



We are the Community. We are the Church.

*Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the First Mass
at Sacred Heart Church at Nelthorpe Street
on September 5, 2015*

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September 13-14, 2014

Sacred Heart community's traditions have new challenges:

*Our faith community has a strong tradition of **CARING by SHARING.***

You can make it stronger!

Here is how: Help to make our annual Fall Sale [on Saturday, October 18] and Bazaar [on, Saturday, November 1] that support local, national and international charities a big success. Donate your used clothing and attic treasures and buy the raffle tickets.

Also, support a bit more generously our monthly envelope collection for our local St. Vincent de Paul Society's programs and the annual Share Lent collection for Development and Peace that supports programs and projects in developing countries.

*Our faith community has a strong tradition of **VOLUNTEERING.***

You can make it stronger!

Here is how: Besides volunteering for the annual Fall sale, annual Bazaar and in various parish ministries and groups, you can volunteer to assist in the many projects and activities that are being planned for the year-long celebration leading to, in 2015, the 50th Anniversary of the First Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, here at Nelthorpe Street.

*Our faith community has a strong tradition of **INCLUSION.***

You can help make it stronger!

Here is how: Include yourself and your family — and encourage other parishioners to do likewise — in the special 50th Anniversary edition of the parish photo album.

In '99, '04, and '09 — or every five years — we had a parish photo album that most parishioners found very useful in identifying faith community members and having their contact information.

The special anniversary edition will include the parish's history and a roster of parishioners.

IPC Canada Photo Services Inc. will be at the parish in the first two weeks of November to take parishioners' portraits for this special edition. Each family photographed will get a free full-color photo album *while the parish will get a \$2-per-sitting donation.*

This is also an opportunity to conduct an *extensive* parish census that needs every parishioner's full support and co-operation.

Please complete the form for this dual-purpose project.

If for some reason you do not want to be in this photo book but would still like to be included as a parishioner, please indicate in the appropriate box in the form. Some may also have some privacy issues — i.e. willing to have their portrait and name on the roster, but not their address or phone number. Please indicate this on the form.

The special photo book also provides a chance for businesses, professionals, groups, families and individuals to extend their greetings and express their gratitude for Sacred Heart Church on its 50th anniversary milestone.

This can be done by buying space in the photo-book for your camera-ready, full-color messages — **a fund-raising initiative for a soon-to-be-announced anniversary legacy project** [remember, this special edition has a *decades-long* shelf life as it serves as a reference and a vault of memories for parishioners]:

- Full-page [10 inches x 7.75 inches]: \$2,000
- Half-page [5 inches x 7.5 inches]: \$1,000
- Quarter-page [5 inches x 3.87 inches]: \$500
- One-eighth page [2.5 inches x 3.87 inches]: \$250

Book your space for your message in the photo-album before 1 November '14.



Did you know?

From where did the name and devotion to "Sacred Heart" come?

The Catholic Encyclopedia — New Advent — website, <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07163a.htm>, gives some answers.

While there had been something like a devotion to God's love since the time of St. John and St. Paul, the first unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart came in the 11th and 12th centuries: through the wound in the side, the heart was reached, and the wound in the heart symbolized the wound of love.

The devotion was propagated from the 13th to the 16th century, but it was private and individual and practised

solely by religious congregations, such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, Carthusians, etc.

In the 16th century, the devotion moved from mysticism to Christian asceticism.

The Heart of Jesus image became evident everywhere largely due to the Franciscans' devotion to the 'Five Wounds' and to the Jesuits' practice of placing the image on their books' title-page and on their churches' walls.

However, the devotion remained private until Blessed Jean Eudes (1602-1680) made it public by honouring it with an Office and establishing a feast for it on 31 August, 1670. The feast soon spread to other dioceses, and the devotion was likewise adopted in various religious communities.

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Catholicism in the continents

Focus on Africa

Africa is the second — after Asia — and the only other continent that can claim to be graced by the presence of Jesus. Matthew's Gospel in 2:14 indicates that Jesus, Mary and Joseph went to Egypt, in Africa, soon after the birth of Jesus: "He rose up, therefore, while it was still night, and took the child and his mother with him, and withdrew into Egypt, where he remained until the death of Herod" [4 AD].

Many important early Church members were from Africa — the world's second-largest in size and second-most-populous continent today.

They included Mark the Evangelist, the Gospel of Mark's traditional author and one of the 70 disciples of Jesus.

In AD 49, about 19 years after the Ascension of Jesus, and after writing Peter's sermons — thus composing Mark's Gospel — Mark traveled to Alexandria and founded the Church of Alexandria.

Mark became Alexandria's first bishop and he is honored as Christianity's founder in Africa.

Other early Christians in Africa were:

- Ōrigénēs Adamántios [184/185 – 253/254], a scholar and early Christian theologian who was born and spent the first half of his career in Alexandria, Egypt;
- Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus, anglicised as Tertullian [160 –225 AD] and called the 'father of Latin Christianity'; and,
- Saint Augustine of Hippo, what is now Annaba, Algeria, [13 November 354 – 28 August 430],

ordained a priest in 391, and became a famous preacher. In 395 he was made coadjutor Bishop of Hippo, and became full Bishop shortly thereafter. He remained in that position until his death in 430.

Three popes came from Africa:

- Pope St. Victor I from Libya; [189-199];
- Pope St. Miltiades from North Africa [311-314]; and,
- Pope St. Gelasius I [492-496]

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Our Pastors



After our first pastor, Fr. Carl Albury, left in 1937, five other priests administered the Sacred Heart mission from St. Andrew's Cathedral. They were:

Fr. James Crothers: Under an agreement with Bishop John Cody, Toronto archdiocese Cardinal James McGuigan sent Fr. Crothers to Victoria where he served for two years in 1937-1938.

Fr. Roy Monahan: He came to diocese in July 1939 from Toronto, under the same agreement which saw Fr. Crothers come to Victoria.

Fr. Charles Wigglesworth: He served in the diocese for a year *circa* 1940-1941.

Fr. Theodore Leonard Maria Geukers: Born on 6 September 1908 in Haarlem, The Netherlands, to Cornelia van der Helm and Peter Geukers, he was ordained on 12 March 1933 in Fribourg, Switzerland. Diocesan archives indicate he may have died *circa* 1940-1941 in Campbell River, though no other records on hand substantiate this.

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