



Wedding of Mr. Dustin Gilligan & Ms. Naomi Girard

The wedding of Mr. Dustin Gilligan, member of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church, was celebrated the 8th of August, one year after he proposed to his fiancée, Ms. Naomi Girard, (8-8-8). Fr. Jürgen Schmode officiated at the wedding on August 8, 2009 and had previously officiated at the funerals of his grandmother and his grandfather. Dustin, his brother Ted, and his aunt Theresa nee Gilligan were all baptized and confirmed at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church on Easter 2008. Dustin owns Roadhouse Landscaping and looks after the yard of the Church.



Photo above: The baptism of Dustin on Easter 2008

Photo right: Maintaining the Church yard





Fr. Martin Lotho from the Philippines



Photo above, left to right: Fr. Martin Lotho, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Jürgen Schmode

Fr. Martin Umali Lotho joined us from the Philippines where he was born on October 13, 1966 in Santa Ana, Manila. He was baptized on June 1, 1967 at Our Lady of the Abandoned Roman Catholic parish in Santa Ana, Manila, by Fr. Pedro Ruano, OFM and confirmed in the same parish on February 10, 1980 by Bishop Protacio G. Gungon.

He was ordained Deacon on May 30, 2007, and ordained Priest on June 8, 2007, both times by Bishop Joseph V. Galaroza of the Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira nas Filipinas, an Old Catholic Church in the Philippines.

He attended high school at Paco Catholic School in Paco, Manila. After which, he studied at St. Louis University in Baguio City, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy. He worked in the family printing business after that. After his ordination he came to Canada to work as a missionary among the Filipino community. Bishop Galaroza released him so he could transfer to the Old Catholic Church of BC. He was accepted by Bishop Gérard LaPlante on March 1, 2009, and has been serving as Assistant Priest at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.

First Baptism by Fr. Martin Lotho

Fr. Martin officiated at the baptism of Adrian Mamaril on August 16, 2009; he met the family after he arrived in Vancouver and they joined the Old Catholic Church of BC.



Photo above left: Baptism of Adrian Mamaril.

Photo below: Fr. Martin in the centre holding Adrian, on the right the father Mr. Benson Mamaril and on the left the mother Mrs. Pia Mamaril, flanked by Godparents and other family members.

Photo below: After the baptism; left to right: Deacon Jean Doucet, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Martin Lotho, Mr. Benson Mamaril, his son Adrian, and Mrs. Pia Mamaril





Baptism of Dalia Tomas Jose

On August 23, 2009 Fr. Jürgen Schmode baptized Dalia. She is the 4th grandchild of Mr. & Mrs. Gaspar Tomas that was baptized at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. The family is originally from Guatemala and are Mayan First Nation.



Left photo:
The baptism
of Dalia



Right Photo:
left to right: The
godfather Mr.
Francisco
Tomas Lorenzo,
the father Mr.
Henry Tomas
Gaspar, Fr.
Martin, Fr.
Jürgen blessing
Dalia

Photo # 1: Bishop holding little Angelina Gaspar Lorenzo, who was baptized in April 2009 by Bishop LaPlante; she is the cousin of Dalia, as is Ezekiel who is standing in front of the Bishop. Next to the Bishop is the mother Gloria Gaspar.

Photo # 2: The Tomas family with Fr. Jürgen holding little Dalia; on the right of Fr. Jürgen Mr. Gaspar Tomas the grandfather.

Photo # 3: left to right: Deacon Jean, Fr. Jürgen, Mr. Lorenzo Tomas, the father Mr. Henry Tomas Gaspar, holding his daughter Dalia, the mother Juana Tomas, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Martin Lotho





All Photos: Continuing a 35 year tradition after Holy Mass, Bishop and clergy of the Old Catholic Church of BC greet members and distribute bread and pastry.

