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Publications by the Old Catholic Church of BC

Books and Brochures

- “Statement of Principles” Christmas 1979
- “Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist” (English & French) 1983
- “History of the Old Catholic Church of B.C. Society” (English and French) Pamphlet
- “Daily Prayer Book”
- “Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist (German) 1998
- “The Liturgies of the Old Catholic Church of BC” 2004
- “Liturgies of the Old Catholic Church of B.C.” 2001
- “Facts about The Old Catholic Church of B.C. (since 1921 to the present)”

Television

1982 A national broadcast of “Phare Quest” documentary on The Church and Bishop Gérard LaPlante

1990 another documentary (Local Canadian Broadcasting Cooperation, CBC)

April 18, 1991 CBC televised The Holy Mass from coast to coast on the CBC TV (French Network). A first for the Liturgy of the Old Catholic Church of B.C. and Canada.

October 17, 1993 The National Film Board of Canada documentary “The Family” aired in **September 1994** on National TV and in other countries. Bishop Gérard LaPlante was interviewed and Holy Mass filmed that day. The documentary produced by Mr. German Gutierrez, assisted by Mr. Serge Lafortune, Martin Leclerc, and Diane Cariere from the N.F.B.

June 5, 2007 Channel M Interview of Bishop Jürgen Schmode on German Today

Radio

Interviews in 1987 - 1989 - 1992 - 1993 - 2000

- 2001 – 2002 – 2003 – 2004 – 2005 – 2006 - 2007 by the C.B.C. Vancouver and national shows.

Write up in Newspapers and Magazines about St. Raphael’s Old Catholic Church

- “The Province” Vancouver, April 22, 1978
- “The Vancouver Express” April 1979
- “Le Soleil” (French Newspaper) December 21, 1979
- “Muscle Magazine” (USA & Canada) May 1979
- “The Vancouver Sun” March 13, 1981
- “Flex Magazine” (Canada & USA) April 1986
- “Pacific Scene” (Canada Customs, Vancouver Region) May 1986
- “The Revue” Neighbourhood Churches April 1986
- “The Vancouver Sun” (Photo: Steeple painting) July 20, 1991
- “Vancouver: Secrets of the City” by Shawn Blore, 1st & 2nd Edition, Published by Arsenal Pulp Press, Vancouver, B.C.
- “Vancouver Courier” October 4, 1998
- “Vancouver Courier” February 7, 2007
- “Vancouver Courier” June 8, 2007

Locations of St. Raphael’s Old Catholic Church over the years; all of them in the City of Vancouver, BC

1921 - 1927	various locations
1928 - 1930	2380 Pine Street
1933 - 1935	609 West Hastings Street (Empire Building)
1935 - 1936	883 Howe Street
1936 - 1939	346 West Broadway
1939 – 1948	1236 Granville Street
1948 – 1950	various locations
1950 - 1955	4722 Main Street
1955 - 1962	3515 W 4th Avenue
1962 – present	715 E 51st Avenue

The Doucet Family (Bathurst, New Brunswick)



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

This Acadian family from Bathurst N.B. was and still is a part of the life of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church and Bishop LaPlante. All of the 5 brothers have lived at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church at one time or another.

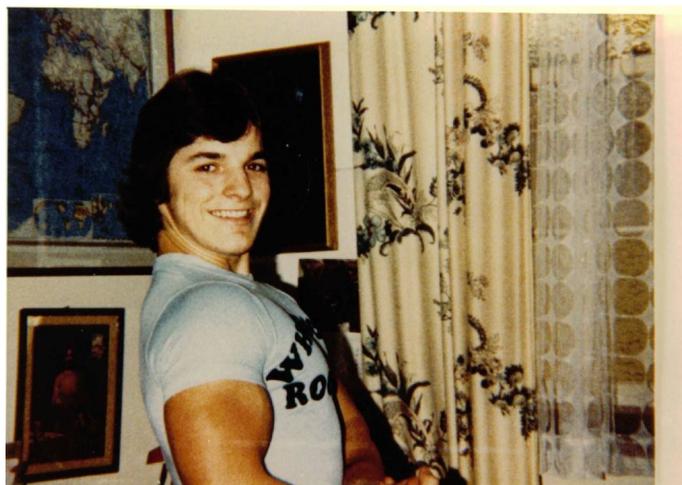
The First arrival was Patrick. Only 15 years old he arrived on 18 April 1978 at the door of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church unknown to Fr. LaPlante. After reading in "Sante + Force" (Publisher Mr. Ben Weider) about Father LaPlante, Patrick came to St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church for help. Lodging and a job were found for him by Bishop LaPlante. Tragically a car accident on 5 September 1980 and negligence from Vancouver General Hospital resulted in his death at the age of 17 years. A Requiem Mass was celebrated by Bishop LaPlante. The Church, members, and friends, helped financially for his remains to be transported via Air Canada to Bathurst for Burial, where

Bishop Gérard LaPlante concelebrated at his Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church in Bathurst, New Brunswick – see the articles below in the Moncton Time and the Vancouver Sun.

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 and lives in Vancouver.

The Moncton Times September 1980 Youth dies of injuries

Bathurst (Special) – Patrick Doucet, 17, of Vancouver, and formerly of Alexander Drive in Bathurst, died in Vancouver General Hospital as the result of a highway accident. He was a passenger in a car involved.



Mr. Patrick Doucet RIP 1963 - 1980

He was born in Bathurst, a son of Norman and Albertine (Pitre) Doucet. He was employed at a meat shop and was a Vancouver resident for the past two years.

Besides his parents, he is survived by five brothers, Wilfred of Beresford, Jean of Rimouski, Que., Victor of Vancouver, Michel and Henri of Bathurst; four sisters, Adele,



Bishop Gérard LaPlante in Bathurst, New Brunswick at the committal of Mr. Patrick Doucet

Rosemarie, Yvette and Anita, all at home; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Doucet of Bathurst and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Adella (Pitre) Duguay of Bathurst.

The funeral mass was celebrated on Sunday afternoon at Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church, followed by interment in the parish cemetery. Concelebrating mass were Rev. Gregory Culligan, assistant pastor and chief celebrant; Rev. David Boudreau (Capuchin), Rev. Albert Landry (Capuchin), Rev. John Fournier of Sarasota, Fla., and Rev. Gérard Laplante of St. Raphael's Liberal Catholic (Old Catholic) Church in Vancouver.

Le Soleil, Vancouver, September 1980

Samedi 6 septembre, un accident est survenu au coin de la 41^e et Fraser à Vancouver qui a coûté la vie au jeune Patrick Doucet, 17 ans. Il travaillait chez Fletcher Meat.

Patrick, originaire de Bathurst au Nouveau Brunswick, était arrivé à Vancouver à l'âge 15 ans, il était hébergé et aidé par l'Eglise St-Raphael Catholique du rite libéral et par son curé Mgr Laplante. Il a fait partie pendant ces deux ans de la communauté chrétienne de St-Raphaël. Il était au printemps de la vie et il est difficile, dans un cas semblable, d'accepter une telle tragédie, mais comme il est dit dans le Notre-Père « Que votre volonté soit faite ».

Patrick laisse dans le deuil son père et sa mère M. Mme Normand Doucet de Bathurst, ses deux frères Wilfred et Victor, demeurant eux aussi à l'église St Raphaël à Vancouver et ses 3 autres frères et 4 soeurs, tous vivant à Bathurst.

La messe de Requiem a été célébrée par Mgr Gérard Laplante, mercredi 17 septembre à 10h00 en l'église St-Raphaël. Les amis de Patrick ont porté le cercueil : Chris Anderson, Chris Davis, Ray Beck, Mike Chan, Dan Briansa, John Korpiatris, Arthur Frenette, tous membres du Western Gym ou Patrick était membre.

Les frères de Patrick, Wilfred et Victor ont servi la messe. Les paroissiens et amis de Patrick ont contribué généreusement aux frais funéraires. Un grand merci à tous.

Le corps a été transporté à Bathurst, pour

l'enterrement au Cimetière Notre-Dame du Rosaire et une messe célébrée en l'église du même endroit Bathurst, NB.

Toute notre sympathie à la famille, la paroisse St-Raphaël et à son pasteur Mgr Laplante.

« Seigneur, je t'avais demandé la vie, mais tu me l'as donnée éternelle. »

Eglise St-Raphaël catholique du rite libéral.

Vancouver Sun Wednesday October 1980

Oxygen hose fails, youth dies

By Tom Koch

Minutes after surgery began on Patrick Doucet's leg last Sept. 6 in Vancouver General Hospital, an equipment failure cut his oxygen supply.

The 17-year-old Vancouver youth died nine days later in VGH of brain damage caused

by lack of oxygen during the operation, a coroner's jury was told Monday. Today the inquest will focus on the anesthetic machine. Doctors testified Monday an intake hose on the machine separated, causing Doucet's death. His leg and jaw were broken in an automobile accident hours before the operation to repair his leg began.

"In general he (Doucet) was in fair condition," VGH emergency surgeon Dr. Brian Detman said. "On a scale of one to 75,"

Dr. Chris Beauchamp said, "he was a 15."

Beauchamp, an orthopedic resident at VGH, said a "75" is the most severe type of injury on the scale.

VGH orthopedic surgeon Dr. Brian Day said he had only begun operating on the anesthetized Doucet when troubles began. "As I was getting down to the femur (leg bone) Dr. (John) Nixon (the anesthetist) said there was a problem and I stopped," he said. That was about five minutes after the operation began.

"We stopped any surgery and attempts were made by the anesthesiologist and other helpers to discover the cause of the problem," he told the inquest. As Doucet's blood pressure and heart rate continued to drop, he called for another anesthetic machine because, he said, there had been problems with the previous patient who, hours earlier, also had problems.

Anesthetized patients are "completely relaxed" and require a machine to "breathe" for them. The previous patient recovered with no ill effects, doctors testified. Day also asked Dr. Myrtle Douglas, an anesthesiologist in the next operating room, to assist. Douglas, who left her patient to help Doucet, said she found a hose on the breathing machine which was sustaining Doucet had come loose.



Mr. Jean Doucet with Fr. Gordon Hangerud 1994

List of Clergy

Bishops

Title	Name	consecration	other information
Rt. Rev.	Irving Cooper	1921	hold first service in Vancouver in 1921; First Presiding Bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church in America
Rt. Rev.	Charles Hampton	1931	Regionary Bishop for the USA
Rt. Rev.	Ernest W. Jackson	1946	ordained many Priests, incl. Bishop LaPlante
Rt. Rev.	Frank W. Pigott	1924	Presiding Bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church
Rt. Rev.	Ray M. Wardall	1926	Auxiliary Bishop for America of the Liberal Catholic Church
Rt. Rev.	Jose B. Aquino	1937	Regionary Bishop for Central America
Rt. Rev.	von Kruisenstierma	1958	Presiding Bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church
Rt. Rev.	John Coates	1956	Auxiliary Bishop for Italy
Rt. Rev.	Donald Berry	1971	Principal Consecrator of Bishop LaPlante
Rt. Rev.	J. Gérard LaPlante	1979	achieved independence; moved Church back to be Old Catholic; established the Church
Rt. Rev.	L. M. McFerran	1998	Auxiliary Bishop for the Old Catholic Church of BC

Priests

Title	Name	ordination	other information
The Rev. Fr.	O. Barry	1924	from Nanaimo, BC; Priest
The Rev. Fr.	J. C. Kirk	1925	ordained in 1925 in California by Bishop Cooper; Priest
The Rev. Fr.	Wardall	1925	from Seattle, Washington, USA
The Rev. Fr.	W. Hughes	1928	from Nanaimo, BC ordained by Bishop Cooper
The Rev. Fr.	H. J. Barney	1933	ordained in 1915 by RC Archbishop Legal; received 1933 by Bishop Hampton
The Rev. Fr.	R. R. Erwin	ca. 1930's	ordained by Bishop Hampton to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Fr. Pate	ca. 1940's	ordained by Bishop Hampton to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Fr. Love	ca. 1940's	ordained by Bishop Hampton to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Charles J. Potter	1937	ordained by Bishop Wardall to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Earl J. Bremner	1951	ordained by Bishop Jackson to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Leslie Farmer	1951	ordained by Bishop Jackson to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Thomas Chippendale	1951	ordained by Bishop Jackson to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Alonzo E. Hallock	1956	ordained by Bishop Jackson to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	John Carey	1956	ordained by Bishop Jackson to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Leslie Fanner	1956	ordained by Bishop Jackson to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Lester Roberge	1959	ordained by RC Archbishop Johnson; received 1983 by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Leagh Danvers	1960's	ordained by Bishop Jackson to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	E. W. Durand	1969	ordained by Bishop Coates to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	J. Gérard LaPlante	1975	ordained by Bishop Jackson to the Priesthood
Rev. Fr.	Kevin McKeown	1977	Deacon; ordained by Bishop von Kruisenstierma
The Rev. Fr.	Henry Patten Stewart	1980	ordained by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
Rev. Fr.	Bruce Dalton	1983	Deacon; ordained by Bishop LaPlante
Very Rev.	Gary Wulf	1985	ordained by Bishop Hamers; received 2004 by Bishop LaPlante
The Rev. Fr.	Claude LaCroix	1985	ordained by Bishop Barbeau; ordained sub-condition by Bishop LaPlante 2004
The Rev. Fr.	Gordon Hangerud	1986	ordained by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Kevin McKeown	1987	ordained by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
Rev. Fr.	Patrick Milbank	1991	Deacon; ordained by Bishop Davis; received 2004 by Bishop LaPlante
The Rev. Fr.	Jürgen Schmode	1996	ordained by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
Rev. Fr.	Terry Martin	1997	Deacon; ordained by Bishop LaPlante
Rev. Fr.	Terrance Theys	1998	Deacon; ordained by Bishop LaPlante
Rev. Fr.	Gilbert Sanders	1998	Deacon; ordained by Bishop LaPlante
The Rev. Fr.	L. Alwin Hyndman	1999	ordained by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Donald Smellie	1999	ordained by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Sylvain Tremblay	2000	ordained by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
The Rev. Fr.	Stephen Hollander	2002	ordained by Bishop LaPlante to the Priesthood
Rev. Fr.	Michael Ward	2005	Deacon; ordained by Bishop LaPlante

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Statistics					
Year	Baptism	Wedding	Funeral	Confirmation	Ordination
1920 - 1975	95	33	64	53	29
	mostly administered by the Rev. Fr. Barney 1933 - 1962				
1976	4	2	4		
1977	2	0	13		
1978	4	2	15		
1979	7	2	15		2
1980	11	39	22	2	
1981	14	34	30	6	
1982	15	36	32	4	
1983	20	42	42	4	1
1984	12	33	45		
1985	19	34	40	4	1
1986	17	8	42		1
1987	17	8	40		1
1988	19	8	42		
1989	18	9	40	4	
1990	12	8	37		
1991	24	8	42	4	
1992	12	8	68	5	
1993	14	8	65	5	
1994	8	10	70		
1995	8	18	60	6	1
1996	18	14	57	5	1
1997	17	15	77	8	1
1998	12	8	168	8	2
1999	12	9	77	5	2
2000	12	8	140	9	2
2001	18	8	149	10	2
2002	18	20	83	8	1
2003	9	20	83	8	1
2004	18	14	105	9	1
2005	18	11	108	24	1
2006	12	13	105	8	1
2007	19	8	125	8	1
2008	20	4	108	8	4
2009	15	5	102	6	0
2010	10	7	85	1	0
2011	14	6	98	5	0
Total	594	507	2315	221	56

Satellite Picture of Church and Rectory



St. Raphael's
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Rectory

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Fr. Gordon Hangerud, Priest

Fr. Martin Lotho, Priest

Rev. Deacon Jean Doucet



Holy Mass - Sunday 11 am

Rosary - Sunday 10 :30 am

Holy Mass - Wednesday 8:30 am