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St. Anne's first son-bishop Blaise Morand meeting His Holiness Pope John Paul II in front of St. Peter's in Rome in October 1983. His Excellency Bishop Morand is Bishop of Prince Albert Diocese in Saskatchewan.



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Nous, les prêtres, les religieuses et les membres
de la paroisse Ste-Anne de Técumseh offrons
humblement nos remerciements au
Dieu Tout-Puissant
pour les bénédictions abondantes
depuis 1859.

1859



1984

We, the priests, the sisters and parishioners of
St. Anne's Parish, Tecumseh
humbly manifest our thanksgiving to
Almighty God
For His Choicest Blessings
of the
past 125 years



Sa Sainteté
Jean Paul II
donne la

Bénédiction Apostolique à
Père Lionel Bélanger et
à la Paroisse Ste. Anne,
à l'occasion de son 125 anniversaire.

*Ex Aedibus Vaticanis die 11. X. 88
+ Autunij in. 2. 89
Archiepiscopus Eleazarogianus Summi Pontificis*

*To the priests and people of
St. Anne's Parish*



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is a pleasure to be reminded that St. Anne's Parish is this year celebrating its 125th Anniversary of existence. As you celebrate the feast of St. Anne, under whose patronage your parish has flourished for a century and a quarter you have many blessings for which to thank God. First, you must thank Him for the intergirty of your Catholic faith and for the rich blessings of strong family life, many religious vocations and the vibrant Christian influence which you have been able to exercise in your community.

St. Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin, is a powerful intercessor with God. Through her intercession rich blessings have come to you. I pray that they will continue and that this anniversary will be a time both of gratitude for the past and of recommitment to the future. As we face the future, the Church requires the participation of all members in her apostolic mission. That means that priests, religious and laity must work together to spread the gospel in a spirit of shared responsibility for the good News which Christ has brought us. I know that all of you at St. Anne's share that inspiration and that determination. May it sustain you, inspire you and guide your actions for years to come.

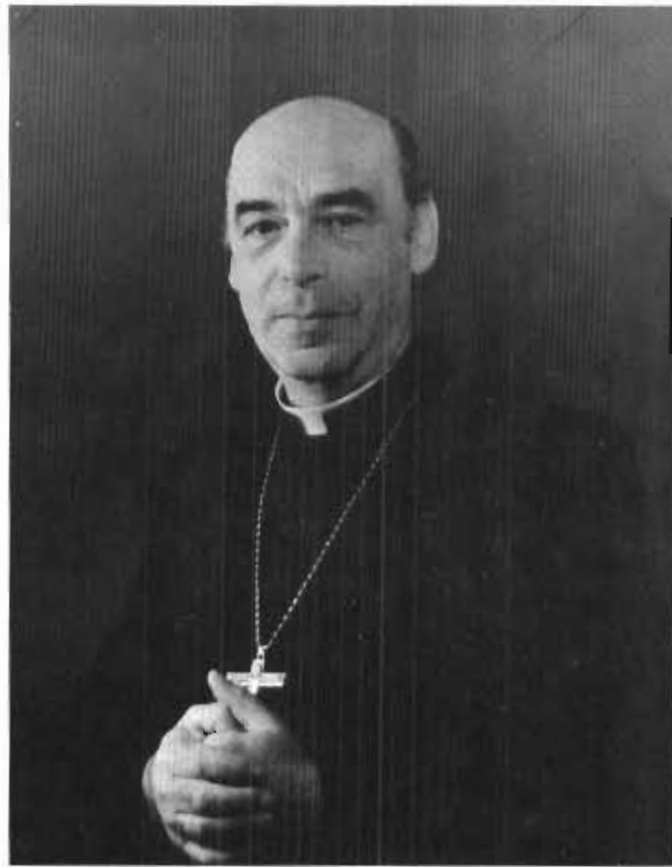
With prayerful best wishes, I am.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. J. H. Sherlock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop of London

Un message de Mgr. Gervais



Mes frères et soeurs en Jésus Christ:

Après 125 années d'existence votre communauté paroissiale de Sainte-Anne à Tecumseh a bien le droit d'évoquer ses nombreux souvenirs du passé et de se tourner vers les années de demain avec joie et assurance. Elle doit être glorieuse l'histoire de votre église et de votre paroisse! A considérer la valeur des services spirituels et temporels exercés au long de tant d'années par des pasteurs totalement dévoués à leur vocation: de même, à se rappeler du grand nombre de projets et de faits qui ont été accomplis par des paroissiens demeurants profondément fidèles à leur croyance religieuse et à leurs traditions chrétiennes et nationales.

Il est très évident que depuis les débuts de votre belle paroisse, l'Esprit de Dieu règne chez vous, non seulement à l'intérieur de votre vénérable église, mais aussi au sein de vos nombreuses familles. Rappelons entre autres, le grand nombre de prêtres, de religieux, de religieuses que votre paroisse a fournis à l'Eglise pour servir non seulement notre diocèse, mais aussi bien d'autres au Canada et dans les Missions Etrangères.

Je m'empresse donc de vous féliciter chaleureusement pour la fierté et l'enthousiasme que vous apportez à célébrer votre jubilé si religieusement. Je veux aussi prier le Seigneur avec vous afin que dans sa miséricordieuse bonté il vous assiste encore et toujours à faire épanouir davantage votre foi et votre amour de Dieu et du prochain.

Votre tout dévoué dans le Seigneur,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mgr. Gervais". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Evêque auxiliaire de London.

Our Pastor — Notre curé



Dear Parishioners:

We have celebrated with great joy the recognition of the 'Life of Christ' among the people of St. Anne's parish since 125 years. It has been a year of grace for all parishioners.

In reflection, we admire the dedication and concern of our ancestors. Their spirit of sacrifice truly is an expression of the love that Christ has brought into the world. Also, we feel the need to continue this same spirit, to continue the family life and sacrifice that will be an encouragement for the years to come.

May the 'Life of Christ' fill our hearts with the joy in serving the people of St. Anne's parish, and may we lead many to reach the glory of heaven.

Parish Priest

Chers paroissiens:

C'est avec joie que je suis parmi vous dans cette célébration de notre 125^e Anniversaire de la fondation de la paroisse de Ste. Anne. Le dévouement de nos ancêtres est toujours devant nous, et elle nous fait réaliser notre responsabilité de continuer cet esprit de sacrifice pour le bien des paroissiens.

Que 'La Vie du Christ' influence notre charité et qu'elle nous encourage à vivre fidèlement notre vocation. Que nombreux aujourd'hui et au futur soient donnés la chance de connaître Jésus, le Sauveur du monde!

Curé.

Parish Council Chairman



Président du Conseil Paroissial

Dès que la 125e année de notre belle paroisse Sainte-Anne touche à sa fin, on peut, sans doute faire témoignage à la puissance et à la bonté de notre jolie patronne qui s'était manifestée sur nous durant le déroulement de cet an si célébré.

On te remercie, Sainte Anne, pour les bienfaits dont tu nous as comblés au cours de toutes nos célébrations soient spirituelles ou temporelles.

En partant, on se met de nouveau sous ta protection. On te confie, les nécessités de notre paroisse, de nos familles et de nos âmes. Veille sur nous; sur ceux que t'aime; sur un peuple de Dieu, la paroisse Ste- Anne.

Félicitations et un grand merci, finalement, pour le grand nombre de gens qui se sont tellement dévoués à cette si grandiose cause.

Eugène Lambert
Président du Conseil Paroissial

As the 125th year of our parish of St. Anne comes to a closing we should, without doubt, pay homage to the bounty and goodness of our patroness that has been manifested so generously upon us during the evolution of this year of celebration.

We thank you, St. Anne, for the benefits accorded us during the course of all our celebrations, be they spiritual or temporal. We wish to continue to seek your protection and spiritual guidance on our parish, our families and our faith.

My heartfelt thank you and congratulations finally, to the large number of people who gave so much of themselves to this year of great happenings and beautiful celebrations.

Eugene Lambert
Parish Council Chairman

125th Anniversary Committee

My fellow parishioners,

It has certainly been a joy for me to have played a small part in St. Anne's 125th Anniversary celebrations. As you will see many individuals were involved in making 1984 a milestone in the history of St. Anne. My sincere thanks to all those who have given so freely of their time and talents during this joyous year.

Special thanks to the Secretary of State for Canada for providing some of the funds necessary for the undertaking of this historical document.

We are also specially thankful to Maurice St. Pierre who undertook the onerous task of re-writing the history of our parish in both English and French. He devoted many hours in research and personal reflections to produce this history.

Once again, thanks to all.

Sincerely,



LEN SYLVESTRE,

Chairman



FRONT FOUR: Laura Gavin, Suzanne Simpson, Dolores Janisse, Sr., Antoinette Janisse.

BACK SEVEN: Ray Janisse, Eugene Lambert, Rose Seguin, Len Sylvestre, Gene Dale, Alex Fauteux, Fr. Bob Remark.

(Not present when photo taken; Jerome Marcotte Sr. and Claude Tremblay.)

Highlights of 1984

- JANUARY 7 & 8—Celebrated the Opening of Our 125 Anniversary year. Our logo banner was blessed. Our Anniversary prayer cards were distributed.
- JANUARY 17—Formation meeting of our Youth Ministry Team.
- JANUARY 22—Ecumenical Prayer Service, “Called Together by the Cross”, was held in our Church to celebrate Church Unity Octave.
- JANUARY 29—Mr. & Mrs. Fred Labute Celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
- FEBRUARY 9—Guests, Beatrice and Maurice Brisbois presented an evening of Family Renewal, “Integrating Wholeness with Holiness.”
- FEBRUARY 12—We began our “Hour of Prayer” asking every parishioner to spend all or part of the hour from 11-12 noon in formal prayer, or dedicating our work of that hour for a specific intention.
- FEBRUARY 12—We celebrated our Pastor’s Birthday, to show our appreciation of his dedication to the priesthood and to us.
- MARCH 6—Shrove Tuesday, Parish Supper, Ham and Pancakes put on by our Parish Life Committee.
- MARCH 11—Started a Lenten Series of Talks by Fr. R. J. Duggan CSB—Scripture in our Lives; Fr. M. Prieur—The Message of Reconciliation; Fr. R. L. Champagne—The Church Today; Fr. J. M. Higgins—The Human Christ; and Fr. M. T. Ryan—Social Teachings of the Church.
- APRIL 6—Healing Mass.
- APRIL 8—We saw our Anniversary Quilt for the first time, it was made by Mrs. Eugenie Desjardins and workers from the Golden Age Club. A precious quilt made by precious people.
- APRIL 28—Celebrated Sister Antoinette’s Birthday.
- MAY 13—Mother’s Day - “Birthright” sold carnations to raise money to help distressed pregnant women and their unborn babies.
- MAY 19—Celebrated Father Bob’s Birthday.
- JUNE 8—Honoured our Senior Citizens with a Strawberry Social.
- JUNE 10—Pentecost, We celebrated the Birthday of the Catholic Church with our Solemn Celebration of our 125 Years as St. Anne’s Parish. Happy Birthday St. Anne’s Parish!
- JUNE 15—We said farewell to four very special Sisters: Sister Jeanne Janisse, O.S.U.; Sr. Irene Meloche, O.S.U.; Sr. Lucille Chevalier, O.S.U.; and Sr. Antoinette Janisse, S.N.J.M., Sister Antoinette has been a member of our parish team and worked very hard during her time with us. Attending the Sisters farewell party was Bishop Paul K. Khvarai of Lesotho, Africa. We enjoyed his presence as he came to thank the people of Tecumseh for their support over the years.
- JULY—Mrs. Rena Morand, the mother of 6 priests, one who is a Bishop, died. Her funeral was a fitting tribute for this beautiful lady. Bishop James Mahoney of Saskatoon gave the homily. The Mass was celebrated by her six sons and 36 other priest.
- JULY 17-26—Novena to the Feast of St. Anne was celebrated with greater joy then ever for we have 125 years of St. Anne’s patronage. We celebrated 3 masses daily. We had a special healing mass on Wednesday and on Thursday the sick and aged were anointed. After Friday evening mass we walked in procession to the cemetery.
- JULY 21—Our Annual Parish Picnic and the debut of our Parish Clown Ministry.
- JULY 27—Members of Our Youth Ministry team went to Stubenville for a Conference on Youth. There with 2,800 other Catholic young people they felt the Lord call them to a close relationship with Himself and His Church. Jesus is Lord!
- AUGUST 5—We bid a fond farewell to Father Bob Remark as he leaves for his new post as Chancellor of our Diocese. Father Bob has been with us for only 2 years and we are saddened by his leaving, but we rejoice in having met such a kind and considerate priest. His love of Christ was an example for all.
- AUGUST 7—Fr. Dan Morand celebrated the 25 Anniversary of his Ordination. This priest-son of our parish makes us so proud to belong to St. Anne. He leaves this week for his mission in Peru.
- AUGUST 12—Father Jim Drouillard joins our parish family.
- AUGUST 23-26—The Annual Cornfest.
- SEPTEMBER 2—We bid farewell to 4 of our sons who leaves for St. Peter Seminary. Len Desjardins who will be ordained next May and Matt Damphousse, James Janisse and Robert Rocheleau who will begin their journey in answering Christ’s call.
- SEPTEMBER 9-20—His Holiness, Pope John Paul II visits Canada! Days of joyful celebration as we follow his journey and hear his messages to us.
- SEPTEMBER—The R.C.I.A., “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults”, a program of instruction for Adult converts begins its instruction. This will culminate at the Easter Vigil when the catechumens receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Confirmation and Eucharist. Faith Update, a series of 9 evenings studying the teachings of the Church and the practice of our Faith. Journey I & II, study courses in Scripture, Old and New Testament.
- SEPTEMBER 28—Our parish banquet and evening of entertainment celebrates our 125th birthday.
- NOVEMBER 25—Feast of Christ the King and last Sunday of the Liturgical year. We solemnly close our year of celebration with a mass celebrated by our Bishop.

St. Anne's Tecumseh Celebrates 125 Years 1859-1984

The history of St. Anne's parish is the story of God's people, the church of Jesus in a tiny part of the Universe. We found no startling event to make us sit up and marvel, but we did uncover stories of deep faith, pioneering courage, and a loving reliance on diverse providence — a fascinating story.

Around the year 1700, dozens of French Canadian and Indian families of various tribes helped Sieur La Mothe Cadillac to found Fort Detroit. The original St. Anne Mission of Detroit was established then to serve their needs.

After the fall of New France September 13, 1759, many of the more daring French families crossed Detroit River to settle on the south shore of Lake St. Clair and develop tiny farms among the Ottawa Indians. They attended mass, whenever they could manage the distance, at the chapel of the Assumption (on Huron Line), built in 1749. The parish grew rapidly and in 1767, the present Assumption Church was built.

In 1857, the settlers living east of Pilette Road presented a request to Bishop Pinsonneault (1) to establish a parish to better serve the needs of the growing population. Permission was readily granted and the church property was purchased from the Tremblay family at the south-west corner of the intersection of Tecumseh Trail and Lesperance Lane. Work started immediately on a new chapel and a priest's residence.

The structure was a single design 20' x 40' and about 18' high, with peaked roof and wooden shingles. The framework was of squared lumber and the sides of yellow wood upright boards. A single entrance, a double door, faced Tecumseh Trail. The interior was primitive, with a small altar and wooden crucifix — no tabernacle. An altar railing made up from a long plank from side to side; the seats were plain benches, no backs, no kneeling pads.

The Jesuit Fathers from Assumption Parish suggested that the new church be dedicated to St. Anne. Two reasons are recalled. St. Anne was credited with saving the life of several sailors during a violent storm on the Atlantic, and a chapel at Beaupré was subsequently built in her honour; the Jesuits also believed that a miracle of faith and courage would be required to assure the survival of this new parish "in the bush".

The proud parishioners celebrated with great joy the dedication of their own church on January 9th, 1859. They attended Mass celebrated by Father Nicholas Point and witnessed the baptism of two infants (2). On January 13th, the first wedding took place (3). On October 20th, the First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies were recorded by Father Boubat (4). Father P. Fauteux was the first resident pastor in December 1860 (5).

In 1865, a new church bell was blessed "Marie Louise" and installed on large timbers near the chapel. It was transported eventually in 1891 to the belfry of the present church.

In 1870, Father Fauteux made plans for a permanent church, and in 1871, the foundations were laid to get the project underway, and "off the drafting table". Money was scarce however, and work was suspended for several months. In 1872, a new pastor, Father P. Andrieux rekindled the enthusiasm of the parishioners and with master builder Elzéar Jacques in charge (6), construction resumed.

Early in 1874, the new church was ready for religious services and construction focused on the building of a new rectory. The old one, which was too small to accommodate visiting priests, was moved to what is presently 1254 St. Anne Street. At this time, several new commercial establishments sprouted along Tecumseh Trail and Lesperance Lane. Development of the hamlet was keeping pace with the fast moving religious progress.

The first organ, pumped manually, was installed in 1887, and in 1891 the first coat of paint gave colour to the interior of the church. 1891 also witnessed the completion of the tall steeple, and a moving event was recalled when a large metal cross was hoisted to the top of the structure about 125 feet high. It is still today one of the most impressive landmarks of the area. 1891 is also the year that marks the beginning of the first Ushers 'Club' (A. Leboeuf, Paul and Isidore Gouin, Denis Ducharme, Tom St. Louis and Phil May are the pioneers).

The cemetery was still unblest ground until 1893 when Bishop O'Connor was invited to perform the official blessing on October 15th. The burial of parishioners had started in 1861 with the rites for baby Victoire Lauzon on April 15th.

Father Villeneuve was convinced that Separate Schools were vital to the survival of Catholic development and was not deterred by weak parishioner support. In fact, he paid for the construction of the first two separate schools in 1893. The Ursuline Sisters accepted his invitation to teach in our parish, and in 1900 a convent was built to house them. The generous support of the Ursuline Sisters has kept the economic struggle of the Separate School system in low profile and assured the highest religious standards for our children.

In 1905, a few English speaking catholic families enrolled in the parish and the first English announcements were made at mass.

1907 — Neil Morrison writes in Garden Gateway. "Some 2000 French Canadian Catholics from Essex and Kent Counties celebrated the feast of St. Anne at Tecumseh where they heard mass with Right Rev. F.P. McEvoy, Bishop of London."

In 1908 a permanent sacristy (now called chapel) was built to replace a small 20' x 30' vestry of plain wood construction that Father Villeneuve had built earlier (the entrance door leading to the church was later covered with plaster inside the main church, but the door is still exist-

tent and can be seen in the rest room on the west side.) During 1910 the lighting system was converted from oil to gas, a decided improvement for the standards of the early 1900's.

In 1911, amid protests that changed the overwhelming approval, Father Pierre Langlois scrapped the two huge stoves that heated the church. A steam and hot water system circulated unheard of uniform heat throughout the building.

In 1913 an improved electric lighting system showed off the colours of the interior much better than the gas lights. A slate roof replaced wood shingles. The choice of slate was based on fire prevention and lower insurance rates.

In 1919-20, the magnificent monument in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was erected to commemorate the 96 young persons who had served the military during the First World War — six had given their life.

By the year 1921, nearly 50 years into the life of the church, the exterior brick and mortar cover had reached a rather poor condition and extensive repair work was planned. The solution, a permanent one, was the application of a heavy coat of cement with cement block pattern.

In 1926, a triple wedding ceremony caused a pleasant stir at St. Anne's. Three Drouillard sisters were the main attraction as three lovely brides speaking their vows on September 1st. (7)

Three bells were purchased in 1927. The blessing took place on July 17th and they were called "Pierre, Paul and St. Anne". Hoisted with ropes and raw manpower 100 feet into the belfry, they were moored with the first bell "Marie Louise"

The Novena to St. Anne was an occasion for much bell ringing that year — new bells, the feast day, the Eucharistic Congress on July 28th.

Father Langlois's plans for the 1927 celebrations included the construction of the immense front porch to join the three front entrances to the church and a cemetery mausoleum topped with an impressive calvary scene. It was blessed on July 24th.

1929 ushered in a different way of life. The financial world collapsed with the crash of the stock market (Black Thursday, October 24, 1929). The Great Depression with massive unemployment and scarce money slowly paralyzed most families until September 1939 when the war effort for World War II created plenty of work. During 1930 and 31 there was still enough enthusiasm to redecorate the church, purchase the present pipe organ and a new Way of the Cross. This was painted on canvas and glued to the walls of the main church. Father Gilbert Pitre spent the rest of the thirties to repay the debt.

We can take a breather here to mention the spiritual development of St. Anne's parish. Early parishioners were energetic believers who accepted God's Will unreservedly, obtained miracles through St. Anne's intercession, loved the Eucharist openly and proudly manifested their faith in public. This was the miracle that in 1858 Father Nicholas Point has anticipated would be necessary for the survival of our parish. We grew to be known as a

Eucharistic centre. So many persons became priests, religious and sisters that we are still called "The Holy Land" at the seminary. (12) Our spiritual growth was severely tested during the years following Vatican II Council in the sixties and seventies, but as of 1984, we can still boast of a strong abiding faith in Divine Providence. Again, this is demonstrated by the steady input of special vocations. Religious vocations are a barometric indication of the spiritual level of a parish — they spring from religious families and the parish environment nurtures their development.

1939-1945 — The war years. Parish life developed with more emphasis on prayer for peace, while 295 young persons served the military. Thirteen died to assure victory over the Nazi enemy. Beginning in 1943 a dream came true. Thanks to the support of Father Gilbert Pitre and a lot of footwork by William St. Pierre (Sr.), St. Anne's High School comes to life and is officially established in 1946. Mother Carmelita Guignan taught the first class of four students in the basement of the Chapel.

What a humble and brave start!

1944 — On January 10th Msgr. Pitre was called upon to give his blessing to the newly elected town council. This was the first time a priest or clergyman was asked to do so.

The mission of Our Lady of Fatima was formed in 1947 to improve the ministry to the parishioners in the Riverside Area. Our parish was further divided, forming St. Gregory and The Church of Atonement.

In 1949 Lionel Morand was ordained to the priesthood, after a 25 year lull in vocations. (8)

In 1955 St. Gilbert Hall was built to replace the aged St. Jean Baptiste hall that had served as parish hall since 1888. It was thanks to Contractor Henri 'Buster' Reaume that the cost was held at \$54,000.

1959 — St. Anne celebrates its first 100 years. It was a year of joy and review of our history. The occasion was just right to redecorate the church and renovate the Ursuline convent. Father Lanoue found donors to defray the cost of repainting all the statues. A complete census of the parish was successfully organized by the Knights of Columbus, the St. Jean Baptiste Society, the Holy Name Society and the Ushers Club. On May 31, Father Daniel Morand was the first diocesan priest to be ordained in his own parish, and on September 27th Father Lanoue celebrated the first midnight mass at the cemetery for deceased priests and parishioners.

In 1960, a new Senior High School as built at a cost of \$175,000. It struggled through the 60's and 70's always facing financial disaster, and literally praying its way to survival.

1962 was the beginning of a new era in the church, Pope John XXIII (9) convened the Vatican Council. Major changes were decreed, calling for adjustments in all walks of Catholic life. It was sometimes compared to a huge broom sweeping out the old, allowing the strong to regroup and to strengthen the church.

As part of the directives from Vatican II, a Parish Council was formed during the summer of 1968. The constitution was drafted by Fr. Ron Paquette, Bernard Dupont and Jerome Marcotte and John Rocheleau, and

presented to the parish at a general meeting on September 25th. The laity would henceforth be involved at all levels.

On April 24th, 1969, Pope Paul VI announced the publication of the new Order of the Mass. The Eucharist now be celebrated in accordance with the requirements of Vatican II Council. The reform had already begun in 1963 at St. Anne's, was gradual and was accepted much better than elsewhere. The final edict was no surprise.

1969 was a crucial year for the High School. 40% of the parish revenues were now required to maintain the school and this is what prompted Bishop Carter to suggest that the school be closed. This naturally stirred the spirits and especially the students who staged a protest on April 30th with more than 400 attending. Parents became alarmed at the prospect of losing what the parish had worked so hard to develop since 1946. Financial alternatives were proposed, and as in so many cases involving a whole parish, the pastor became a scapegoat for emotions arguments and blaming at all levels. Father Lanoue had fought generously to keep the High School open during the 60's.

In 1970, the installation of a very colorful lighting scheme imparted haunting majesty to the church steeple. In 1971 a complex chiming system imported from France was introduced to give parishioners the musical experience of regular automatic chiming.

On April 4, 1972, the Parish council decided to sell the St. Gilbert Hall for \$75,000 to the Canadian Legion, Branch 261.

Falling revenues and insufficient interest to make the hall viable were quoted as reasons to sell it.

On December 3, 1972, fourteen laymen and one religious sister were dedicated as auxiliary ministers of communion to the sick. We were the first parish to show concern for the sick at home.

In 1973 the Parish Council complied with the Vatican II request "that the interior of churches be restored to emphasize the altar of sacrifice and give prominence to the Blessed Sacrament (tabernacle)".

Project '73 was underway. The church was completely redecorated, the Lesperance Road entrance was replaced by a larger structure that included a wheel-chair ramp. Four new stained glass windows were installed to complete the window program started by Father Langlois. Original clock openings in the belfry were fitted with three large clocks. The steam heat system, now quite inadequate, was scrapped to install an efficient air circulating gas-fired furnace.

The finishing touches were accelerated in the summer of 1974 in time for the consecration of Fr. Larocque as bishop here in our church in September. The ceremony was grandiose, deeply religious and gave us a good deal of pride.

1981 — At the time our present pastor Fr. Lionel Belanger appeared on the scene, someone interested in statistics gave us the following note: "When Pious IX established the Diocese of London in 1856, 25,000 Catholics were accounted for in 12 parishes. By 1981 the number of Catholics had grown to 350,000, grouped in 144 parishes."

In June 1981, the Carmelita Hall project was underway at a cost of \$460,000. It was situated on the south side of Arbour street on the Senior High School grounds.

During the summer of 1981 news of the consecration of a son-priest Blaise Morand to the Episcopacy was received as a very pleasant surprise to the parish.

On April 27, 1980, the first Healing Mass took place, with St. Anne the miracle worker as patroness. Father Remark (10) prepared the intercessory teams.

The beginning of a huge Sunday Bingo project that finally resolved the \$260,000 debt started with a 'full house' on October 16, 1983. It proved to be extremely popular. Sister Emelina Forbes, along with John Staley, principal of the High School and a concerned parents club along with George Rocheleau as president deserve the gratitude of the whole parish for their contribution to the success of the school and the resolution of its financial straits.

We should mention the existence of prayer groups as a powerful source of prayer in the parish. They are the extension of the early groups of charismatics that appeared in the Catholic world during the 70's. Awkward in the sense of traditional expression of faith, spontaneous in sincerity, often without clergy support, they attracted controversial wonder. The Bishops eventually recognized their role and endorsed the development of the charismatic renewal of the Church.

We have recalled from written and oral records many events that helped to shape the story of St. Anne's, a glorious one indeed. More important to God, however are the scenes behind events, the quiet activities that are known to few or to no other human, but that certainly contributed to the physical and spiritual development of our parish.

Fortunately most of the individuals prefer anonymity in this story, and this may excuse us if we fail to name someone or a particular group.

We can mention the silent work of the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Legion of Mary, quietly ministering to physical and spiritual needs. Only God knows how many owe their return to the sacraments to these devoted groups. And the many humble supporters of daily mass and communion, the adorers at home and in church who are faithful to certain hours throughout the years? The thousands who in 125 years followed Jesus and Mary in devout remembrance of the Passion in the Way of the Cross? The promoters of devotion to Mary with her rosary and scapular? How could we name all who organized pilgrimages, parish retreats, novenas to St. Anne? How does a parish recognize the many courageous women and religious sisters who cared for the maintenance and upkeep of the sacred vessels, church linen and liturgy vestments? Who dusted, washed and scrubbed walls? What of the ladies who kept the priests and their visitors well fed, cleaned the rectory, answered the door bells and the ever ringing telephone? (Father Laurent Paquette had many humorous quips about life in the rectory and once remarked "anytime the bishop wants to fatten a skinny priest, he sends him to Tecumseh".

We should not forget those who were involved in decorating the church for various occasions.

All pastors have expressed indebtedness to parish societies for their support and the part they played in serving the needy, the youth, the golden age. Listing their names is obviously not adequate recognition since a volume of space would be required to give justice to their accomplishments since 1859. The parishioners of 1984 are grateful for the tremendous support given over the years by the men and youth of the Knights of Columbus and the Societe St. Jean Baptiste, the ladies of the Catholic Womens League and Leo Dames de St. Anne, the members of the Ushers Club, the Golden Age Club and the many communities of the Parish Council.

How many caretakers worked here since 1859? Trying to please the priests, sisters and the people at times working under adverse conditions, with demanding schedules, such men deserve our recognition. The cemetery is usually forgotten in a parish story. Visitors sometimes notice and remark on the clean and well maintained grounds. We owe this to 28 years of dedicated care by Laurent (Bill) Cecile. Bill mentioned that his father Ernest had been secretary of the Cemetary Board for 32 years. Of particular interest is the history of the mausoleum and the Calvary Scene. (13)

Musically, the parish has experienced a variety of styles and personalities. Alex Pepin was the original organist until 1893 when he turned the key-board over to a 17 year old lad, Cleophas Letourneau. Cleophas was enthusiastically interested in music and remained tenaciously faithful as orgainst for 57 years. He loved singing Plain Chant (variety of gregorian music) and the "300 Cantiques" song book. The loss of his fingers of the right hand in 1911 did not deter him and he perfected a novel technique that allowed him to continue playing until 1949. His daughter Eileen (Letourneau-Lachance) started as a young

girl, playing for school events and wedding and continued to thrill parishioners with her exquisitely gentle harmonics for 50 years. Her sister Johanna (May) also participated in the family responsibility at the organ. Later contributing organist were Therese (St. Pierre-Quinn) and Elaine (Desjardins-Assef), with several pinch hitters such as Natalie Cecile and Edward Morand.

On October 3, 1971 Thérèse Gadoury was hired as permanent organist as a result of the Parish Council's intention to implement Vatican II changes in music. Thérèse managed to introduce magnificent choral music, refined canter and professional sounding choir members.

When Yvette Laforet-Fliesser and Janine Laforet-Greene began to lead the congregation with their guitars in the late 60's little did they realize that a permanent folk choir would emerge from their brave beginnings (they had to be brave to conquer the inhibitions about what could be done in church). In 1972 Father Marcel Leboeuf recognized the value of folk song in worship and asked Yvonne Quinn-Chittle to start training young voices and guitars for a permanent folk choir. Nancy Chittle is now directing this choir.

As we draw our comments on the history of St. Anne's to a close, we know that much more could be recalled if we had spent more than three weeks researching the records. The historian of the celebrations for the year 2009 may start sooner to give our parishioners a more thorough look into the past.

Whatever we find at St. Anne's seems to contribute to its development. There have been some negatives but the good has conquered evil so much more here because of the intense prayer life of the parishioners. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to live here. O good St. Anne, Mother of Mary, pray for us!

NOTES

(1) His Excellency Most Reverend Adolphe Pinsonneault was the first bishop of the newly erected Episcopal See of London on May 13th, 1856. He remained in office ten years and was replaced in 1867 by Most Rev. John Walsh. To this day, seven bishops followed: Most Rev. Denis O'Connor in 1890, Most Rev. Fergus McEvay in 1899, Most Rev. Michael Fallon in 1910, Most Rev. John Kidd in 1931, Most Rev. John Cody in 1946, Most Rev. Gerald Carter in 1964, the present bishop Most Rev. John Sherlock was appointed in 1974. Due to a heavy work load, an Auxiliary bishop was appointed in 1980, in the person of Most Rev. Marcel Gervais who resides in Windsor.

(2) Joseph Gilbert Gorgereau and Joseph Victor Soulliere.

(3) Elie Champagne married Madeline Letourneau.

(4) 27 Children made their First Communion. In the afternoon Bishop Pinsonneault confirmed these children and 24 adults.

(5) Father Fauteux remained until February 1872 and was replaced by Fr. P. Andrieux. To this day, ten pastors followed: Fr. A. Villeneuve in 1888, Fr. A. Bechard in 1901, Fr. P. Landreville in 1905, Fr. P. Ferron in 1905, finally Fr. P. Langlois in 1905, Fr. G. Pitre in 1933, Fr. C. Lanoue in 1958, Fr. E. Larocque in 1970, Fr. L. Poisson in 1974, Fr. L. Belanger in 1981.

(6) Elzear Jacques, a builder of churches in the province of Quebec, agreed to build ours, with the help of his sons Adelme, Urgel, Gustave, Zeutique and Euclide. This main altar, designed in black walnut from this area, was Adelme's pride and joy. Adelme and his wife Helene had seven sons and two daughters: Laurent, Edmond, Ernest, Nazaire, Alfred, Leandre, Joseph, Marie Louise and Claire. Joseph is the father of Alfred who lives with his spouse Jeanette in

the Shoreline Towers; Laurent is the father of Robert who since 1946 has maintained the steeple and the cross.

(7) Mabel married Edward Cox, Belva married Elzear Ouellette, Rose married Robert Barnier. They exchanged vows in the presence of Fr. Langlois, Isidore Poisson and Baillargeon and a very enthusiastic group of friends.

(8) Lionel was the first priest to be ordained in 25 years. The day following his first mass here. Father Henri Baillargeon celebrated mass for his own 25th anniversary of priesthood. The bridging of time was also the beginning of many vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our parish. Lionel was also first in his own family to answer the call to God. Edouard, Daniel, Patrice, Blaise, Leonard also became priests, and remained faithful through the trying years of the identity crisis that shook the ranks of the religious. Their brother Paul chose a wife Penny Powell and decided to perputuate the Morand name (they have a son name Edouard). Two sisters chose married life as well. The parents of this unusual family were Eduard and Rena Morand. He died in 1973, knighted Sir Edward Patrick Morand, K.S.G. Rena passed away just prior to St. Anne's novena this year. She had received the Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice certificate from Pope John Paul XXIII. Some ask: "Why this family, and not others?" The mystery of God's Providence in the choice of who will serve Him is special ways does not invite questioning but loving adoration and gratitude.

(9) Since 1859, the following Popes have headed our church in Rome: Pius IX was elected in 1846, Leo XIII in 1878, Pius X in 1903, Benedict XV in 1914, Pius XI in 1922, Pius XII in 1939, John XXIII in 1958, Paul VI in 1962, John Paul I reigned one month in 1978, and our present Pope John Paul II was elected in September 1978.

(10) The complete list of assistant priests assigned to our parish is as follows: Fr. L. Marchand ('19-'24), Fr. I. Poisson ('24-'31), Fr. G. Blonde ('31-'32), Fr. P. Boudreau ('32-'39), Fr. D. Moreau (1934), Fr. O. Martin (1935), Fr. F. Laverty ('37-'42), Fr. J. Noel (1940), Fr. J. Levaque (1940), Fr. L. Lacharite ('41-'46), Fr. C. Lanoue (1942), Fr. L. Paquette ('43-'50), Fr. J. Kelly ('46-'48), Fr. E. Pare ('48-'57), Fr. P. Charbonneau ('50-'51) and ('57 and '58), Fr. G. Freker ('51-'58), Fr. E. Forton ('58-'63), Fr. P. Schiller ('58-'62), Fr. L. Beaune ('63-'65), Fr. R. Giroux ('62-'68), Fr. G. Prince ('68-'69), Fr. R. Paquette ('65-'70), Fr. R. Adam ('69-'71), Fr. L. Lariviere (1971), Fr. M. Leboeuf ('70-'73), Fr. D. Theriault ('71-'74), Fr. R. Champagne ('74-'78), Fr. F. Bezaire ('73-'80), Fr. K. Bondy ('78-'82), Fr. R. Remark ('82-'84), Fr. J. Drouillard (1984-).

(11) The first three Ursuline Sisters arrived on December 31, 1900. A year later a fourth joined them. Fr. Villeneuve formally named the school in honour of St. Anthony. The present one-storey St. Anthony's was built in 1953. St. Anne's Senior High was built in 1960 and St. Anne's Junior High in 1962.

(12) For the past 44 years, St. Peter's Seminary has echoed with a uninterrupted presence of seminarians from St. Anne's except for 2 years. Wallace Baillargeon began the happy sequence when he spent a year (1940-41). Lionel Morand started in 1941; followed by his five brothers Edouard, Blaise, Patrice, Leonard, Daniel; also attended were: David Boutette, Gary Goyeau, Paul Baillargeon, Larry Laforet, Peter Hayes and Len Desjardins who will be ordained in 1985.

(13) Frank Labute and George Canuel spent \$5,000 to build the cement and marble mausoleum early in 1927. The calvary scene was imported from Montreal. The figures of Christ, Mary and the apostle John were molded from cast iron, hollow, with a skin thickness of approximately 125 mm, each figure weighing about 1000-1200 kilos. A violent wind broke the wooden cross in the spring of 1984 and the figure of Christ crashed to the ground. The repaired figure erected Sept. 5th hangs from a stainless steel cross, assuring a long life to this exquisitely beautiful calvary setting.

Some of our parish sisters who served or are serving in the religious life.

Sr. Mary Ellen Poisson (Deceased)
 Sr. Pauline Lesperance (Deceased)
 Sr. Claire Marie Langlois
 Sr. Clotilde Prince
 Sr. Anna Catherine Lavin
 Sr. Seraphine Hebert (Deceased)
 Sr. Marie-Raymonde Jacques
 Mother Claire Marie Poisson
 Sr. Yvonne St. Pierre
 Sr. Claudette Morand
 Sr. Marguerite Hebert
 Sr. M. Beausoleil
 Sr. Eloria Damphousse
 Sr. Mary Jacinta McInnis
 Sr. Annette Lauzon
 Sr. Emilie Lachance
 Rev. Sr. Bernadette Gouin, R.N.
 Rev. Sr. Catherine Renaud
 Rev. Sr. Claire Maitre

Rev. Sr. Marie-Helen Gouin, R.N.
 Sr. Marcelline Séguin
 Sr. Yvonne Marie Rivard
 Sr. Virginia-Marie St. Louis
 Sr. Marie Liliosa Morand
 Mother Theresa Leboeuf
 Mother Shirley McAuley
 Sr. M. Cecile Ménard
 Sr. Marie-Rene Langlois
 Sr. M. Pierre Hirt
 Mother Doreen Anne Park
 Sr. Germaine St. Louis
 Sr. Margaret Soullière
 Sr. Isabelle Parent
 Sr. Marie Stella Renaud
 Sr. Michelle May
 Sr. M. Bertille Soullière
 Sr. Pauline Bondy
 Sr. Irene Theresa Ruel

Célébration - 125 ans - Paroisse Ste-Anne

1859-1984

Un nouveau paroissien de Ste-Anne aurait beaucoup de difficulté à s'imaginer comment des fermiers-colons sans argent auraient pu construire une si belle église, il y a plus de 100 ans. Il faudrait déboursier au delà d'un million de dollars (valeur 1984) pour remplacer notre magnifique temple. Le mystère de son origine nous invite à revoir l'histoire de notre paroisse. Pour mieux apprécier l'atmosphère primitive, il faut reculer le rideau jusqu'au début du 18^e siècle.

Vers 1700, il n'existait pas d'officiers de douanes pour contrôler la circulation des gens entre le Canada et les États-Unis. Les colons s'établissaient sans trop considérer la bureaucratie là où le désir les invitait. Ce manque de frontières rigides explique comment un groupe considérable de canadiens français avait contribué à établir le fort Détroit sous la direction de Sieur La Mothe Cadillac, tout en demeurant canadiens. La victoire du général Wolfe le 13 septembre 1759 changea quelque peu la situation aux frontières et plusieurs familles quittèrent le fort Détroit pour s'établir sur la rive sud du lac Ste-Claire et y défricher la terre. Certains choisirent le sentier Tecumseh pour développer leurs fermes. Les indiens outaouais vivaient aussi dans la région.

Ce n'est qu'au début de 1800 que ces pauvres colons furent groupés en une paroisse nommée Assomption, desservie par les Pères Jésuites. L'église existe encore à l'intersection des rues University et Huron, à l'ombre du pont Ambassador.

✧ En 1857, les familles établies à l'est de la montée Pilette demandèrent aux autorités épiscopales du diocèse d'établir une paroisse pour mieux servir à leurs besoins. Sur l'avis des Pères Jésuites, la propriété Tremblay fut acquise à l'intersection du sentier Tecumseh et la ligne L'Espérance pour la construction d'une chapelle.

Le Père Nicholas Point faisait partie d'une petite communauté de Jésuites responsable de la grande paroisse de l'Assomption. Territoire assez vaste, surtout si l'on considère les moyens primitifs de transport. Vers 1840, on se rendit compte de la nécessité de missions pour mieux servir les familles les plus éloignées. Le Père Point débuta son ministère dans notre région dans une maison privée sur le sentier Tecumseh pas loin du chemin Robinet. Il conserva les documents de baptêmes, etc. au presbytère de l'Assomption jusqu'à l'inauguration de la chapelle Ste-Anne le 9 janvier 1859. Les Pères P. Boubat, J. Bayard et L. Mutard se succédèrent durant l'année 1860 jusqu'au moment où l'évêque Pinsonneault nomma notre premier curé résident dans la personne du Père P. Fauteux.

On choisit le nom Ste-Anne, pour honorer la patronne des premiers colons à Beupré et parce que le Père Point croyait à la nécessité d'un miracle de foi et de courage pour assurer la survie de cette nouvelle paroisse.

On se mit à l'oeuvre pour construire la chapelle et un petit presbytère. La chapelle mesurait 20 pieds x 40 pieds et 18 pieds au pignon. Bardeaux de bois, les murs de planches verticales. Une seule entrée ouvrant sur le sentier Tecumseh. A l'intérieur, un petit autel avec crucifix

en bois, sans tabernacle. Les gens s'agenouillaient sur le plancher, et les bancs n'avaient pas de dossier. Après la construction de l'église permanente cette chapelle fut transportée en 1874 sur la ferme Séguin pour servir de hangar. Le presbytère était situé à côté de la taverne Soullière (maintenant Steeples). En 1875 on la transporta sur le chemin Ste-Anne à côté du terrain d'école. Cette maison existe encore, numérotée 1254.

La nouvelle chapelle Ste-Anne fut ouverte au culte le 9 janvier 1859. Deux bébés furent baptisés après la messe (1) célébrée par le Père Point. Le 13 janvier, le premier mariage fut béni (2). Au mois de décembre 1860 on accueillit le premier curé résident, le Père Fauteux (3).

Le Père Fauteux se dépensa presque douze ans à organiser la paroisse, établir des formes de culte qui deviendraient coutumes vénérées, et agir comme architecte de l'imposante église que nous connaissons si bien. Il reconnut la pauvreté de ses paroissiens et en même temps la nécessité de ne pas retarder la construction d'une église permanente. Il avait le sens des réalités, comblé d'une foi extraordinaire. Au début de 1872 l'évêque lui donna la responsabilité de la paroisse de l'Annonciation à Pointe-aux-Roches.

En 1865, on acheta la cloche nommée "Marie Louise", installée plus tard dans le clocher de l'église.

En 1871, le Père Fauteux fit commencer les fondements de l'église actuelle, mais la pauvreté des familles l'obligea à suspendre le travail après quelques mois.

Le Père P. Andrieux prit la cure de notre paroisse en mars 1872 et y demeura jusqu'en 1888. Il persuada ses pauvres paroissiens à se remettre à la construction de l'église. Il possédait une force physique peu ordinaire et contribua beaucoup à la main-d'oeuvre. Il savait comment entraîner les hommes et les jeunes gens à travailler en groupes pour le plaisir de servir Dieu. Sans le don du travail gratuit, il n'y aurait jamais eu assez d'argent pour construire une si grande église. Aimant le chant et la musique grégorienne, le Père Andrieux organisa la première chorale. Il réussit si bien que les paroissiens se sacrifièrent davantage pour faire l'achat du premier orgue en 1887.

Le Père Andrieux reprit l'oeuvre en 1873, avec l'habile talent d'Elzéar Jacques et de ses fils (4). Elzéar savait choisir le matériel qui existait déjà dans la belle forêt de la péninsule d'Essex. Le Père Andrieux entraîna si bien ses gens à travailler ensemble que l'église fut ouverte au culte au début de 1874. On s'imagina la joie et la fierté de toute la paroisse! Ils ne tardèrent pas à se mettre à construire un nouveau presbytère, plus grand, plus permanent. C'est alors que les premières maisons de commerce se groupaient autour de la magnifique Eglise Ste-Anne.

On fit l'achat du premier orgue "Casavant" en 1887. Il fonctionnait bien, mais à la sueur des fronts!

En 1891, la première couche de peinture à l'intérieur. Le clocher, mesurant à peu près 125 pieds, est complété la même année. Depuis ce jour, le clocher inspire et nous indique le chemin du ciel (comme nos grands pères nous disaient).



Le Père A. Villeneuve accepta la cure de Ste-Anne en août 1888 et y demeura treize ans. Homme d'appétit féroce, il avait le don des bonnes histoires et persuada facilement les gens à finir la construction du clocher, appliquer la première couche de peinture à l'intérieur de l'église et construire une sacristie temporaire à l'arrière de l'église. Envisageant un avenir de difficultés pour la religion dans les écoles, l'évêque McEvay demanda au Père Villeneuve d'organiser les premières écoles séparées. Vers 1901, il se sentait faiblir et reçut de l'aide des Pères A. Béchar, P. Landreville et T. Ferron jusqu'à sa mort en août 1905.

En 1893 le Père Villeneuve fit construire deux écoles séparées à ses propres frais, les paroissiens n'y croyant pas assez pour l'appuyer financièrement.

En 1900, construction du couvent des Ursulines sur la ligne Lespérance. Ces religieuses furent un bienfait extraordinaire pour assurer le succès de nos écoles (10).



Le Père Pierre Langlois, doux mais ferme, de santé précoce, surprit tout le monde en vivant jusqu'à l'âge de 81 ans. Il prit la

cure de Ste-Anne en octobre 1905 et se dépensa inlassablement à la poursuite du beau et du bon pour sa paroisse et la communauté jusqu'à sa retraite en 1933. Il fut le premier curé à se réjouir de l'assistance d'un vicaire dans la personne du Père L. Marchand en 1919. Le Père Isidore Poisson fut le deuxième en 1924 suivi du Père G. Blonde en 1931 et du Père Boudreau en 1932. (Le nom du Père T. Martin apparaît en 1907 et celui du Père P. Bontront en 1918. Ils ont aidé au ministère de la paroisse, sans nous laisser beaucoup d'histoire.

En 1905, les premières annonces en anglais à la messe — la population se diversifie.

La construction de la sacristie eut lieu en 1908. C'est à ce temps qu'on échangea le système d'éclairage de l'huile au gaz. Et en 1911, les gros poêles à bois et au charbon disparaissent. On se chauffe désormais par un système de chauffage à vapeur. En 1913 l'électricité apparaît et le système de gaz est changé. Le toit est recouvert d'ardoise pour réduire la possibilité de passer au feu.

En 1919-20 on érige le beau monument au Sacré-Coeur de Jésus en mémoire des 96 jeunes de la paroisse qui avaient revêtu l'habit militaire au cours de la première guerre mondiale. Six y avaient perdu la vie.

En 1921, la brique des murs extérieurs commençait à se dégager, exigeant de grands réparages. On appliqua une couche de ciment avec l'impression de gros blocs de ciment. Solution permanente avec résultat esthétique.

En 1926 trois soeurs de la famille Drouillard se marient à l'église (16). Il va sans dire que tout le monde y était.

En 1927 on fait l'achat d'un carillon composé de trois cloches (13). Nommées "Pierre, Paul et Ste-Anne" elles sont bénies le 17 juillet et le même jour, avec l'aide de beaucoup de bras volontaires, elles sont haussées par câble à leur position permanente dans le clocher. "Marie Louise" y était déjà placée. Triomphe sonore pour la paroisse ce jour là! Le 26 juillet, fête extraordinaire où l'on distribua 5000 communions aux pélerins qui étaient venus de toute part honorer l'Eucharistie et la bonne Ste-Anne. Le 28 juillet eût lieu le Congrès Eucharistique diocésain à Tecumseh. Les foyers de la paroisse respiraient la joie et la ferveur religieuse cette année.

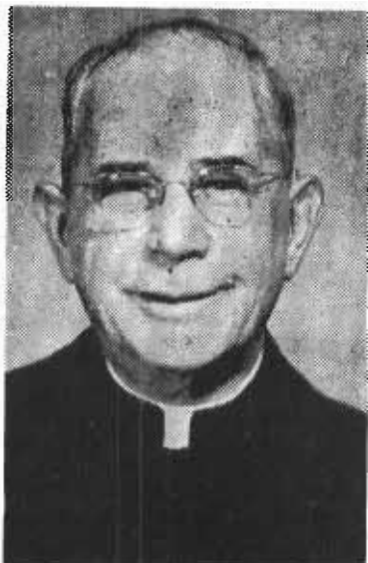
Comme préparatifs aux magnifiques fêtes de 1927, le Père Langlois fit construire l'immense galerie découverte en face de l'église en vue de célébrer la messe plus souvent au grand air et pour relier les trois entrées. De même il fit ériger le beau calvaire au cimetière et le bénit dans une cérémonie émouvante le 24 juillet (12).

1929—La panique fait crouler le monde des finances. Les problèmes survenus le 24 octobre à New York affectèrent l'univers. C'est le début de chaumages et d'ajustements profonds dans l'économie du pays. Malgré la pénurie d'argent, la paroisse emprunte assez d'argent pour renouveler la peinture à l'intérieur de l'église, acheter l'orgue que nous connaissons si bien et faire l'achat d'un nouveau chemin de croix.

Le Père Pitre arrive en 1933 juste à temps pour organiser une campagne en vue de diminuer la dette.

1939-45. Années de guerre en Europe. 295 jeunes gens s'engagent à la défense du monde libre. Treize y perde la vie.

En 1946, le Père Pitre travaille activement depuis 1943 avec son ami William St-Pierre (Sr.) et réussit à établir l'école secondaire. Les classes se font au sous-sol de la sacristie et plus tard dans l'ancienne salle St-Jean-Baptiste. Il fallait vibrer de courage pour assurer le succès d'une telle entreprise.



Le Père Gilbert Pitre fut nommé curé en 1933. Il craignait cette charge, car il était natif de Tecumseh et admettait que "nul est prophète dans son propre pays". Dès 1936 il rêvait de construire une nouvelle salle paroissiale et établir une école secondaire, mais la "dépression" sévissait et retarda son rêve quelques années. Il reçut le titre de Monseigneur en 1953 en reconnaissance de son dévouement pour l'Eglise. Plusieurs vicaires l'assistèrent au cours de ses 25 ans de cure: les Pères P. Boudreau (32-39), D. Moreau (1934), Oscar Martin (1935), F. Laverty (37-42), J. Noël (1940), J. Levaque (1940), Laurent Lacharité (41-46), Charles Lanoue (1942), Laurent Paquette (43-50), J. Kelly (46-48), Earl Paré (48-57), Paul Charbonneau (50-51) et (57-58), et G. Freker (51-58).

Vers ce temps, le Père Pitre sentit le besoin d'établir la première paroisse-fille dans la région de "Dogpatch" pour mieux accommoder les paroissiens de cette région de Riverside. C'est aussi que naquit la paroisse Notre Dame de Fatima en 1947. Avec la prospérité de l'après-guerre la population continua à augmenter et la paroisse se divisa encore (Church of the Atonement, et St-Grégoire).

La première vocation après l'ordination du Père Henri Baillargeon en 1924 fut celle de Lionel Morand, ordonné en 1949. On imagine la joie de toute la paroisse. Ce fut comme un signal pour une nouvelle série de vocations au sacerdoce et à la vie religieuse. Le Père Henri Baillargeon chanta sa messe d'anniversaire le lendemain de la grand'messe du Père Lionel Morand (7).

En 1955 le Père Pitre fit construire la Salle St-Gilbert pour remplacer la Salle St-Jean Baptiste construite en 1888. Il faut reconnaître les efforts d'Henri "Buster" Réaume pour tempérer le coût et réussir à nous donner une très belle salle pour \$54,000.

1959 — La paroisse célèbre son premier 100 ans d'histoire. Année bien organisée par le Père Lanoue qui nous aide à réfléchir sur la dette de reconnaissance que

nous devons à nos ancêtres. M. Roland Jobin, artiste, rafraîchit la peinture du plafond du sanctuaire et de la nef de l'église. Les Chevaliers de Colomb, les membres du Saint Nom et de la St-Jean-Baptiste, ensemble avec les Placiers complètent le recensement de la paroisse. Il fait réparer et agrandir le couvent. Du côté spirituel, le Père Daniel Morand est le premier prêtre diocésain à être ordonné dans sa propre paroisse. Le 27 septembre le Père Lanoue célèbre une messe de minuit au cimetière au pieds du calvaire. La fête de Ste Anne est organisée, comme toujours par le Père Lanoue avec une dévotion extraordinaire. Mgr Caza de Valleyfield, Qué. rehaussait de sa présence la messe des pèlerins. (Par la suite, les évêques venaient célébrer la Ste Anne, soit Mgr Carter, Mgr Plourde d'Ottawa, Mgr Adolphe Proulx, Mgr Despâtie, Mgr P-E. Charbonneau). La neuvaine préparatoire était irradiée par le poste CHYR de Leamington.



Le Père Charles Lanoue entreprit la direction de la paroisse en juin 1958 et se dépensa à intensifier la ferveur du peuple par la prière et l'exemple d'une profonde dévotion pour l'Eucharistie. Il gagnait les jeunes par sa bonne humeur et son gros bon sens et réussit à former un groupe d'enfants de chœur de 100 garçons. Le problème de finances demeura le problème du jour durant tout son séjour avec nous, surtout celui de l'école secondaire. En janvier 1970 il présenta sa demande de changer de paroisse et se rendit à Grande Pointe. Ses vicaires furent les Pères E. Forton (1958), P. Schiller (58-62), Edouard Forton (58-63), Léo Beaune (63-65), René Giroux (62-68), Gerard Prince (68-69), Ron Paquette (65-70), et Richard Adam (69-71).

Le 14 octobre 1959, l'église St-Jérôme fait ses débuts sur la rue Ypres, Windsor. Elle est une paroisse nationale pour desservir les francophones de la région. Plusieurs familles quittèrent alors Ste-Anne pour adopter un culte plus spécialisé dans la langue française (9).

Les années 1962-1970 furent une période de changements, on dirait même bouleversements dans le monde catholique. Le Concile Vatican II apporte un renouveau qui ressemble un peu à un enfantement. Comme premier changement, le prêtre célébrerait désormais la messe face au peuple, en langue populaire. La messe concélébrée remplace les messes privées (et les autels latéraux disparaissent). On communie debout, et la table

de communion est démolie. Les communions augmentent et le nombre de confessions diminue, en partie causé par une nouvelle interprétation de la gravité du péché, mais surtout parce que le sens du mal devient flou.

Un conseil de paroisse avec prêtres et laïcs oeuvrant ensemble est organisé en 1968 et apporte soulagement au clergé qui apprécie la part des laïcs dans le fonctionnement de la paroisse.



Le Père Eugène Larocque accepta la cure de Ste-Anne en janvier 1970 et partit pour Cornwall lorsqu'il fut nommé évêque le 3 septembre 1974. Dès son arrivée il étudia le problème de l'école secondaire et constata le besoin de la maintenir à tout prix. Il divisa la paroisse en zones pour mieux distribuer les tâches. Il entreprit et réussit à appliquer les normes exigées par le Concile Vatican II, aidé du Conseil paroissial (présidé par le courageux Jérôme Marcotte). De caractère ferme, parfois intransigeant, il décidait par souci du principe, un trait qui lui serait sans doute indispensable dans son ministère épiscopal. Ce qu'il exigeait de ses ouailles dans la poursuite de la perfection, il le vivait d'abord lui-même.

En 1970, l'installation d'un nouveau système d'illumination à la partie supérieure du clocher est réussite merveilleuse. Le clocher est d'une beauté exquise le soir, baigné de lumière. Et en 1971, le Père Larocque installe le carillonnement automatique.

Au mois de décembre le Père Larocque suggère l'introduction du ministère de communion (par les laïcs) aux malades. Quatorze laïcs et une religieuse furent dédiés dans une cérémonie durant la messe). Nous étions la première paroisse à penser sérieusement aux malades.

Entre 1973 et 1975, l'église changea d'apparence. Rome demandait de restorer l'intérieur des églises pour revaloriser l'autel du Saint Sacrifice et placer en évidence le Saint Sacrement. Plusieurs églises furent dépouillées à cause d'un zèle poussé par la démanigaison de tout changer. Nous avons réussi à conserver l'atmosphère religieux et ce qui fait que nous avons la plus belle église du diocèse. Le beau maître-autel fut modifié un peu mais conservé. L'entrée du côté L'Espérance était pourrie et il fallait la remplacer. Ce fut l'occasion d'y installer un accès spécial pour les chaises roulantes. Le vieux système à vapeur faisait défaut et on le remplaça avec un bon système à air réchauffé au gaz. On ajouta aussi trois grosses

horloges au clocher et on fit l'achat de quatre vitrines pour compléter les belles vitraux installées par le Père Langlois.

Le projet prit fin en août 1974, juste à temps pour célébrer l'installation du Père Larocque comme évêque (de Cornwall), cérémonie grandiose.

Au mois d'avril 1972 la salle St-Gilbert fut vendue à la Canadian Legion pour \$75,000, sous condition que la paroisse aurait accès à la chambre principale pour certaines fonctions paroissiales. Les membres de la Société St-Jean-Baptiste souffrirent un dur coup en perdant leur local.



Le Père Laurent Poisson prit la charge de la paroisse en septembre 1974, aidé des vicaires Félix Bézair (73-80) et Robert Champagne (74-78). Le Père Ken Bondy remplaça le Père Champagne en mai 1978. Lorsque le Père Bézair nous quitta pour faire du ministère au Glengarda en 1980, le Père Poisson resta avec un seul vicaire. La pénurie de prêtres commençait à se réaliser. Le Père Poisson se vit dans l'impossibilité de continuer tous les programmes établis par trois prêtres, et ce fut un nouvel ajustement pour la paroisse. Néanmoins, avec sa bonne humeur, le Père continua à obtenir la coopération des gens. Il était gentil au confessional et sa douceur y manifestait le cœur du Christ.

1981 — un peu de statistique pour l'année: Lorsque Pie IX établit le diocèse de London en 1856, on comptait 25,000 catholiques rassemblés en 12 paroisses. 125 ans plus tard, en 1981, les chiffres avaient changé: 350,000 catholiques groupés en 144 paroisses.

Au cours de l'été 1981, la nouvelle qu'un fils-prêtre le Père Blaise Morand était consacré évêque "dans le ouest" fut nouvelle bien reçue.

Le 27 avril 1983 le Père Bélanger permet qu'on célèbre la première messe de guérison. Préparés par le Père Bob Remark (11), cinq équipes de laïcs forment des réseaux vivants de prière. Ste-Anne semble inviter à préparer le terrain pour de nouveaux miracles, comme elle en avait l'habitude dans notre paroisse.

Notre recherche hâtive sur la chronologie des événements tire à sa fin, réalisant que je n'ai pas tout rapporté. Nous nous en remettons à l'historien du 150^e anniversaire pour y remédier. D'ici 25 ans nous invitons les commentaires et le récit d'événements qui seraient d'intérêt pour les gens de l'an 2019.

Ce qui m'intéresse plus que les événements est plutôt

caché de vue, souvent ignoré, rarement récompensé adéquatement. Il faut mentionner la charité pure des membres de la Société St-Vincent de Paul et de la Légion de Marie dont le travail demeure complètement anonyme. Que dire de la fidélité des gens qui participent au Saint Sacrifice de la messe quotidienne, formant la base de la dévotion à l'Eucharistie, si précieuse pour l'éclosion et le développement des vocations spéciales. Et les paroissiens



Le Père Lionel Bélanger devint curé ici en 1981. Son assistant le Père Bondy le quitta en juillet 1982, et son remplaçant, le Père Robert Remark arriva ici en mai 1982. L'administration d'une si grande paroisse devenait un tour de force. Comme remède à la disette d'assistants, le Père Bélanger tenta l'expérience d'ajouter une dame à l'équipe pastorale: Soeur Antoinette Janisse (des Soeurs Jésus Marie) se dévoua pendant un an et joua divers rôles d'assistance. Elle attira de la sympathie pour le rôle de la femme dans le ministère paroissiale. Le Père Bélanger parvint à toucher le coeur de bien des personnes qui avaient cessé la pratique de leur foi. Il les atteint à travers son ministère auprès des jeunes qu'il aima toujours d'une façon très spéciale.

qui ont entretenu les dévotions recommandées par les papes, à savoir le chemin de croix, le chapelet, le scapulaire, l'adoration eucharistique. Combien se sont dévoués à organiser des pèlerinages, des retraites paroissiales, cercles missionnaires, neuvaines à Ste-Anne. La Société St-Jean-Baptiste, source de ralliement des canadiens français, les Chevaliers de Colomb toujours prêts à secourir le prêtre; la Société du St-Nom qui depuis 1933 cherche à promouvoir le respect pour le nom de Jésus; la fraternité des franciscains, levain d'amour; les Dames de Ste-Anne et la Ligue des Femmes catholiques, chacune très riche en générosité constante—et combien d'autres groupes depuis 1859!

Comment ne pas se souvenir de toutes les ménagères, les bédeaux qui essayaient de plaire sans toujours réussir?

L'histoire du chant mériterait beaucoup de place pour y rendre justice. Force nous est de ne toucher qu'à certains faits.

Le premier organiste Alex Pépin fut succédé par un jeune Cléophas Létourneau qui resta fidèle au clavier durant 56 ans. Ses filles Eileen et Johanna lui aidèrent toute leur vie. Depuis 1949, Thérèse St-Pierre Quinn devint organiste et partagea avec Elaine Desjardins, Edouard Morand jusqu'au 3 octobre 1971 quand Thérèse Gadoury s'engagea à entraîner les gens selon les nouvelles normes de Vatican II.

Si j'ai erré, je m'excuse. Je continuerai à faire des recherches, et de temps à autre nous pourrons publier des feuillets pour ajouter à cette histoire. Mon langage est celui de francophone de la région de la péninsule Essex et je réalise que je ne plairais pas aux gens de langue pure. Mais j'ai voulu plaire aux personnes qui sont à Tecumseh depuis plusieurs générations.

Je demande à la bonne Ste-Anne, mère de Marie, de bénir tous les lecteurs de la belle histoire que nous avons présentée.

COMMENTAIRES

- (1) Joseph Gilbert Forgereau et Joseph Victor Soullière.
- (2) Elie Champagne épousa Madeleine Létourneau.
- (3) Le Père Fauteux fut remplacé par le Père Andrieux en 1872. Le Père A. Villeneuve le suivit en 1888. Il reçut de l'aide des Pères A. Bécharde en 1901, P. Landreville en 1905 et Père P. Ferron en 1905. A la mort du Père Villeneuve en 1905, le Père P. Langlois fut curé jusqu'en 1933; le Père G. Pitre le suivit jusqu'en 1958. Le Père C. Lanoue vint en 1958 et partit en janvier 1970, suivi du Père E. Larocque jusqu'en 1974. Le Père L. Poisson le remplaça et resta jusqu'en 1981. Notre curé actuel vint ici en 1981.
- (4) Elzéar Jacques émigra de Sorel, Québec pour s'établir dans notre hameau. Il construisit son logis sur le coin sud-ouest de l'intersection Tecumseh et Manning. Il se dévoua à la construction de notre église en 1871 et, avec ses fils Adelme (âgé de 17 ans), Urgel, Gustave (grand-père de Mme Armand Bacon sr), Zeutique et Euclide, réussit à bâtir un chef d'oeuvre. Il avait beaucoup d'expérience, acquise dans la province de Québec. Le maître autel, fabriqué de noyer noir, demeura le projet d'intime fierté d'Adelme. Celui-ci et son épouse Hélène formèrent leur famille de sept garçons et deux filles dans le hameau de Tecumseh: Laurent, Edmond, Ernest, Nazaire, Alfred, Léandre, Joseph, Marie-Louise et Claire. Joseph est le père d'Alfred qui demeure avec son épouse Jeanette dans le Shoreline Towers. Laurent est le père de Robert (épouse Jacqueline) qui a bravé les hauteurs depuis 1946 pour réparer et peindre le clocher de notre belle église.

(5) Son Excellence Mgr Adolphe Pinsonneault fut le premier évêque de notre diocèse formé le 13 mai 1856. Il fut remplacé en 1867 par Mgr John Walsh, Suivirent les noms suivants: Mgr Dennis O'Connor en 1890, Mgr Fergus McEvay en 1899, Mgr Michael Fallon en 1910, Mgr John Kidd en 1931. Mgr John Cody en 1946, Mgr Gerald Carter en 1964, et Mgr John Sherlock en 1974, notre évêque actuel. Mgr Marcel Gervais fut nommé auxiliaire en 1980 et il demeure à Windsor.

(6) Mabel épousa Edward Cox, Belva épousa Elzéar Ouellette, et Rose épousa Robert Barnier. Une messe concélébrée par les Pères Langlois, Poisson et Baillargeon et une église comble compléta la cérémonie bien joyeuse.

(7) La famille morand fut le sujet de conversations depuis quelques années parce que six frères choisirent le sacerdoce (et y ont persévéré). C'est pour la paroisse un sujet de méditation sur la bonté extraordinaire du bon Dieu qui voyait d'une part le renouveau de foi dans la paroisse et d'autre part une famille nombreuse qui se montrait totalement disponible à ses désirs, décida d'inviter six frères à le servir comme prêtres. Il exhorta le plus jeune, Paul, à propager le nom des Morand dans le sacrement de mariage. Deux soeurs, Yvonne et Irène, choisirent aussi le mariage.

(8) Nos paroissiens ont connu dix papes: Pie IX élu en 1846, Léo XIII en 1878, Pie X en 1903, Benoît XV en 1914, Pie XI en 1922, Pie XII en 1939, Jean XXIII en 1958, Paul VI en 1962, Jean-Paul I

pour un mois en 1978, et le pape actuel Jean-Paul II élu en septembre 1978.

(9) La présence d'une église nationale aurait un certain effet sur le nombre de paroissiens optant pour la langue française.

(10) Acceptant l'invitation du Père Villeneuve, trois Ursulines arrivent à Tecumseh le 31 décembre 1900. Elles se mettent à l'oeuvre et enseignent 99 enfants enrôlés dans trois classes. L'année suivante un quatrième Ursuline arriva pour servir. On donna le nom St-Antoine à cette nouvelle école. Plus tard en 1953 il fallut construire de nouveau et démolir la vieille école.

(11) Voici la liste des vicaires depuis 1919: L. Marchand (1919-24), I. Poisson (24-31), G. Blonde (31-32), P. Boudreau (32-39), D. Moreau (1934), O. Martin (1935), F. Laverty (37-42), J. Noël (1940), J. Levaque (1940), L. Lacharité (41-46), C. Lanoue (1942), L. Paquette (43-50), J. Kelly (46-48), E. Paré (48-57), P. Charbonneau (50-51) et (57-58), G. Freker (51-58), E. Forton (58-63), P. Schiller (58-62), L. Beaulne (63-65), R. Giroux (62-68), G. Prince (68-69), R. Paquette (65-70), R. Adam (69-71), L. Larivière (1971), M. Leboeuf (70-73), D. Thériault (71-74), R. Champagne (74-78),

F. Bézaire (73-80), K. Bondy (78-82), R. Remark (82-84), et J. Drouillard (1984).

(12) George Canuel et Frank Labute construisirent à leurs frais (\$5000.) le mausolée de ciment et de marbre sous condition d'y être ensevelis avec leur épouse (Eva Canuel, Louise Labute). Le Père Langlois fit venir de Montréal (Dominique Cogné et Cie) les figures du Christ en croix, Marie et l'apôtre Jean. Elles son moulées de fer fondu, creuses, et la peau est de 125 mm d'épaisseur, chacune pesant entre 1000 et 1200 kilos. Au printemps de 1984 un vent violant culbuta la croix de bois, fracturant la figure du Christ. Une croix d'acier inoxydable remplacera le bois et les réparages sur la figure cacheront toute trace de fracture. On apprécie la beauté exceptionnelle de ce calvaire quand on s'y arrête pour méditer, surtout le soir lorsque les phares le baignent de lumière.

(13) Fondu par la maison C. Wauthy de Douai, France, le poids total du "Carillon de Tecumseh" est de 5,410 livres (2450 kilos): Pierre (MI) pèse 2450 livres, Paul (Fa dièse) pèse 1730 livres, Ste-Anne (SOL dièse) pèse 1230 livrcs.



SPECIAL THANKS . . . Sister Antoinette Janisse our first "lady" pastoral assistant who ws with us for the past year, for her outstanding service of love to this parish.

Our Pastors

Father Nicholas Point

When we read of Father Nicholas Point's fearless missionary courage, we see the Providence of God in action. Regardless of weather and travel difficulties, Father Point never hesitated to leave the relative comfort of the Assumption rectory to bring the Good News to isolated settlers in the forests of the Essex peninsula. When the number of families grew in our area, he located a private home on Tecumseh Trail in which he celebrated mass and administered the sacraments. He is the one who encouraged the people to petition the Bishop to subdivide Assumption parish and establish a separate parish for them. He is also responsible for the choice of heavenly patroness in the person of Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. He was replaced by Fathers P. Boubat, J. Bayard and L. Mutard during 1860.

Father P. Fauteux

Fr. P. Fauteux was our first resident pastor assigned to St. Anne's in December 1860. His personal holiness and extraordinary faith helped him to form the kind of religious community life that resulted in a parish dream of building a magnificent church. It was to be worthy of the parish's love for God and to honour the great St. Anne. The people were very poor but willing workers, and the great dream was the most talked about subject as work began on the foundations of their new church in 1871. Funds were so limited that work had to be suspended temporarily after a few months. Fr. Fauteux was assigned to the parish of the Annunciation in Stoney Point in February 1872.

Father P. Andrieux

Fr. P. Andrieux accepted the pastoral care of St. Anne's in March 1872 and remained until 1888. He persuaded the parishioners to continue the work on the church and organized bees to cut and shape timber and boards from hardwood trees in the area. Much of the labour and material were donated. His right hand man was Elzéar Jacques who had gained considerable experience in building churches in the province of Quebec. Fr. Andrieux loved to sing and train people in learning Plain Chant, which was the Canadian version of Gregorian music. So successful was he at forming the first choir that the parishioners helped him to purchase a Casavant organ in 1887.

Father A. Villeneuve

Fr. A. Villeneuve was assigned as pastor to this parish in August 1888. He loved laughter and story telling made him a popular invited guest in homes. Well-liked he had no trouble in continuing work on the church. He was extremely proud of our beautiful steeple, finished in 1891. He was particularly sensitive to the preservation of a Catholic atmosphere for school children. Bishop McEvay asked him to organize and build some separate schools. He started with two, one on Lesperance Lane and the other at Little River, just east of Pillette Road. From 1901, his strength failed and he was helped by Father A. Béchard, P. Landreville and T. Ferron until his death in August 1905.

Father Pierre Langlois

Fr. Pierre Langlois was a delicate looking man. He was assigned to our parish in October 1905. He proved to be a pastor of souls and an untiring organizer of parish and community business. He retired in 1933 after serving 28 years, an imposing record. He persuaded several young men to attend College and paid for their tuition. He was the first pastor to enjoy the company of a regular assistant when Father L. Marchand was given this assignment in 1919. Father Isidore Poisson replaced him in 1924, followed by Fr. G. Blonde in 1931 and Fr. Pierre Boudreau in 1932. (Father T. Martin's name appears in the 1907 records and Fr. P. Boutrons in 1918. There is no further history available on them).

Father Gilbert Pitre

Fr. Gilbert Pitre, our first native vocation, was transferred here, to his own parish in 1933 and worked hard as Pastor to offset the handicap of ministering to his own people. He felt the need to pursue the dream to establish a High School to keep our students within the community and to have them enjoy our high standards in education. With his friend William St. Pierre (Sr.) doing much of the footwork from the year 1943, the High School was finally established in 1946. At the graduation exercises in 1947, Father Pitre said "Someday we will see at least 50 students graduating from this High School". During his 25 year term of office, he enjoyed the company and help of several assistant priests. Fathers Pierre Boudreau ('32-'39), D. Moreau (1934), Oscar Martin (1935), F. Laverty ('37-'42), J. Noel (1940), J. Levaque (1940), Laurent Lacharite ('41-'46), Charles Lanoue (1942), Laurent Paquette ('43-'50), J. Kelly ('46-'48), Earl Pare ('48-'57), Paul Charbonneau ('50-'51) and ('57-'58), and G. Freber ('51-'58).

On April 11th, 1950 the parish celebrated Fr. Pitre's investiture as "Domestic Prelate of his holiness Pope Pius XII in the Holy Year 1950.

Father Charles Lanoue

Father Charles Lanoue brought a spirit of joy with him when he accepted the pastoral care of St. Anne's in June 1958. His deep devotion for the Eucharist and love for St. Anne, the miracle worker, not only won the admiration of the faithful, but helped to develop in them a real appreciation for the humanity of Christ. Father Lanoue repeated that Jesus was not only God's Son, but a warm person in love with each of us. He organized the broadcast of the Novena to St. Anne on Radio Station CHYR and reached unknown numbers of more faithful.

He realized one of his dreams to train young men to be ready to answer God's call to the priesthood when he organized an altar boy society with 100 boys, the largest ever realized. The unusual financial burdens of the '60's weighed heavily on his wearied shoulders and he finally decided to ask for a move in January 1970. His assistants were: Father E. Forton (1958), P. Schiller ('58-'62), Edward Forton ('58-'63), Leo Beaune ('63-'65), Rene Giroux ('62-'68), Gerard Prince ('68-'69), Ron Paquette ('65-'70), and Richard Adam ('69-'71).

Father Eugene Larocque

Fr. Eugene Larocque took office as Pastor in January 1970 at a time when the catholic world was undergoing the pains of re-birth. Strong feelings over the population control issue still divided families, the ill-omened abortion bill passed federally in 1969 challenged catholic communities to rise and protest the killing of the unborn (one million lives in Canada by 1984), the identity crisis swept through religious communities and the secular priesthood, claiming many victims. Challenged by such a complex situation world-wide and locally by financial problems, Father Larocque drew strength from his daily mass. He made a thorough study of the High School finances and agreed to keep the school open at all costs.

He also divided the parish into zones so that more people could benefit from a closer contact by key persons. A man of firm convictions, he often felt the loneliness of decision-by-principle-

He was supported by very holy assistants until the day he was consecrated bishop in our own parish: Father Ron Paquette ('65-'70), Richard Adam ('69-'71), Leo Larivière (1971), Marcel Leboeuf ('70-'73), Don Theriault ('71-'74), Robert Champagne ('74-'78), and Felix Bezaire ('73-'80) very ably carried their share of responsibility.

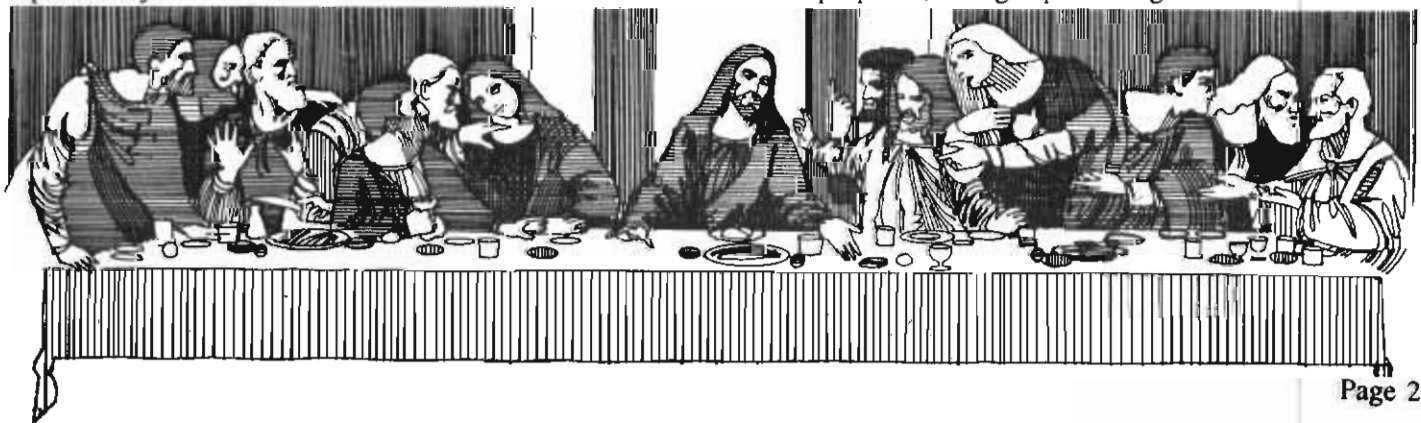
Father Laurent Poisson

Fr. Laurent Poisson accepted to be pastor of the large parish of St. Anne's with the experience of a well-established parish of St. Greogry. He wanted his new parishioners to share in his notion that worshipping in comfort adds to the depth of one's prayer, and as soon as the parish finances improved, he installed a very modern air conditioning system for the church and a separate one for the chapel. Everyone agrees that we have been praying much better since that blessed decision. Father started with two assistants. Frs. Felix Bezaire ('73-'80) and Robert Champagne ('74-'78) but finished his term alone with Father Ken Bondy ('78-'82). Father Poisson's good humour was a great asset for him as he struggled to cope with the work of the many communities at St. Anne's. While he still loved the parish, he welcomed the change to a smaller parish in 1981.

Father Lionel Belanger

Fr Lionel Belanger is our present pastor here since 1981, and he appears to enjoy his pastoral assignment. Management of a parish our size would be much easier with three priests, but Father devised ways to cope with the situation. He allowed committees more room for decision making and predicted that this can work when a parish has reached the maturity of walking seriously together for God and each other. Father is known among the clergy as a priest for priests, probably because he relates easily with other priests and is a good listener. He has a special charm with children, and it is not only because of a bag of tootsie rolls after mass. This charism has helped Father to reach many parents who were lax in the practice of their faith.

Willing to attempt new ideas, he located 250 parishioners who each loaned \$1000 interest free for three years so that the interest gained on \$250,000 could help pay for some of the High School costs. He also agreed to allow a lady pastoral assistant work on the Pastoral team. Sister Antoinette Janisse was the candidate for one year, and she proved to be an excellent choice. Father Belanger's assistant, following Fr. Bob Remark's change in July of '84, is Father Jim Drouillard, already well known for his well prepared, thought provoking sermons.



Profile: Father Charles Lanoue

One of the miracles obtained by our Patroness St. Anne is the virtue of holiness in the priests who served in our parish. Some were already holy when they arrived and continued to climb to loftier heights. Others drew from the sanctity of the people to achieve spiritual momentum in their own life. Father Charles Lanoue combined both traits, and 13 years of pastoral ministry in our midst left an indelible print on thousands of faithful.

Fr. Lanoue had the ability to identify with whatever group or person he happened to be ministering to or mingling with socially. With rare charisma he could spot the prominent quality of a person and gracefully capitalize on it to find help in parish work.

He foresaw the difficult struggles ahead for the clergy and diligently prepared 100 boys to serve at mass and religious ceremonies. All dressed in white cassocks they formed an imposing sight. Fr. Lanoue knew each boy by name and fostered in each love and respect for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He gave his boys training in discipline and the joy of serving. Undoubtedly this group was fertile soil for future vocations to the priesthood, since 90% of priests were once altar boys.

St. Anne High School was his pride and joy. He was literally beaming when he turned the first sod in 1960 with Reverend Sister Liguori and Orville Renaud. Financing it was a perpetual problem but Fr. Lanoue never gave up hope. He exhorted the parishioners to hang on and the students to pray for solutions. The near-failure that happened in 1969 took a heavy toll on his wearied shoulders. He recognized the need to request a change of parish.

His devotion to St. Anne, Mother of Mary, grandmother of Jesus, was more than just a devout prayer or pastoral obligation. It was love, robust and tender. Feast days were celebrated with guest bishops singing the pilgrimage mass. The novena was also aired on CHYR radio station.

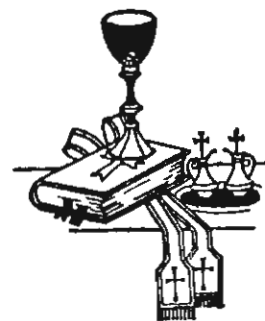
Some of his cigars offended the ladies, but the quality of his pleasant humour made up for the odour. The kids always "got a big charge" from his comments on Dick the Bruiser in the Arena. Sports-minded enthusiasts recognized an expert when he talked about the Montreal Canadians and Maurice Richard, his friend.

Father Charles Lanoue played a vital part in the miracle of the continuity of sanctity in our priest. This may have been one of the miracles that Father Nicholas Point had foreseen to assure the survival of our parish.

We are joined as one in gratitude for Father Lanoue's faith in God, in St. Anne and in the parishioners of the 1958-69 era.



Le Père Charles Lanoue entreprit la direction de la paroisse en juin 1958 et se dépensa à intensifier la ferveur du peuple par la prière et l'exemple d'une profonde dévotion pour l'Eucharistie. Il gagnait les jeunes par sa bonne humeur et son gros bon sens et réussit à former un groupe d'enfants de chœur de 100 garçons. Le problème de finances demeura le problème du jour durant tout son séjour avec nous, surtout celui de l'école secondaire. En janvier 1970 il présenta sa demande de changer de paroisse et se rendit à Grande Pointe. Ses vicaires furent les Pères E. Forton (1958), P. Schiller (58-62), Edouard Forton (58-63), Léo Beaune (63-65), René Giroux (62-68), Gerard Prince (68-69), Ron Paquette (65-70), et Richard Adam (69-71).



Sainte-Anne de Tecumseh
PAROISSE-MERE DE
Notre-Dame de Fatima



En la fête de sa glorieuse patronne, 1947, Ste-Anne de Tecumseh établissait la Mission de Notre-Dame de Fatima pour ses fidèles de la section nord-ouest de la paroisse. Le centre de cette mission était l'école Ste-Thérèse. Un des vicaires de Monseigneur G. P. Pitre y offrait une Messe le dimanche. En 1950, Monseigneur l'évêque J. C. Cody érigea la mission en paroisse et le Rév. Père L. C. Paquette, premier curé, entreprit la construction de l'église et du presbytère. La Bénédiction eut lieu le 24 février, 1952.

Our Lady of Fatima Mission was established on the feast of St. Anne, 1947. During the next three years, Monsignor G. P. Pitre sent one of his assistants to offer one Mass every Sunday in Ste-Thérèse School for the faithful in the north-west sector of St. Ann's Parish. On November 11th, 1950, the Mission was given the status of parish, with Father L. C. Paquette as its first pastor. Father Paquette erected a prefabricated church and rectory; the blessing took place on February 24th, 1952. When the second pastor was appointed—June 29th, 1952—he found the parish already well organized. There were 123 children in the parish school. The name of the school was changed to "Our Lady of Fatima" in 1958—to correspond with the name of the church.

St. Anne's Tecumseh

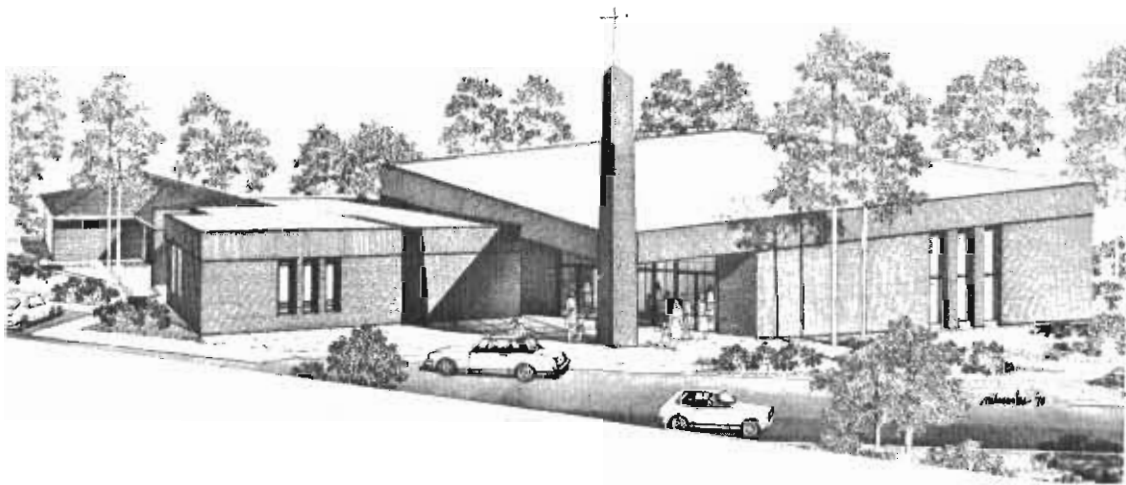
MOTHER PARISH TO

St. Gregory's



St. Gregory's Parish was established by His Excellency Bishop Cody in June 1958. Rev. Victor C. Côté was named its first pastor. It was opened primarily to take care of the Village of St. Clair Beach and the eastern end of St. Anne's Parish, part of which was in Maidstone Township, and part in the Town of Tecumseh — comprising 200 families. Now 25 years later, St. Gregory's parish community is approaching 1,000 families.

Church of The Atonement



The fulfillment of the dream of a church of their own became a reality for the people of St. Anne's parish community from the Forest Glade area with the establishment of the Church of The Atonement pastored by the Atonement Friars. The new church opened June 10, 1979.

The Story of Tecumseh

(As recorded in St. Anne's 100th Anniversary Book by Adrien Letourneau)



Many of us live for the present, taking what we find available, as a matter of course. Most of us do not give any credit whatever to those men and women who opened up this country and made it possible for us to enjoy life and our freedoms as we do

now. Some of us are often inclined to ridicule the efforts of our forefathers.

In the very old days our community was known as "RYEGATE". Why? I can't answer because it has never been known that our first fathers ever harvested "RYE"; there weren't fields enough to do so. Yet my ancestors had documents dated at "Ryegate". Why then was the station changed to the name of Tecumseh? Our ancestors were steeped in traditions. TECUMSEH, the great Indian chief and leader was also a person whose love was for his ancestry. It was quite natural that our forefathers honor him by renaming their settlement after their friend who in 1812 had passed amongst them.

Up to the year 1921 Tecumseh was only a railway station—prior thereto it was just a corner of the Township of Sandwich East, and before that the Township of Sandwich and yet before "L'Assomption"; the registry records will bear me out.

Records show that as of 1816 there were settlers along the south shore of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair from Amherstburg to Jeannette's Creek. About the year 1838 the old Tecumseh Trail along the shores was abandoned and a similar trail was copied further inland which is now called Tecumseh Road. When the Great Western Railway was opened from London to Windsor in 1854 or 1856 all of this country was practically wilderness. At about the same time the Diocese of London was formed and a couple of years later the mission house was erected. Our pioneers, always wanting to get close to a church, started to gather and build around the mission. With the establishment of the railroad and along with the urging of the first parish priests, businesses were started. Travel to Windsor was facilitated and people from the countryside could drive their teams to Tecumseh then on to Windsor by railway. Soon a post office was established—the first was at the North East corner of Tecumseh Road and Lesperance. It was operated by a Mr. **Christe**, grandfather of Ernest Dugal—our first town clerk. It was a simple thing and the operator was not a very co-operative man. People would go and ask: "Is there any mail?"; "yes", was the short reply; he would not move and just keep on smoking. "Is there any for me?"; one would ask—"no", was again the snappy reply.

At that time farmers started to ship cattle along the railway; at the north end of Tecumseh Road were pens where the animals—hogs and cattle—could be loaded live for shipping to Wind-

sor or points east. After a few years, a weighing scale was erected and operated by a Mr. **Gérard** who was also a shoe merchant, his place of business being at the South East corner of Lesperance and Tecumseh. Lumber was big business at the time; there was quite a lumber mill operated by Mr. **J. B. Cada**; the lumber was carted to the railroad and shipped to Windsor and Detroit. Since Tecumseh became a stopping centre, the travellers naturally had to have places to stay over and shelter their horses. In a few years four inns were built with livery stables, places to eat and drink: the **Bedell Hotel**, the **Hebert** (now the Hebert Block), the **Soulliere Inn** (where the Paris Tavern now stands) and the **Hotel Perrault** (today the Bistany Barber Shop). One of the first business places was started by **Victor and Jules Robinet** who came from France (Rougemont). The old store was built further away from Tecumseh Rd. The first building was destroyed by fire and rebuilt by **Victor Robinet**; it was later leased to **Page** and **LeBoeuf** when Victor Robinet went back to his former occupation of wine making on Robinet Lane and where his son continued until the early 1930's. When Page and LeBoeuf commenced business, they operated a general store; the post office was moved there; then they started the business of woolen mitts and socks. The women (and some men) would receive a certain amount of wool, knit the finished product and receive a certain allowance for each pair they delivered. These partners also contracted for coal and operated a delivery route in the countryside. General stores were also operated by **Jos. Labutte** (father of Phil Labutte) where the present post office is situated and by the **Parent Bros.** where now stands Drouillard Hardware. When the first separate school was opened **Arthur Cecile** operated a grocery store at that corner. They also peddled goods to the countryside as far as Puce and Maidstone and out along Tecumseh Rd. to Pillette. These travelling stores handled practically everything. At the end of the last century, Mr. **Jos. Breault** operated a cheese factory near Banwell Rd.—his parents in old Quebec were cheesemakers. This was in operation for several seasons; the factory would close when the cows were "dry". By the way, Banwell Rd. was named after the leader of a colored settlement (ex-slaves) who were grouped across the C.P.R. There still remains markers of their cemetery. Old Tecumseh also boasted of a bakery operated by Mr. **John Dugal** who had been a teacher, notary, vintner and a real raconteur. This bakery was situated across the road from Dr. Hemond's on Tecumseh Rd. There were 3 butcher shops at the time: **Denis Ducharme** (where Walter now lives), **Edouard Thibert** (now Tecumseh House) and **Joseph Renaud** on Lesperance Rd. opposite the East entrance of the church. All did a booming business.

Prior to 1900 there was only one telephone in what is now Tecumseh; that was at the Great

Western (or Grand Trunk). It is recalled that Fr. Langlois, A. T. LeBoeuf, William Laramie, Paul Morand Sr., Jos. Breault and a few others from the country organized a municipal telephone system. Several years later the Bell System purchased the rights so that today from the humble beginning we have means of communication practically to anywhere. In or about 1908, the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Electric Railway (a branch of the Detroit Urban Railway) was constructed. Some of our present citizens were operators on the railway—Jerry “Chief” Desjardins and Jos. Matta. At that time, on the north of the G.T.R. there was only the **Lachance homestead**, the **Jacques Barns** and one new home—the **Letourneau homestead**. The Jacques house and the S. W. & A home inside the loop were moved and erected at about the same time. My mind is vivid on this matter as my oldest sister was killed by a fast train when the Jacques house was moved. Then later the Jacques built a house similar to the Letourneau house for Dr. **Adolphe Lemire**; it is now occupied by our assistant fire chief “Ti-Dolphe” Lemire—a grandson.

One of the old landmarks in Tecumseh was the **Salle Saint-Jean-Baptiste** built in 1888; it was a large structure housing a meeting place, private quarters for the Foresters, the C.M.B.A. and private rooms of the St-Jean-Baptiste Club. For many years thereafter it served for the numerous activities of the parish and the district and for a while as classrooms for Father Pitre's High School.

Other real old places were the **Dumond home** where the Lacasse boys now live, the **Gilbert Lesperance home** next to it, Dr. Hemond's home (then **Rocheleau**), **Raymond Jacques** and the **Campeau** residences. Many surely remember the huge fire in the late 20's that destroyed the Labute store, the F. X. Chauvin home and the Parent Bros. store.

Early in the 20th century the growing of tomatoes was introduced in this district. At first some people were afraid to eat them. Why? Well, in French you say “pomme d'amour” or love apple; some people thought they were a passion stimulant. There was a group of men who, following American methods organized a canning factory; it was a large frame construction at the rear of the present brewery building. It was blown down by a tornado on Good Friday in 1912 or 1913. In later years the old section of the present brewery was built for a canning factory. Later it was purchased by the **St. Clair Brewing Co.**, closed and re-opened as **Tecumseh Brewing** and closed again to be re-opened by the **Old Comrades Brewery** and finally purchased by the **Carling** people to be closed again after a few years of operation as you well know.

Banking in the early days was not known, true there were a few individuals who had unchartered banks in the different little settlements. The first real banking in Tecumseh was the **Home Bank**. Mr. **Georges Campeau** would attend once or twice a week at his rooms in the Old Dugal Bakery; this went on for several months. Later

banking space was rented in the **Paul Morand** block (the present Normandie Lunch site), then the Home Bank was built where the Provincial Bank now stands. When the Home Bank failed, the **Provincial Bank** took over. The successive managers were: **M. Boutin**, **W. Gravelle** (now county assessor), **J. A. Lamontagne**, **J. M. Pilon**, **C. A. Simard**, **J. F. L'Abbé**, **R. Canuel** and from 1930 to date with the exception of a short period occupied by **A. J. Melanson**, **William St-Pierre** has held the post. Where two people originally did the work, a staff of nine is now on hand and busy as can be.

As related elsewhere, Fr. Langlois was not only devoted to his church but also to this little piece of Canada. Thus he created with the help of Dr. **Paul Poisson** and a few others what is called the “**Cercle Canadien Catholique**”. The purpose was to group young people and sell them on the potential of the town. After the club was well organized, the members built a hall which is now owned by the town and occupied as municipal offices. The same club later built what is now owned by the **Col. Paul Poisson Branch of the Canadian Legion**.

The first waterworks was operated by a private company: “**EAU CLAIRE**”; some of the originators were Fr. Langlois, Tom LeBoeuf, Frank Hirt, Denis Ducharme, Cléophas Létourneau, Arthur Cecile, the Bedells and the Desjardins. Later the company was sold to the Town of Tecumseh.

In 1921 it was felt that our village was not getting its fair share of improvements in proportion to the taxes paid to the municipality of Sandwich East. Therefore a group of people headed by **Malcolm Clapp** petitioned the legislature to separate from the township and incorporate under the name of “**The Town of Tecumseh**”. The petition was granted. Our first council was: **Paul Poisson**, Mayor; **Malcolm Clapp**, Reeve; **Adhelme Jacques**, **A. T. LeBoeuf**, **Denis St-Louis**, **Evariste Prince** and **George Canuel**, Councillors. Our first clerk was **E. U. Dugal** and our second, **Wm. V. Bouteiller**, to this day.

There have been dire times in this town's history but our people have been generous in their support and co-operation to the councils and they have weathered the storms so that today the “**Town of Tecumseh**” is one of the nicest little towns in all Ontario. The Tecumseh of today, though increased to some 4,500 citizens does not boast many industries; most of the people work in Windsor and Detroit. The main firm here is the **Green Giant of Canada Limited** established in 1931 as Fine Foods of Canada; it is an excellent processing plant with products of international-wide fame. It has meant a lot for the neighbouring farmers who spend their money in town and for the townspeople who labour there about eight months of the year. The company has been instrumental in obtaining better water service and its grants to various local enterprises have been greatly appreciated. We now have a four man police force under the watchful eye of the Ontario Provincial Police and a well trained volunteer fire department. —A. Létourneau

Our Sanctuary — Notre Sanctuaire



1911

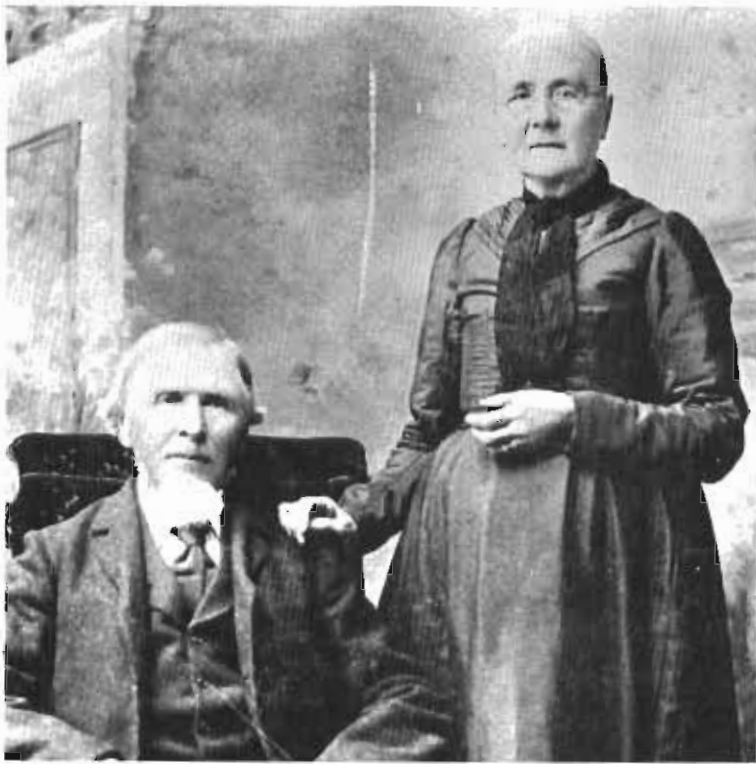


1959



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Olivier and Euphémie Baillargeon posing for what appears to be their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1897. They are the parents of Damien, François-Xavier and Joseph.



Opposite: Msgr. Pierre Langlois welcomes three Baillargeon brothers (seated, l. to r.): Damien, François-Xavier and Joseph, with their sons (l. to r.) Fathers Magloire, Joseph, and newly ordained Henri, June, 1924.

Olivier Baillargeon épousa Euphémie Pépin en 1847. Il quitta St-Barthélemie, Québec avec sa famille de cinq enfants en 1866 et arriva à Ryegate (maintenant Tégumseh). Il s'établit sur une petite ferme de 16 arpents et s'embaucha chez un M. McAllister pour couper du chêne blanc.

Animés par le courage des parents, les enfants aidèrent à défricher la nouvelle terre. (Six autres enfants naquirent ici.)

Dieu bénit les efforts de cette brave famille de sorte qu'à mesure qu'un enfant mariait, il s pouvaient lui faire l'achat d'un morceau de terre. Trois garçons eurent l'heureux privilège d'avoir chacun un fils prêtre. Au cours des années, ces trois cousins firent du ministère à Ste-Anne, leur paroisse native.

When Olivier Baillargeon moved his young family from St-Barthélemie, Québec to St. Anne Parish in 1866, little did he realize that three of his sons would each beget a son who would serve God in the priesthood: Joseph was ordained in 1913, spent 33 years as chaplain of Glengarda, and died in 1976; Magloire, ordained in 1918, was pastor in LaSalle and Belle River, and died in 1946; Henri was ordained in 1924 at St. Joseph Oratory, and spent most of his life in the Saskatchewan diocese of Prince Albert. He died in 1961.

These three cousins often spent vacation time "helping out" here at St. Anne.

(We are grateful to Leo Baillargeon for submitting the fascinating story of his three uncle-priests.)



His Holiness Pope John Paul II greets the Morand brothers, October 31, 1983. Left to Right, Father Daniel, Padre de Zana, Peru, S.A.; Fr. Edward, Pastor, Our Lady of Victory, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Fr. Lionel, Pastor, Sacred Heart, LaSalle, Ont.; Pope John Paul II; Bishop Blaise, Bishop Diocese of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; Very Rev. Leonard, Rector, St. Paul's Cathedral, Saskatoon, Sask.; Rev. Patrick, Pastor, St. Vital, Winnipeg, Manitoba.



MOM AND DAD—Edward and Rena Morand, posing here in September 1962. Pope John XXIII had conferred the papal honours of the Knight of St. Gregory on Edward. Rena was to receive later the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross. (See Notes and Commentaires)

Cléophas Létourneau passa 57 des ses 91 ans à l'orgue de notre église. Dieu lui avait prêté deux talents—une voix juste et l'amour de la musique sacrée. Agé de 17 ans il monta au chœur de chant pour apprendre du Père Andrieux le chant d'Église. Il comprenait si bien son directeur qu'en peu de temps il devint le maître de chapelle. Vers cette période, le curé acheta le premier orgue. Le jeune maître de chapelle passait son temps libre avec MM. Belleperche et Pépin; il possédait si bien l'harmonie, la mesure et les inflexions de la voix humaine qu'il décida de maîtriser l'instrument le plus rapproché de celle-ci. Malgré un peu d'objection de son père, mais avec l'encouragement de ses soeurs il acheta lui-même un petit orgue et pratiquait sa musique quand ses loisirs lui permettaient.

En 1893, le Père Villeneuve lui confia l'orgue et le chœur de chant. Il poursuivit cette vocation jusqu'en 1949 quand ses yeux commencèrent à faire défaut. Vers 1911 il subit un terrible accident chez Parke Davis à Détroit où il travaillait. Il perdit la main droite. Durant son séjour à l'hôpital, il formula un plan par lequel ses pieds, sa main gauche et son bout de main droite lui permettraient de continuer à servir le Bon Dieu. De retour chez lui que quelques minutes, il monta au jubé. Le Père Langlois était au confessional; quand il entendit l'orgue, il monta au chœur de chant; son organiste pleurait de joie. Le bon curé a même dit qu'il ne se souvint guère s'il donna l'absolution à son dernier pénitent. Durant toute la période de ses fonctions, le père Cléophas ne fut jamais en retard à l'église—beau temps, mauvais temps. A sa retraite, son curé le Père Pitre, signala son dévouement et son amour à chanter la Gloire de Dieu auprès du Saint Père; Rome lui décerna la médaille "BENEMERENTI".

(Adapté d'un texte préparé par A. Létourneau, 1959.)

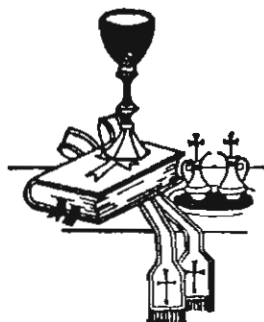


Miss Thérèse Gadoury, official organist at St. Anne since 1970 is also organizer and manager of two schools of music. During the first five years of development of her local Academie Ste. Cecile, she has succeeded in imparting a lively glow of excellence and enthusiasm to musicians and more than 700 students from all parts of the County of Essex.



Sons of the Parish who were ordained Priests

St. Peter's Seminary is the centre of formation for young men aspiring to the priesthood. The Diocese of London is ever anxious that the call of Christ to serve the people, be answered. By 1959, our 100th anniversary, 17 sons of the parish had been ordained. Since 1942, except for a 2 year period, at least one young man from St. Anne Parish was a student at the Seminary. From 1976 to 1982 there were 23 priests ordained for London Diocese: 5 of these were from St. Anne Parish. In all since 1959, 9 young men from St. Anne's were ordained. At this time, a son of the parish, Fr. David Boutette, is a professor at the Seminary. There are now 4 young men studying for the priesthood: Mr. Len Desjardins who will be ordained in May, 1985 and Robert Rocheleau, Matthew Damphousse and James Janisse who have just begun their first year studies: St. Anne's Parish has truly been blessed over the past 125 years!



Ordained 1859 — 1984

Msgr. Gilbert Pitre*

1st son of the Parish, ordained 1911

Fr. Joseph Baillargeon*

Fr. Henri Baillargeon*

Fr. Magloire Baillargeon*

Fr. Victor Renaud*

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Fr. Benny Jacques*

Fr. Arthur Breault* O.M.I.

Fr. Ed Perrin*

Fr. Clement Janisse-1951

Paul Schiller

Fr. Bernard Wall-1956

Fr. Lionel Morand-1949

Fr. Edward Morand-1955

Fr. Blaise Morand-1957

Now Bishop of Prince Albert-1981

Fr. Leonard Morand-1958

Fr. Daniel Morand-1959

Fr. Patrick Morand-1960

Fr. Marvin Labute C.S.B.

Charles Beuglet

Lawrence Laforet

Fr. David Boutette-1976

Fr. Paul Baillargeon-1978

Fr. Gary Goyeau-1979

Fr. Dwayne Adam-1981

Fr. Peter Hayes-1982

* Deceased

Our Seminararians — 1984

Throughout the history of St. Anne Parish, a large number of young men from among its parishioners have heard and responded to the call of Christ to the priesthood. By means of a faithful community, dedicated priests and religious, and the example of prayerful families, the Lord has invited many young men from St. Anne to serve Him as priests. This speaks so clearly of how our community has been blessed with the presence of the Spirit through the faith of its people. At this time there are four men from St. Anne Parish studying at St. Peter Seminary.

Len Desjardins, a native of St. Anne, is in his final year of preparation for the priesthood. Presently he is serving at St. Joseph Parish in Stratford as part of his pastoral training. He will be ordained to serve as Deacon this Fall and ordained to the priesthood in May of 1985.

In his years at St. Peter Seminary, Len has involved himself in many pastoral activities both in the seminary and in outside parishes. He has always been a generous person with both his time and talents. His warmth and compassion are qualities he has developed and shown to so many people with whom he has come in contact.

It has been a joy to work with Len on many projects and services and I look forward to the day that we will share in Christ's priesthood.

You, the parishioners of St. Anne, should be proud of the support and example that you have been in the life and vocation of Len. He, myself, and all the priests who call St. Anne Parish their home, will always be appreciative of the influential part you have played in our lives.

Fr. Peter Hayes



LEN DESJARDINS



Fr. Lionel Belanger with one of our Seminararians, James Janisse.





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Beth Rooney
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Joy Keddy, Debbie Kelly,
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 Jerry Marcotte



ST. ANNE'S BOWLING LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

Back Row, L - R:
 Jeannette Lachance, Ivan Del Bianco
 Front Row, L - R:
 Wayne Chapieski, Pat Hale



Dans le bon vieux temps...



On voit ici le chemin Lesperance, vignette d'une carte postale datée de 1909. On constate que ces trois bâtisses sont bel et bien encore en usage—la vieille école St-Antoine, le couvent des Ursulines et l'église.



Here is a view of Lesperance Road taken from a picture post card dated 1909. It is easy to recognize the old school building, convent and St. Anne's Church; naturally all are still in good use.

On aperçoit ici le vieux presbytère construit en 1893; aujourd'hui il comprend quelques additions et changements.



Here is a view of the old rectory built in 1893. Naturally there have been additions and renovations made since that day.



En 1910 la boucherie du bon Joseph Renaud que l'on voit ici était le rendez-vous de bien des amis qui venaient jaser "la belle barbe blanche".



In 1910, old Joe Renaud's butcher shop pictured above was a real institution and a gathering place for many, whether they came to purchase meat or "chew the fat" with this lovable old gent with the white beard.

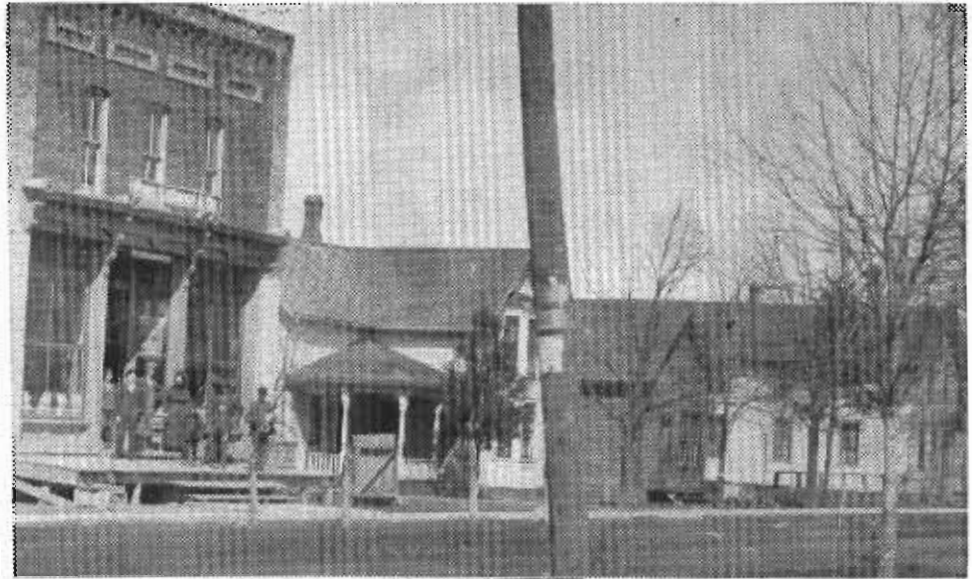


In The Good Old Days . . .

Ici on remarque le vieux magasin Page et Leboeuf (aujourd'hui Robinet), ainsi que la demeure du Dr Béchard, la boucherie d'Edouard Thibert et enfin la taverne Tecumseh.



Here is a view of Tecumseh Road at the turn of the century showing Page and Leboeuf's General Store (now Robinet's), Dr. Béchard's residence, Edward Thibert's butcher shop and the old Tecumseh Tavern.



Ici nous voyons un groupe de "chevaliers" en parade le 24 juin 1910 pour célébrer la fête St-Jean-Baptiste; ils sont à leur départ en face de l'église sur le chemin Tecomseh.



Here we see a group of "horsemen" on parade June 24, 1910 for the feast of St-Jean-Baptiste. They are seen as they begin their trek trotting along Tecumseh Road directly in front of St. Anne's Church.

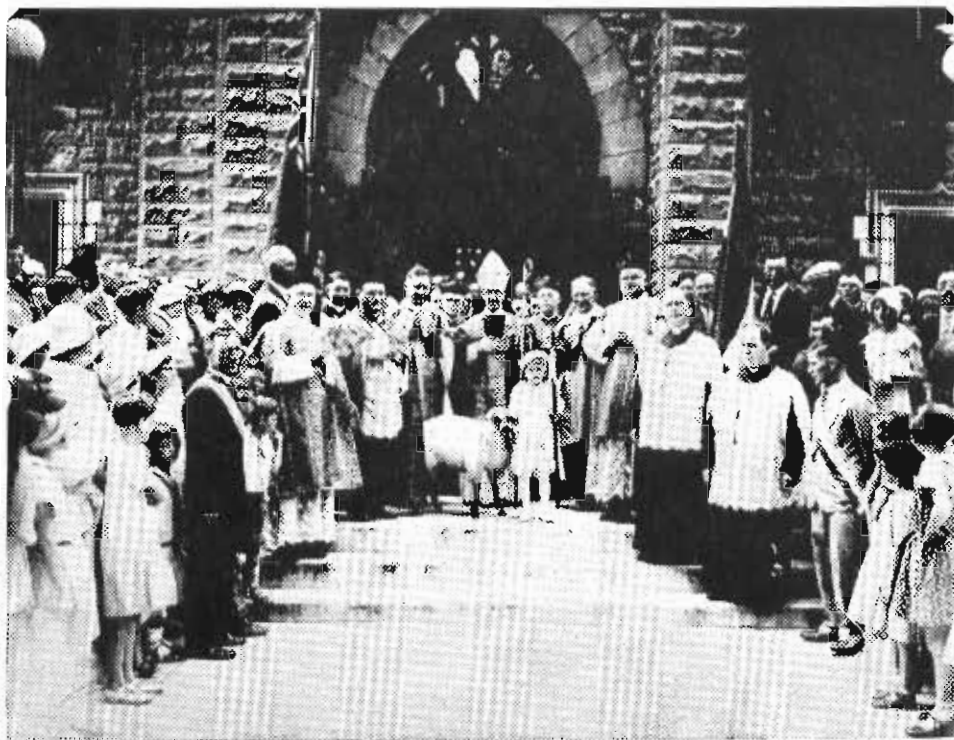
Maintenant nous descendons sur le bord du Lac Ste-Clair où on remarque ici au début des 1900 la vieille auberge William Laramée (père de Louis) (Lakeview Hôtel).



In another section of the parish, on the shores of Lake St. Clair we see Mr. William Laramée's (Louis' father) "Roadhouse".



Dans le bon vieux temps... The Good Old Days

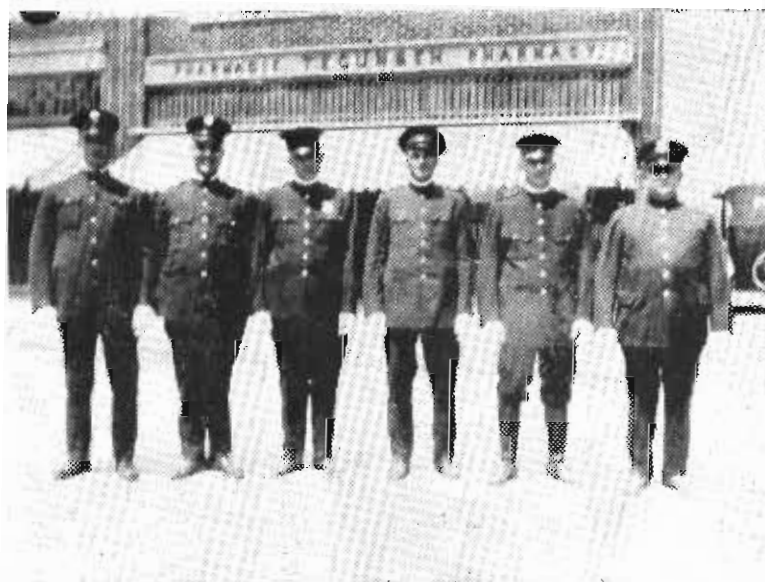


Mgr John T. Kidd à la messe pontificale en l'honneur de la fête St-Jean-Baptiste — juin 1933.



Bishop John T. Kidd at the Pontifical High Mass honoring St-Jean-Baptiste — June, 1933.

Our church in 1910 — Notre église en 1910



Riverside and Tecumseh Police in 1922. Jerry Desjardins recognized all of them except the first one on the left; the others are: Bert Chevalier, Rube Deneau, Henri Cochois and Wallace Renaud. We all identify the last one on the right as "Jerry" himself.



Force constabulaire de Riverside et Tégumseh en 1922.





Monument du Sacré-Coeur
érigé par le Père Langlois au
lendemain de la première guer-
re mondiale.



The Sacred Heart Monument
erected by Father Langlois at
the end of World War I.



NOUS PRIONS POUR NOS MORTS
Messe de minuit au cimetière
Le 27 septembre 1959

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD
Midnight Mass at the Cemetery
September 27th, 1959



OUR VETERANS — NOS VETERANS

1914-1918

BANGLE, OSCAR
BAILLARGEON, ALBERT
BAILLARGEON, DOEY
BAILLARGEON, HENRI
BEDELL, ZENDY
BELLAIRE, ARCHILLE
BELLAIRE, ALBERT
BELLAIRE, ALPHONSE
BELLAIRE, ALBERT
BELLAIRE, ALPHONSE
BELLAIRE, LEON
BELLAIRE, ARTHUR
BENOIT, ROY
CAMPEAU, ALFRED
CAMPEAU, ARTHUR
CAMPEAU, SAMUEL
CHARRETTE, ERNEST
DAME, DOLPHIS
DESJARDINS, ADOLPHE
DESJARDINS, ALBEMIE
DROUILLARD, ERNEST
DUCHARME, ERNEST
DUCHENE, SERAPHIN
DUCHENE, ARMAND
DUCHENE, EDWARD
DUCHENE, NORMAN
DUGAL, LEONARD, (Corp.)
GAUTHIER, NELDO
GAUTHIER, THEO., (Corp.)
GOUIN, ALFRED
GOUIN, GEORGE
GOUIN, RAYMOND

HEBERT, ALBEMIE
HEBERT, EDMOND
HEBERT, ERNEST
HEBERT, WILFRID
HENNIN, VICTOR
HODGES, CHARLES
JACOB, GEORGE
JACOB, HERBERT
JACQUES, LEANDRE
JACQUES, OMER
JACQUES, WILFRID
JOINVILLE, EUCLIDE, (Capt.)
JOINVILLE, WALTER
LABUTE, RAYMOND
LAFORET, ARTHUR
LAFORET, EDMOND
LAFORET, ERNEST
LAFORET, JESSIE
LAFORET, JOSIE
LAPORTE, WALTER
LARAMIE, LOUIS
LEBOEUF, REMI
LESPERANCE, ALBERT
LESPERANCE, ARTHUR
LESPERANCE, EDWARD
LESPERANCE, JOHN
LESPERANCE, PAUL
MAHONEY, JOHN
MAILLOUX, EDMOND
MAITRE, ALBERT
MAITRE, ALEXANDRE

MAY, PHILIP
MAYER, ARTHUR
MAYER, CHARLES
MORAND, ALFRED
MORAND, ALPHONSE, (Sgt.)
MORAND, LOUIS
MORAND, PAUL
O'KEEFE, AUGUSTUS
O'KEEFE, THOMAS
OUELLETTE, ARTHUR
OUELLETTE, LAWRENCE
PARENT, WILLIAM
PERRIN, LOUIS, (Capt.)
PITRE, ALPHONSE
PITRE, RAYMOND
POISSON, ADELARD, (Capt.)
POISSON, PAUL, (Maj.) "M.C."
PRINCE, EVARICE
PRINCE, JOHN
RENAUD, ALPHONSE
RENAUD, GEORGE
RENAUD, WILLIE, (Corp.)
ROBINET, LEO
ROBINET, OCTAVE
RUGGABER, WILFRID
SOULLIERE, ALFRED
ST-LOUIS, ALFRED
ST-LOUIS, BLAISE
SUZOR, IZRA
SYLVESTRE, ALPHONSE
SYLVESTRE, WILFRID
WILSON, ROBERT

1939-1945

ADAM, R. A.
ADAM, P. H.
ADAM, H. W.
ANDERSON, JOSEPH
ANTAYA, GERALD
BAILLARGEON, ANTOINE
BAILLARGEON, ARCHILLE
BAILLARGEON, CLOVIS
BAILLARGEON, NORBERT
BAILLARGEON, F. W.
BAILLARGEON, PATRICK
BAILLARGEON, P.
BAILLARGEON, EDMOND
BAILLARGEON, MARCEL
BAILLARGEON, J.
BAILLARGEON, RAOUL
BAILLARGEON, VICTOR
BAKER, ARCHIE
BANFILL, NORMAN
BANFILL, RAYMOND
BALLAY, ANTONY
BEAUDOIN, LOUIS

BEAUDOIN, GERALD
BEAUSOLEIL, DUANE
BEAUSOLEIL, DONALD
BEATTY, DONALD
BECHARD, RAYMOND
BECHARD, ORVAL
BELAIR, G. B.
BELANGER, P. F.
BENOIT, CLIFFORD
BELLEMORE, LAWRENCE
BERTHIAUME, ELIE, (Lt.)
BERTHIAUME, WILLIAM
BERTHIAUME, RITA
BERNARD, ANDRE
BISTANY, PHILIP
BISTANY, FRED
BLAIS, EDMOND
BOUTETTE, LOUIS
BROUILLETTE, ARTHUR
BROUILLETTE, GEORGE
BRUNELLE, JOHN
BURTON, GERALD

CACHOIS, HARVEY
CADA, E. B.
CADA, ELLAN, (L.A.W.)
CARTIER, A. Y.
CARTIER, T. J.
CAZA, EDWARD
CAZA, H. E.
CAMPEAU, JOHN
CAMPEAU, EDMOND
CAMPEAU, HARRY
CHAUVIN, ELIE
CHAUVIN, GASPARD
CHAUVIN, G. W.
CHAMPAGNE, LAURENT
CECILE, PAUL
CECILE, ERNEST
CECILE, GERARD
CECILE, WILFRID
CECILE, LAURENT
CECILE, THEOBALD
CHITTLE, LESLIE
CLOUTIER, HARRISON

CLOUTIER, M. W.
 CLOUTIER, E. A.
 COONEY, BARNEY
 COMARTIN, ELOE
 COMARTIN, BENOIT
 COMARTIN, GEORGE
 COMARTIN, GERARD
 COUGHLIN, WILLIAM
 CORMIER, H.
 COURNEYA, JEROME
 DAME, L. R., (Corp.)
 DAME, JEANNIE, (Lt.)
 DENNIS, MARCEL
 DESCHAMP, MARCEL
 DESJARDINS, BLAISE
 DESJARDINS, EVELINE
 DESJARDINS, GORDON
 DESJARDINS, LOUIS
 DESJARDINS, WILLIAM
 DESLIPPE, DAVID
 DESLIPPE, GILBERT
 DESLIPPE, HECTOR
 DESLIPPE, HAROLD
 DESLIPPE, ISRAEL
 DILLON, FREDERICK
 DILLON, JOHN, (Sgt.)
 DROUILLARD, GERARD
 DROUILLARD, RAYMOND
 DUBE, ARTHUR, (Corp.)
 DUBE, LAURENT
 DUCHARME, BERNARD
 DUCHARME, MAURICE
 DUCHARME, PAUL
 DUCHARME, REAL
 DUCHARME, REGINALD
 DUCHARME, THEODORE
 DUCHARME, FRANCIS
 DUCHENE, BLAISE
 DUNN, HIRAM
 DUNNING, BERNARD
 DUNNING, WILLIAM
 DUGAL, MARCEL
 DUGAL, PAUL
 DUROCHER, STANLEY
 FARRELL, F. MICHAEL, (Corp.)
 FIELDS, DAVID
 FONTAINE, DON
 FRECKMAN, JOHN
 GAUTHIER, RAYMOND, (P.O.)
 GAUTHIER, ARCHIE
 GENDRON, WILLIAM
 GIGNAC, LAWRENCE
 GILBOE, THOMAS H.
 GILBOE, EARL
 GERARD, LOUIS
 GIRARD, HERMAN
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 GOUIN, JAMES
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 HOWELL, LORNE R.
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 JACQUES, RAYMOND Y.
 JAMES, D. F.
 JANISSE, L.
 JANISSE, H. Y.
 JANISSE, L. L., (Sgt.)
 JANISSE, R. A.
 JEARVIS, JAMES, (Corp.)

JELSO, JOHN
 JELSO, GERALD
 JELSO, HARMAN
 JOBIN, HERMAN
 KAMANN, L. C.
 KEELAN, JAMES, (Corp.)
 KEELAN, JOHN
 KEELAN, JOSEPH
 KOLINSKY, GEORGE
 KOSS, FRANK
 LABONTE, W. F.
 LABUTE, E. CHARLES
 LABUTE, L. A.
 LABUTE, ROBERT
 LABUTE, STANLEY
 LABUTE, CLAUDE
 LABUTE, WILLIAM
 LACASSE, FERNAND, (Capt.)
 LACHANCE, C. Y.
 LACHANCE, FRANCIS
 LACHANCE, RAYMOND
 LAFORET, ARMAND E.
 LAFORET, GILBERT
 LAFORET, CLARENCE
 LAFORET, LEO J.
 LAFORET, PAUL
 LAFORET, MELVIN
 LANGLOIS, EUGENE
 LANGLOIS, HENRY
 LAPORTE, WILLIAM
 LAPPAN, CLIFFORD
 LAPPAN, ALVIN
 LAVACK, ALBERT
 LAVACK, LEO, (Corp.)
 LAUZON, ARTHUR
 LAUZON, LEO
 LEBLANC, E. L.
 LEBLANC, M.
 LEBLANC, STEPHEN
 LEFEVRE, EDWARD
 LEGAULT, R. W.
 LESPERANCE, GILBERT
 LESPERANCE, EDWARD
 LESPERANCE, E. E.
 LESPERANCE, H.
 LESPERANCE, LEO
 LESPERANCE, LORENZO
 LESPERANCE, NORMAN
 LEVESQUE, E. C.
 LOCKWOOD, J. E.
 MACKENZIE, JOHN
 MAITRE, CLIFFORD
 MANSELL, GERALD
 MARCILLE, JOS.
 MARION, ALFRED
 MARION, EUGENE
 MARION, ERNEST
 MASSE, ALPHONSE
 MASSE, GERMAINE, M.
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 MARENTETTE, NORMAN
 MAYEA, WILLIAM
 MAYRAND, E. H.
 MAYRAND, DOMATILLE
 MAJOR, MOISE
 MAY, FRANK
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 McAULEY, VERN
 McCANN, WILLIAM, (Sgt.)
 McGUIGAN, W. E.
 McKINNON, MAY
 McNORTON, L. F.

McNORTON, N. J.
 McNORTON, GORDON
 McNORTON, LAWRENCE
 MELANSON, A. Y.
 MONTBLEAU, EDMOND
 MONTBLEAU, RAYMOND
 MONTBLEAU, ROLAND
 MORAND, ROBERT, (Corp.)
 NADON, ROGER
 O'BRIEN, DANIEL
 O'BRIEN, ROBERT
 PAPINEAU, ROLAND
 PAPINEAU, REAL
 PAPINEAU, ULYSSE
 PAQUETTE, H. L.
 PAQUETTE, ED.
 PAQUETTE, ARTHUR
 PARENT, RUFUS
 PARENT, RENE
 PARENT, ROSAIRE
 PIERRE, GERARD
 POISSON, PAUL, (Col.)
 POISSON, GEORGE F.
 QUENNEVILLE, G.
 QUENNEVILLE, GERARD
 RANDALL, ROY
 RENAUD, G. H.
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 RENAUD, DOROTHEE
 RENAUD, J. H.
 RENAUD, PHILIP
 RICHER, J. H.
 RICE, JOHN
 ROBINET, D. V.
 ROBINET, J. V.
 ROCK, E. R.
 SAVOIE, WILFRID
 SAVOIE, ULRIC
 SHEEHAN, BEATRICE
 ST. ONGE, E. H.
 ST. ONGE, EARL
 ST. ONGE, ORVILLE
 ST. PIERRE, F. R.
 ST. LOUIS, D. E.
 ST. LOUIS, LEO, (Corp.)
 ST. LOUIS, R. A.
 SCOTT, T. A.
 SCOTT, YVONNE
 SEGUIN, RAYMOND A.
 SIMARD, REGINALD
 SIMARD, SYLVAIN
 SOULLIERE, EDMOND
 SOULLIERE, ETIENNE
 SOULLIERE, LOUIS
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 STEELE, J.
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 TINO, GERALD
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 THIBODEAU, STANLEY
 TREPANIER, ANDREW
 TRUDELL, LEO
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 WALL, EDGAR
 WALL, JOHN
 YOUNG, CHARLES
 YOUNG, STEPHEN

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 HEBERT, ARTHUR

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 LESPERANCE, WILLIAM
 MAITRE, BERNARD

MAITRE, CLIFFORD
 MAY, RAYMOND
 RENAUD, STAN
 SMITH, CLARENCE

Ste-Anne de Beaupré—l'église-mère de toutes les églises dédiées à la grand'mère de Jésus dans l'Amérique du Nord.



St. Anne de Beaupré—where many of our parishioners still make frequent pilgrimages to honour God in the person of Good St. Anne.

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