

**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*

**October 11-12, 2014**

### Special 50th Anniversary Directory/Photo Album

# **Registration begins TODAY!**

A strong community is where its members are conscious of belonging to it by being co-operative, active, engaged, involved, optimistic, upbeat, loyal and confident [feeling capable of working through issues]. The result: mutual benefits for all community members.

How strong is our Sacred Heart faith community? It depends on how each person, who attend services at Sacred Heart Church, feels about belonging to our faith community.

One measure of our faith community's strength is the number of families and individuals who are willing to proudly show that they are a member of our faith community by being part of the parish directory/photo album, that has been published every five years since 1999.

We are now publishing a fourth edition, a special one for the 50th Anniversary of the First Mass celebrated on 5 September 1965, at Nelthorpe Street.

Will you be in this special edition to show you are part of our Sacred Heart faith community?

After Masses this and the next two weekends, volunteers led by Claire Holmes and Marilyn Turner, will register parishioners who want to be included. You must present your filled-out information form to be booked.



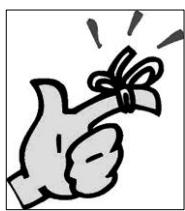
If you register early, you will get to select your most convenient time for IPC Canada Photo Services Inc. to take your portrait. The photos sessions are on:

- Monday, November 3 - Thursday, November 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 10 - Friday, November 14, from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The special photo book also provides an opportunity for you to express your greetings and/or gratitude for Sacred Heart Church on its 50th anniversary milestone by buying space in the photo-book for your camera-ready, full-color messages — **this is 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 Saturday, November 1.

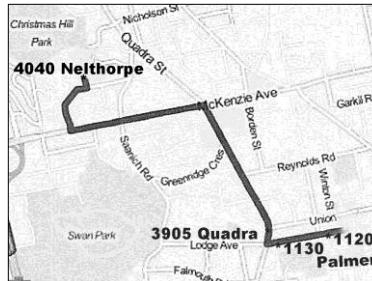


- ✓ Register for the Directory/Photo Book on October 11-12, or 18-19, or 25-26 after Mass;
- ✓ Book space for greetings/gratitude ad in Directory/Photo Book by November 1;
- ✓ Select your photos for the 'Fond Memories on the Vine' project [see Bulletin #3] and drop them in the box in the church foyer;
- ✓ Consider joining 'Sacred Heart Hymn' contest [see Bulletin #5].
- ✓ Check names of those baptized, and/or confirmed, and/or received their first communion on the bulletin board inside the church and invite those whom you know, who are no longer Sacred Heart parishioners, to join our year-long celebration.

# Did you know?

Sacred Heart Church was originally a "mission" with no full-time pastor. And it was in early spring '36 when Victoria Bishop John Hugh MacDonald directed Bahamas-born Fr. Carl Albury, a resident priest at St. Andrew's Cathedral, to establish the mission. Fr. Albury canvassed people from James Bay to Gordon Head and recommended a church be built in High Quadra. Bishop MacDonald loaned \$200 to buy a site at 1020 Palmer Road, off Quadra Street, and Fr. Albury borrowed \$1,500 to pay the sub-trades.

The contractor, Patrick Mahoney, charged no fee. He had been seriously ill and asked Fr. Albury to pray for him. "You build a



church and God will care for you," Fr. Albury told him. Mahoney built the church, recovered his health and only tradesmen were paid.

On 3 May 1936, 60 families attended the first Mass and blessing of the new church by the bishop, with Fr. Albury and three other priests assisting.

On 13 May 1941, Bishop John Cody made the mission a parish with Fr. Thomas Mangan as the first full-time pastor and in 1942 blessed our new rectory at 1030 Palmer Road.

The next year the rectory was converted to a convent and a house on 3905 Quadra Street was acquired for a new rectory.

## Catholicism in the continents

### Focus on Africa

Blessed Ramon Llull [1232-1315], martyr, writer, philosopher, theologian and a Franciscan tertiary, embarked in 1285, on his first North Africa mission but was expelled from Tunisia. He went back to North Africa a few times and in 1308 reported that Muslim conversion should be achieved through prayer, not through military force. In 1314, at age 82, he was back in North Africa and this time an angry crowd of Muslims stoned him in Bougie, Algeria's port city. He died in 1315 at home in Palma, Spain.

A century later, Portuguese exploration of Africa's west coast began. Evangelization followed in 1462 when Pope Pius II assigned Guinea coast to Franciscans, led by Alfonso de Bolano. In 1472, Portuguese explorer Ruy de Sequeira arrived in Benin during [King] Oba Ewuare's reign [1440-1473] and when the next Portuguese explorer, John Alfonso d'Aveiro, entered Benin in 1485, Ewuare's third son Oba Ozolua [1483-1514] proposed missionary activity in the kingdom and a royal conversion to Christianity in exchange for firearms. The Portuguese sent missionaries in 1514, but they left after the kingdom showed disinterest when the Portuguese did not facilitate firearms trade. By 1486, the Dominicans and others were active in West Africa notably among the Wolof people in a part of Senegal. Prince Bemoi was the emperor but when other princes opposed his trade with the Portuguese and welcoming of missionaries, he sought refuge with the Portuguese who took him to Lisbon where he was baptised in the queen's palace by the bishop of Cueta [now a Spanish enclave on Africa's north coast] on 3 December 1489. The next day King João II knighted him. The king sent an expeditionary force to put the prince back on the Wolof throne but a dispute erupted between the Portuguese commander and the prince. Bemoi was accused of treachery and was killed.

In 1490, the Franciscans, Canons Secular of St. John the Evangelist and secular priests began evangelizing the Kongo [present-day Zaire] with remarkable success. On 3 May 1491, Kongo King Nzinga was baptised along with his family. They took the names of their Portuguese counterparts: João, Eleanor, and Afonso. A thousand subjects helped Portuguese carpenters build a church in his capital, which was named São Salvador, and Kongo became a Christian kingdom, modeled after Portugal.

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## Our Pastors



### Fr. Geoffrey O'Brian Penfold



**Born:** 8 July 1906 in Montreal

**Ordained:** 26 May 1938 in Montreal

**Died:** 6 January 1963

Fr. Penfold was the son of Elizabeth [O'Brien] and John H. Penfold. He grew up in Montreal.

When the children were young, his father died and his mother earned the living for

the family.

After his secondary education, he went to work for the Northern Electric Co. to provide for the family from 1922-1931.

In September 1931, he entered the Jesuit's St. Stanislaus Novitiate near Guelph, Ontario. It is now the Ignatius Jesuit Centre and is no longer the home of the seminary. However, in 1932, he decided to enroll at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. He was incardinated at age 28 in the Victoria Diocese in 1934 by Bishop John McDonald.

On 26 May 1938 he was ordained in St. James Cathedral in Montreal at age 32.

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