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

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July 4-5, 2015

Three pastors since July last year

Sacred Heart welcomes its 16th pastor

"And I tell thee this in my turn, that thou art Peter, and it is upon this rock that I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." — Matthew 16:1819

In '03, his University of Victoria professor in medieval history projected this quote on the classroom screen and the 20-year-old student realized the continuity of the Catholic church from the time Jesus spoke these words to this day and the connection of saints Peter, Paul and the apostles to the church of today.

This began the conversion of **David Hogman**, the son, grandson and nephew of United Church of Canada ministers: grandparents, **Rev. Bill Hogman** and **Rev. Alice Hogman**; parents, **Rev. John Hogman** and **Rev. Michelle Hogman**; aunt and uncle, **Rev. Kathy Hogman** and **Rev. Armand Houle**.

Our new pastor — starting 1 July '15 — was born in Dauphin, Manitoba, on 21 April '83.

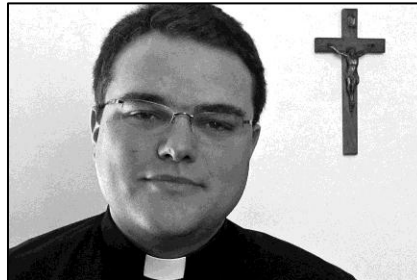
His father, a University of Manitoba graduate, and his mother, a U.S. citizen and graduate of Muhlenburg College, a private institution in Allentown, Pennsylvania, met at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey.

After their marriage, they moved to Dauphin as ministers for the United Church of Canada, where his mother baptized **David**.

He went to elementary school at Pilot Mound, Manitoba, before the family moved to Victoria, where he attended Sir James Douglas Elementary, Central Junior High, and Victoria High School, where he graduated high school in '01.

David has two siblings, **Michael** and **Rachel**, and the family lived in Fairfield, where his parents served as ministers at Fairfield United Church for 12 years prior to moving to Ontario.

He became a Catholic in '03 and was confirmed at St. Andrew's Cathedral during the Easter vigil. During that time, he paid his way through university by working as a dishwasher in a few local restaurants during the evenings, eventually graduating in '05.



After his confirmation, he became an active member of St. Andrew's Cathedral as an altar server and teacher and volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul Society's Social Concern Office.

After he graduated, he worked at the Hotel Grand Pacific as the doorman as he prepared the next stage of his vocational journey.

As soon as he became a Catholic, his desire was to be a priest.

However, he wanted to take some time to discern and to "Catholicize" himself. He travelled on his own throughout

France and Italy over the course of several months to better understand the meaning of the priesthood and the call to serve the People of God.

'Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta' by **Mother Teresa** was another great influence in his deepening Catholic faith.

It was suggested to him that to help himself in discerning his vocation, he go to work for the poor. In '08 he went to Tijuana, Mexico, to get mission experience with the

Missionaries of Charity Fathers. From February to July he lived with seminarians there, prayed with them and engaged in their mission to serve the poorest of the poor.

In July '08 he began his formal studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton just as **Friar Dan Gurnick**, outgoing Sacred Heart pastor, was finishing his theological formation at Newman Theological College.

His favourite theologians are:

- **Clive Staples Lewis** or "**C.S. Lewis**" [1898-1965], called the "apostle of skeptics," who was the author of many books including *The Chronicles of Narnia*; he was raised in the Church of Ireland, became an atheist at age 15, and returned to Christianity in '31 and became a member of the Church of England.
- **Gilbert Keith Chesterton** or "**G.K. Chesterton**" [1874-1936], well known for his fictional priest detective, *Father Brown*. He is known for his quote: "The whole modern world has divided itself into Conservatives and Progressives. The business of Progressives is to go on making mistakes. The business of Conservatives is to prevent the mistakes from

being corrected." He eventually converted to Catholicism from High Church Anglicanism.

- **Hans Urs von Balthasar** [1905-1980], Swiss Catholic priest and cardinal who founded the religious society, Community of St. John, for men and women in 1945. He left the Jesuits in '50 to continue his work in his secular institution.
- **St. Thomas Aquinas**, Dominican friar [1225-1274].
- **St. Irenaeus** [d. 150], bishop of Lyon, France, and martyr.

Ordained on the feast of **St. Peter** and **St. Paul**, 29 June '13 at St. Andrew's Cathedral, **Fr. David Hogman** served as assistant pastor at the cathedral until his appointment as Sacred Heart pastor.

Fr. Hogman has no illusions about the difficulty of being a pastor. He decided not to join the Missionaries of Charity and to come back to Canada as a diocesan priest for the Victoria diocese, not to avoid the world's poverty, but to find it. During his time in Mexico, **Fr. Hogman** says he was continually humbled by the faith and the courage of the poorest that he served.



He soon realized that the greatest poverty was right outside his door in Victoria. He says there is a deeper poverty in rich countries than material poverty. It is the poverty of being alone and unloved, such as senior citizens in care homes, single parents, immigrants, and the sick and the dying that reveals our poverty. "It is easy to give the poor a sandwich but harder to listen to the pain of those alone."

He suspects that some of Canada's most visible forms of poverty are manifestations of this deeper poverty.

He feels rejuvenated when he celebrates mass at a seniors' care home with only a dozen people in wheelchairs attending. "Any humble table can be an altar of glory because of the sacraments we celebrate. The problem is whether or not we have eyes to see it. In the same way, once we have encountered the humble beauty of God's altar in its communion of service and love for the lost and forsaken, the more we seek to make this world a more beautiful place."



Focus on North America

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It is said that Basque, Breton and Norman sailors raised the cross on the shores of this country before the landing of **John Cabot** in Newfoundland in 1497 — five years after **Christopher Columbus** reached the Bahamas — and before **Cabot** raised the Venetian and Papal banners and claimed the land for his sponsor **King Henry VII** of England, while recognizing the religious authority of the Roman Catholic Church.

This was before **Jacques Cartier** reached the Gaspé Peninsula. A French priest accompanying the explorer celebrated Mass for the first time on 7 July 1534 on what was to become Canadian soil.

Following **Cartier's** explorations, many French religious congregations sent men and women to 'New France' as missionaries. The Recollect Franciscans, the Jesuits, the Sulpician Fathers, the Ursulines, the Hospitallers of Saint-Joseph and the Augustinians founded schools, set up hospitals and opened seminaries.

Two major Canadian religious orders were founded: the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, by **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys** in 1658, and the Grey Nuns, by **St. Marguerite d'Youville** in 1737.

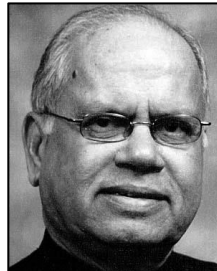
In 1658, **Bishop François de Laval** was named apostolic vicar for Canada. He later became the first bishop in America. He was responsible for most of the territory, which today covers Canada and the U.S.

In the early church of the New World, six Jesuits and two lay associates were killed between 1642 and 1649, thus becoming martyrs.

Catholicism first came to what is now the United States with the Spanish explorers and settlers in present-day Florida [1513], South Carolina [1566], Georgia [1568-1684], and the southwest.

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Fr. Anthony Gonsalves, OFM



Fr. Anthony [Tony] Gonsalves is the Sacred Heart Parish's 11th pastor ['04-'07]. He was born to **Joachim** and **Clementine [Correa]** — their 5th of six sons — on 4 February '40, in Karachi, then undivided India [later became Pakistan in '47].

His father passed away when he was 13 and he was nurtured by a single mom, who instilled the Catholic faith and practices to

her sons but was unsuccessful in convincing **Tony** to be an altar server in St. Patrick's Cathedral parish, run by Franciscans. He did, however, become a member of the Student Missionary League [SML] and the junior presidium of the Legionary of Mary. After graduating from high school at age 18 he chose to join the minor seminary in Palmaner [India] for three years, followed by a year of novitiate ['61-'62]. This preparation was monastic in many ways.

Then he returned to Pakistan to advance in two years of philosophy and four years of theology from '62-68, during the post-Vatican Council II period. He was taught at Christ the King Regional Seminary in Karachi by well-qualified Dutch Franciscan missionaries.

Fr. Tony was ordained on 6 January '68 by **Archbishop Joseph Marie Anthony Cordeiro** ['18-'94] of Karachi, appointed Pakistan's first cardinal in '78.

As was the tradition, a young priest was exposed to rural pastoral experiences and his first posting was in Nawabshah in Sindh province. Not too zealous of this form of ministry — travelling in a BMW from village to village and encountering different recently-converted tribal peoples — the local bishop, also a Franciscan, chose him to help out at a catechetical centre in Mirpurkhas, also in Sindh, to update catechists.

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