



Visit of elders from the Ermineskin Cree First Nation, Alberta.

Sunday, 10 December 2012



Photo 1 & 2: They are the relatives of Ms. Lisa Omeasoo who is a member of the Old Catholic Church of BC. They attended a memorial Mass for Mrs. Conny Omeasoo - Lisa's mother - who passed away a year ago and was buried by Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante. The Old Catholic Church of BC has 25% First Nation and Metis membership.



Photo 3 & 4: Funeral Service of Mrs. Tina Braun on 12 December 2012

Mrs. Braun was 90 years old. Her husband, Kornelius Braun, was buried last year, also in December; her son Harry - photo 3 on the very left - was baptized and confirmed at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church



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Photo 1: The German speaking parishioners: Mr. Horst Steinbach, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Mr. Don Deier, Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante, Mrs. Annelise Egger, Mr. Bruno Anzinger.



Photo 2: The reliquary of the Old Catholic Church of BC



Photos 3 & 4: Bishop LaPlante and clergy with the Tasaka and Coates families. All the children were baptized, received First Communion and were confirmed at the Old Catholic Church of BC.



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Christmas dinners and visits



Photos 1: Christmas dinner, left to right: Mr. & Mrs. Hamid and Sarah Zamisadr, from Iran, Bishop J. Gérard A. LaPlante, Mr. Celeste Baldasso, Mrs. Hin, Mr. Hosrt Steinbach, Fr. Jürgen **Photo 2:** Christmas supper with Mr. James Gee and family



Photo 3:
parishioners Mr. John and Angela Castaneda with their son Jader who was baptized at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church on 29 August 2010
Photo 4: left to right: Mr. Celeste Baldasso, Bishop LaPlante, Mr. Gordon Bilandzija





The Monstrance of Bishop Dominique Marie Varlet

This monstrance is with our Church in Québec and belonged originally to Bishop Varlet, who is called the father of the episcopate of Old Catholicism. He lived from 1678 - 1742.



From our website www.oldcatholicbc.com :

Bishop Dominique Marie Varlet (1678 -1742) ... was the Episcopal Vicar of the Québec Bishop and landed in Fort Louis, Louisiana, on 6 June 1713, as a missionary and was in Québec from 21 September 1717 to 2 October 1718. He returned to Europe for his consecration as a Coadjutor Bishop of Babylon (modern day Baghdad, Iraq). On the way to his diocese in 1719, while in Amsterdam at the request of a rebellious clergy of Holland, he administered the sacrament of confirmation to 604 persons, who were not able to receive the sacrament due to quarrels between the Church in Utrecht and Rome. Because of his action Rome suspended him of his jurisdiction. In 1721 he came back to Holland. In a letter addressed to Bishop Varlet (13 October 1724) the canons of Utrecht asked him to consecrate Bishop Cornelius van Steenhoven. On 15 October 1724, the consecration took place in Amsterdam. When the new Archbishop of Utrecht wrote to Pope Benedict XIII to tell him of his consecration,

he received the answer on 22 February 1725 in the papal brief "Qua Sollicitudine", excommunicating him, Bishop Varlet, and those who took part and participated in his election. Since then the Church of Utrecht is independent of the See of Rome.