

News from St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

Sunday 1 July 2007 Canada Day

Baptism of Jordan Lea Fianza

Visit of Mr. Ujjal Dosanjh, M.P., and former Premier of BC

On Sunday 1 July we celebrated Canada Day at the Church with the baptism of Jordan Lea Fianza. As you can see from the pictures, the Church was filled to the last seat. This was the first baptism for Bishop Jürgen as a Bishop. He married the couple in the summer of 2006, both are originally from the Philippines and both work as nurses. They have been members of St. Raphael's since 1997, when they moved in our neighborhood. Special guests were Bishops' Jürgen parents who were visiting from Germany.



After the service Mr. Ujjal Dosanjh and his wife Raminder came and visited with the Church on the invitation of Bishop Gérard. Mr. Dosanjh is our Member of Parliament (federal) and serves as critic for the Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Official Opposition Shadow Cabinet; he was the Minister of Health under the former Government. Before he got into federal politics he was the first Indo-Canadian and first visible minority premier in Canadian history here in our province of British Columbia.

Left to right: Mrs. Marilyn Stankovics, Mrs. Raminder Dosanjh, Bishop Jürgen, Mr. Ujjal Dosanjh, M.P., Mr. Jean Doucet