

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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October 18-19, 2014

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Church bazaar's many benefits touted

Our faith community's annual bazaar, on Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., during our observance of the 50th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at Nelthorpe Street on September 5, 1965, is a chance to focus on the bazaar's immense but often not fully appreciated benefits.

First, it is an individual's opportunity to actively live the second of the two "greatest" commandments: "love your neighbour," with the tough benchmark, at times a seemingly insurmountable high bar, "as you love yourself." A 'neighbor' in the broadest sense is a fellow human being, irrespective of national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age or mental or physical disability.

This commandment is lived by the dedicated volunteers who work for weeks organizing the bazaar, those who donate items, and those who support it by spending at the bazaar.

Second, funds raised by the bazaar do go a long way towards supporting charities that help our neighbors in need.

Originally, funds raised by parish bazaars, which began at the church in Palmer Road in 1936, was solely for parish purposes.

The first parish bazaar to raise funds for charities was on November 11-12, 1978, when Norbertine Fr. Guy Merveille was pastor. It was organized because pew collections for the 'red bag' was discontinued. The bazaar included a High Himalayas Fashion Show, a Spaghetti dinner and a massive garage sale. A total of \$10,446 was raised for charities.

For the last 16 years for which records are still available, the bazaar raised nearly \$300,000, or an average of nearly \$18,500 a year, a whopping amount exclusively for Christian charities.

Because of the bazaar's continuous success, a clothing and attic treasures' sale is now held prior to the bazaar — this year on Saturday of this weekend [October 18].

Read on about just two examples that the bazaar has helped from the very beginning.

One of the main beneficiaries of the bazaar over the years was the late Fr. Murray Abraham, S.J., [1925-2012], a Canadian who was

a formidable advocate for those most in need. He volunteered in 1948 for the Canadian Jesuit Mission in Darjeeling in the Himalayan foothills in northeast India. He was ordained in 1954.

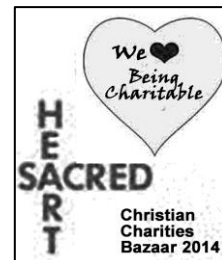
Sacred Heart faith community's association with Fr. Abraham began in 1967 when it initiated the 'Bread for the Hungry' campaign. This year was the first time bazaar for parish purposes was not held and was replaced by a Hot Turkey Dinner. In 1978, after visiting Sacred Heart Church during a fund-raising trip in Canada, Fr. Abraham established the St. Alphonsus Social and Agricultural Centre [SASAC] in Kurseong, near Darjeeling, where farm projects helped the poor to help themselves.

The faith community initially had a second collection, alternating with another charity on Sundays. The collection for Fr. Abraham in the first year along raised just over \$2,000 for his 1,200 students in his school and his workers. Food, clothing and medicines were shipped to him.

When the proceeds from the bazaars were allocated in 1978 to Christian charities, SASAC was a regular recipient, and when Fr. Abraham passed away on August 28, 2012, his and our epitaph for his life is: "I was hungry and you gave me to eat."

Another major beneficiary was the late Italian-born Fr. Aurelius Maschio, a Salesian, [1909-2009], who went to India, in 1924 to start his novitiate and was ordained in 1933. In 1939 he was in Mumbai, formerly Bombay, opening the Don Bosco High School, followed by St. Joseph's Technical Institute for school dropouts who could learn a trade — today it is the prestigious Bosco Institute of Technology — the Dominic Savio Boys Home for orphans and boys from unstable homes, and many other institutions. By 1957, this pioneer and visionary had opened the Shrine of Don Bosco's Madonna and its sprawling complex and in 1972 started expanding in cities in three states.

Today, there are more than 40 institutions due to his hard work and the support from Sacred Heart's annual bazaar.



Did you know?

Soon after the Sacred Heart mission was founded, the women organized an Altar Society to clean the church, look after the linens and raise funds. Four years later, at a meeting on 24 November 1940, the Catholic Women's League Charter #939 was formed at Sacred Heart. A few days later, on December 5, the group took on a new name: the Sacred Heart Council of the Catholic Women's League. The Catholic Women's League was founded in Brighton, England, in 1906 under the then title League of Catholic Women Workers. It was organized in Canada, nationally, on June 17, 1920, and granted federal incorporation on December 12, 1923.

It was established in Victoria in 1921 and in 1934, Fanny Penfold Coffey, the aunt of Fr. Geoffrey Penfold, Sacred Heart pastor, was elected national president.

Sacred Heart Church's CWL pledged to work for "God and Country" and to seek the spiritual development of its members.

It soon became active in community projects, such as helping senior citizens, 'Birthright, "Capital Families," and international programs.

Parishioners who have headed this organization are: **Mary Stockwood** [d], '40-'42; **Agnes Heather** [d], '42-'45; **Zita Webb** [d], '45-'48; **Mary Dobbie**, '48, '49; **Marie Houston** [d], '50; **Delia Magee** [d], '51; **Jean Hanley** [d], '52, '53; **Bernice Rolfe**, '54, '55; **Agnes Connor**, '56,

'57; **Connie VanderHaegen**, '58, '59; **Louise Johnsen** [d] '60, '61; **Mary Schwam**, '62, '63; **Ella Webb** [d], '64, '65; **Margaret Griffin**, '66, '67; **Yvonne Ready**, '68, '69; **Aurora McKillop** [d], '70; **Beryl Sheard**, '71; **Isobel Wood**, '72, '73; **Connie VanderHaegen**, '74, '75, '76; **Mary Wilson**, '77, '78; **Beryl Sheard**, '79, '80, '81; **Ella Webb** [d], '82, '83, '84; **Anne Weicker**, '85; **Daphne Dalsin**, '86, '87; **Eileen Shaw**, '88, '89; **Lee Chambers**, '90, '91; **Mary Wilson**, '92, '93; **Anne Weicker**, '94, '95; **Nan Reinke**, '96, '97; **Theresa Tether**, '98, '99; **Nan Reinke**, '00, '01; **Marilyn Bojko**, '02, '03, '04, '05; **Kathy Weswick**, '06, '07; **Maria Campos**, '08, '09, '10, '11; **Anamaria Medina**, '12, '13; and **Lidia Moodie**, '14-'15.

Delia Magee and Ella Webb received the Bishop's Diocesan Medal for Service to Church and Community.



Catholicism in the continents

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Focus on Africa

1498: First Christians are reported in Kenya but evangelization by Holy Ghost missionaries only began in 1889, 40 years after the Protestants.

1499: The Portuguese took possession of Zanzibar and established an Augustinian convent. The Augustinian mission ended in 1698 due to the Oman-Arab conquest.

1500 — First mission in Mozambique was started by Portuguese Franciscans under Alvarez of Coimbra. After St. Francis Xavier, the Jesuit co-founder and first Jesuit missionary, stopped in Mozambique from August 1541 to March 1542, the Jesuits began in 1560, a steady flow of missionaries began and was followed by the Dominicans, St John of God Brothers, Augustinians, Franciscans and Capuchins. In 1561, Jesuit missionary Goncalo de Silveria converted the Chisamharu Negomo Mupuzangutu, Emperor of Monomatapa from 1560-1589 — a kingdom from 1430-1760 that included mainly Zimbabwe and Mozambique — but the baptism did not go well with the Muslim traders and the Jesuit was strangled in his hut by the king's order a few days later on 3 March 1561.

1506: During the reign of Kongo King Mvemba Nzinga, or King Alfonso I [1506-43], Christianity spread widely as the king made vigorous attempts to convert Kongo to a Catholic country by establishing the Roman Catholic Church of Kongo. Missionaries arrived regularly from Portugal and young Congolese were sent to Portugal for instruction. The king even sent his son Dom Henrique Henrique Kinu (circa 1495-circa 1526), a Mvemba, and Rome made him bishop of Utica in Tunisia in 1518 — the Kongo kingdom's first bishop and probably the Catholic Church's first African and first black bishop. However, he served in Kongo after his return there in the early 1520s until his death in 1531.

Dominicans, Discalced Carmelites, and Jesuits also sent missionaries and Sao Salvador became an Episcopal See in 1597. 1557 — A Jesuit mission led by Father Andrés de Oviedo first entered the country in 1557 only to find that conversion was too utopian. They visited the royal court, and participated in theological discussions with the Orthodox clergy, but were eventually persecuted and expelled to Tigray, Ethiopia's northernmost region, where they preached and supported the Portuguese community.

1579 — Portuguese Jesuit Balthazar Barreira, who staunchly opposed the slave trade, was the first missionary in Angola and in a decade he claimed 20,000 converts and founded a school in Luanda in 1587. In 1604 he went to the Cape Verde Islands, then to Bissau and Sierra Leone in 1605, where he baptized "King" Philip of Sierra Leone, and family members, who then became evangelizers of the local people. He visited Benin in 1607 and Cacheu in 1608.

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Our Pastors



Fr. Geoffrey O'Brian Penfold

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In 1938, the year he was ordained, Fr. Penfold came to Victoria and served in several parishes until 1946.

In 1942, after the church in Sooke was completely destroyed by a fire, when an electric iron was left unattended, the church was rebuilt on its original site under Fr. Penfold's direction.

He became rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral in 1943.

Bishop James Hill appointed Fr. Penfold to be Sacred Heart Church's second full-time pastor at Palmer Road after the first pastor, Fr. Thomas Mangan, suffered a stroke on 19 March 1949.



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