordin, with Bishop Gérard, guest, and Fr. Jürgen



The wedding part after the ceremony in front of the Church