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**20TH
ANNIVERSARY**



1971 - 1991

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Happy 20th Anniversary to the members of the Good Shepherd Catholic Parish.

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September 15th, 1991

The Christian Community of Good Shepherd
7900 Naples Street
Brossard, Quebec



Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd,
Dear Members of the Parish Council,
Dear Father Bradley McGovern, Pastor,
Dear Graduates of the School of Formation,
Dear Members of the Fabrique,
Dear Deacon John Torrance, pastoral assistant,
Dear Principals, staff and students of Good Shepherd School,

"TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED" (Luke 12:48)

Twenty years in the life of a community can be a lifetime. Today you will recall your achievements of the past, your plans for the present and your hopes for the future. You have worked hard as a community and you preserved until you saw a new Church on Naples Street built and blessed. As your bishop I have been proud to see you realize your dreams.

You are also a strong community of faith. It is faith which allows us to enter into a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ and effectively live out our gospel values. The world waits, in great expectancy, for the gospel values of faith, hope and love. It is through a strong "community" that others will come to Jesus and belong to His Church..

Today you will assemble to celebrate the Eucharist as a community called together with Father John E. Walsh, your Episcopal Vicar, and to proclaim Jesus' presence in the world. Jesus' presence also needs to be lived in your homes, in the neighbourhoods and in your places of work. The Church is community-minded but also missionary-spirited.

The Challenges of the Christian Community of Good Shepherd are to see your differences as your assets, your sisterhood and brotherhood as your means to salvation, and to proclaim to the world that "unity in diversity" comes when brothers and sisters gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

My prayer for all of you, and your families, is that Jesus Christ will bless you with blessings which are unexpected.

In Christ Jesus and His Church, I remain,

Your brother Bishop,

+ Bernard Hubert
Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil

DIOCÈSE DE SAINT-JEAN-LONGUEUIL

Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Congratulations to open and all, we celebrate twenty "official" years as a community! Our community was officially established under Canon Law on September 16, 1971 (and proclaimed civilly in the same year).

As I reflect on this wonderful milestone, I am tempted to look back on our accomplishments. This quite normal for anniversary celebration. However, for the community of believers, the optimum is to focus on the now to set the pace for tomorrow. Therefore, I would like to share a short story with you:

"A young man was apprenticed to a master who produced the most beautiful stained glass windows anywhere. The apprentice could not approach the master's genius, so he borrowed his master's tools thinking that was the answer. After several weeks, the young man said to his teacher, I'm not doing any better with your tools than I did with mine." The teacher replied, "So, it's not the tools of the mater you need; it's the spirit of the master you need."

When applying this story to the community of believers, the truth is that from the Master, Jesus, the tools and the spirit are both needed to grow into, as St. Paul says, the body of Christ.

You and I, together, have been especially blessed to build the Community of Good Shepherd. We are multi-cultural and multi-gifted. With the tools of Jesus, His Word in Scripture and Himself in the Eucharist and with His Spirit dwelling within each and every one of us, we have the awesome responsibility to build a cohesive community which we call the Body of Christ.

So then, even though we are tempted to look back, let's most especially look forward with eyes focused on Jesus at all times. SEE THE WONDERS THAT HE WILL ACCOMPLISH THROUGH US - - THE BELIEVING COMMUNITY.

Best wishes and prayers,

Fr. Paul McQueen

Message



I would like to extend to all of you my sincerest congratulations and best wishes on the 20th anniversary of Good Shepherd Parish. Who would have thought we have come so far in faith and with each other. Over the past 20 years, Good shepherd has strived to become a strong and vibrant parish. As a parish, you managed to draw in new members, building upon the earliest foundations. People from every walk of life, from all points of the world, have made Good Shepherd their parish and have felt at home. For some, Good Shepherd came to be their own parish, not just a church community, and not just the local parish. In some ways, we can say that Good Shepherd is moving away from being a parish community, and emerging into a parish family. Linked through a common faith, and a real commitment to the parish and to each other, the Good Shepherd family is formed.

Three years ago, you welcomed me and made me feel at home. Together we shared a number of joys, such as the ground breaking and construction of the church/community centre, the very first Mass on a snowy Holy Thursday, and then its blessing on June 10th by Bishop Hubert. It was a great honour for me to be able to celebrate my ordination as a deacon at Good Shepherd. Through your love and support, you helped make it happen. And true to Good shepherd, you made my family feel at home, and made a lasting impression on them. They know without a doubt that I am among friends. As well as sharing our joys, we shared in each others sorrows and struggles. In any family there are always conflicts and sorrows, but through faith, there is nothing that is impossible.

Many parishioners have helped to make my stay at Good Shepherd an enjoyable one, and I look forward to the coming year (s). Any time I looked for assistance you have jumped in and gave all you had, in such areas as Liturgy, Catechetic, Sacrament Preparation, HOPE etc. Any time there was a diocesan function, Good Shepherd could be counted on to make a good showing.

It is true, we have come so far by faith, and just imagine how much further we can go. As a parish, we have together to realize a major goal, a dream come true, the building of the Church. Let us now all work together to realize a new dream and a new goal, to build the best parish we can.

JOHN TORRANCE
DEACON

REFLECTIONS . . .

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we reflect on how we began and the milestones we have reached so far.

Records tell us that our church began with a small group of English-speaking residents who celebrated weekend masses with English-speaking tourists during Expo '67. Father John Chevalier from the society of St. Edmund was the regular celebrant and he was eventually appointed Pastor outreaching from St. Mary's Parish in Greenfield Park. Masses were held in different places such as Place Portobello, Marie Victorin School, Vanier School and the Anglican Centre. In 1970 the Comboni missionaries arrived and masses were held in the Comboni Chapel. When Good Shepherd School opened in 1979, Sunday masses were celebrated in the Agora except during the summer months. We became a Chapelry in 1971 with Fr. Alphonso Rossi as Pastor. The first group of Wardens were elected in that same year.

Reflections of our growing years include the first group of families and leaders who decided to purchase a piece of land on Naples St. for the future site of a Community Centre. Minutes of the Warden's meeting documented the full payment and the closure of the Land Fund on May 18th 1975.

Further reflections bring to mind our parish list increasing from a recorded number of 238 in 1973 to a present level approaching 800 families; a permanent place of worship with Corner Stone laid in 1990.

We salute our pioneers who weathered numerous uncertainties and established a concrete foundation for our parish family. Each parishioner, family, committee, group member and warden within the twenty years has helped bring a community's vision to reality. The Good Shepherd Ladies' Group and the Construction Committee were very active partners in this endeavour. As we picture the years, the succession of pastors, also come into focus; Father De Berti in 1979, Father Denis Wilkinson from 1979 to 1986 and Father David Cray from 1986 to 1987. Of course, Sr. Nathalie's work will always be remembered. In September 1987, Father Brad McGovern joined our community. During the past four years, our development has been very remarkable with the Ground Breaking ceremony for our Church held on October 1, 1989.

The completion of our Church Community Centre blessed by Bishop Bernard Hubert on June 10, 1990 and witnessed by hundreds of very proud parishioners is an everlasting testimony of our vision, strength and commitment as a closely knit flock of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

We celebrate with you, we look ahead with you, and we join you in thanking our Good Shepherd as He leads us with His Sceptre in our journey.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT. - SEPT. 14- Bake Sale

SUNDAY - SEPT. 15- Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:30 A.M.
Father John Walsh. v.e. presiding

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR

MONDAY - SEPT. 16- Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:30 P.M.
Non-monetary Bingo follows

TUESDAY - SEPT. 17- Mass - Devotions at 7:30 P.M.
Videos about community follows

WED. - SEPT. 18- Film Festival at 7:30 P.M.

THURS. - SEPT. 19- Mass at 9:30 A.M. - No evening event

FRIDAY - SEPT. 20- Talent Show

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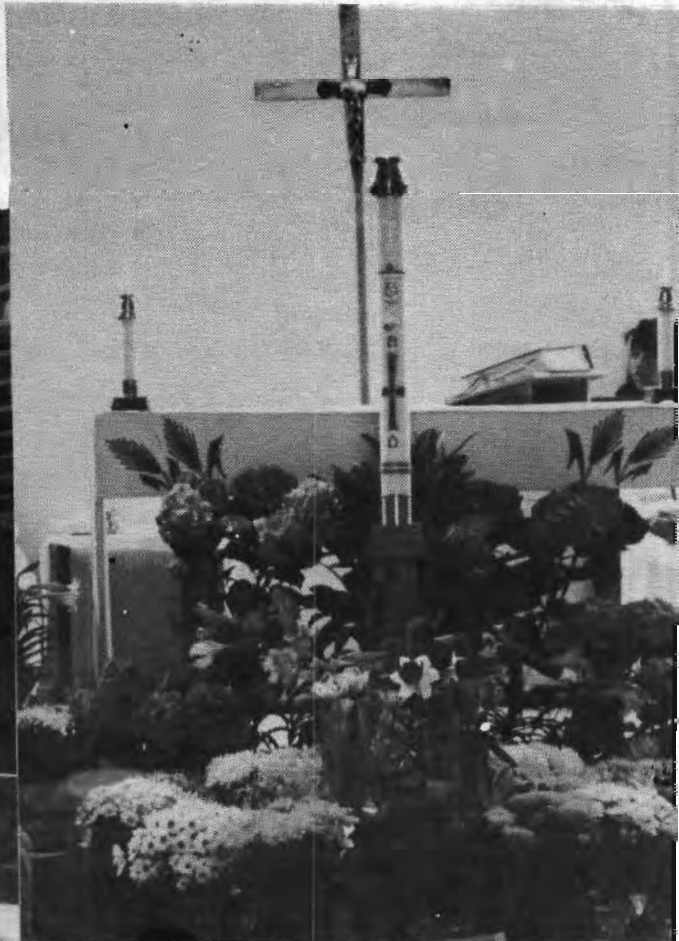
GERTHIE RAHN capturing the excavation



FR. JOHN WALSH blessing the cornerstone



Fr. Brad McGovern with building plan on hand with smile of hope that the building will be finished on time.



The Altar on Holy Thursday - 1990



EASTER DAY - 1990.



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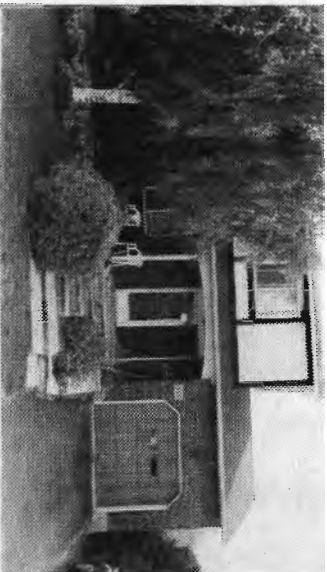


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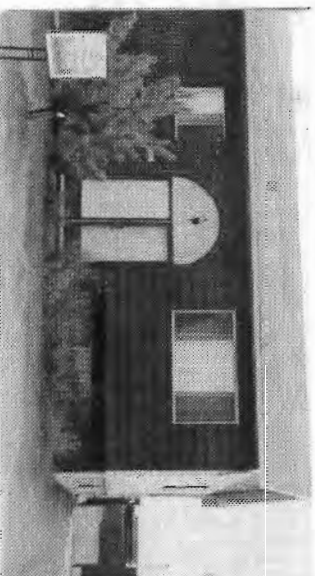


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