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## 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







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

## Fr. Martin Lotho from the Philippines

Fr. Martin Lotho joined us from Manila, Philippines. He was baptized on June 1, 1967 at Our Lady of the Abandoned Roman Catholic parish in Sta. 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 Brazilian Catholic Church, 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 enrolled for his Master of Sciences in Pastoral Sociology at the Asian Social Institute.

He was accepted by Bishop Gérard LaPlante on March 1, 2009, and has been serving as Assistant Priest in the Parish of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.



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







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### 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







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**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.

