



**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 25-26, 2014

# **Last weekend to register for inclusion as Sacred Heart faith community member in special 50th Anniversary directory/photo album**

- Registration after Masses, October 25 and 26
- Each family/couple/individual photographed will get **FREE** 8"x10" color photo
- Each family/couple/individual photographed will get **FREE** copy of directory/photo album
- Sacred Heart Parish will get a \$2-per-sitting donation from IPC Canada Photo Services Inc.
- Picture taking at parish hall on:
  - **Monday, November 3, to Thursday, November 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
  - **Monday, November 10, to 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.**
- Opportunity for families, individuals, group of individuals/families, businesses and professionals to extend their greetings and express their gratitude for Sacred Heart Church on its 50th anniversary milestone by buying space in the director/photo album for camera-ready, full color messages:
  - **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 November 7, 2014.

*This is a fund-raising initiative for anniversary legacy project[s] to be selected by the Sacred Heart Parish Council from your suggestions. Submit your proposals to the council for consideration a.s.a.p.*

**50th Anniversary bulletins can be viewed at: <http://www.sacredheartvictoria.com/anniversary>**

# Did you know?

**A**ltar servers have had an important role in services from the beginning of the Sacred Heart Mission at Palmer Road in 1936. In 1949, Father Geoffrey Penfold established the Altar Boys Club. Nothing was recorded about the club and how long it lasted. There was, however, this story at the Palmer Road Church sometime between 1949-1963: "Fr. Penfold and two altar boys, who were carrying lighted candles, were progressing along the main aisle, stopping at each 'Station of the Cross.' They arrived at a pew where a little girl was standing. Suddenly, the girl took a deep breath and blew out one of the candles. A look of dismay came on the faces of Fr. Penfold and the girl's parents."



According to the earliest parish bulletin available — April 1, 1962 — the altar servers were all boys and their names were listed in the weekly bulletins on which Masses they were assigned to serve for a particular week.

**Why only boys?** In the early church, men and women held many ministries. By the early middle ages, some of these ministries,

such as acolytes, were formalized as "minor orders" as steps to priestly ordination. In the modern era, young boys were substituted for acolytes, without being professed in minor orders.

Formerly, it was strictly forbidden for women to enter the altar area behind the altar rails during the liturgy, except to clean or in convents. Pope Benedict XIV in his encyclical, *Allatae Sunt*, of 26 July 1755, explicitly condemned females serving the priest at the altar citing the stand taken by Pope Gelasius and Pope Innocent IV, with the latter stating that "*Women should not dare to serve at the altar; they should be altogether refused this ministry.*"

Thus, when the first mass was celebrated at Nelthorpe Street, on September 5, 1965, the names on the parish bulletin had Peter Wille and Brian Woods assigned for the 11:15 a.m. service. Other boys were assigned to serve in the convent and at the Palmer Road church.

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**Catholicism  
in the continents**

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## Focus on Africa

**I**n 1626, Spanish Jesuit **Saint Francis Borgia**, the third superior of the Jesuits, undertook to establish a mission in Angola, but this mission was not successful.

In 1637 five Capuchin Missionaries from France, settled in Assinie in Côte d'Ivoire. Climate and sickness made them leave quickly and one died there. In 1687, two years after the *Code Noir* [Black Code], new missionaries and French traders settled at Assinie but they left in 1705 because the slave trade did not earn enough.

The *Code Noir* was a decree of France's Catholic King Louis XIV. It defined slavery conditions [including corporal punishment] in his colonial empire, restricted activities of free blacks, forbade any religion other than Catholicism [including a provision that all slaves must be baptized and instructed in Catholicism], and ordered all Jews out of France's colonies.



Today, Côte d'Ivoire, the world's 28th poorest country with a GDP per capita of \$1,839 [compared to Canada's \$43,593] and 2.8 million Catholics in a population of 18.8 million, has **the world's**

**largest church, bigger than St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.**

Built at a cost of \$300 million from 1985-1989, the **Basilica of Our Lady of Peace of Yamoussoukro** in the country's capital was consecrated on 10 September 1990 by Pope John Paul II.

# Our Pastors



## Fr. Geoffrey O'Brian Penfold

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**I**n 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. Fr. Penfold served for 14 years as pastor. In 1956, he was hospitalized but continued to serve as pastor with Fr. Jan Planeta serving as his assistant.

The title of Monsignor was bestowed on him in 1960. On January 8, 1963, while walking downtown with the new Bishop Remi De Roo he collapsed and died.

At that time he was Chancellor of the Diocese. It is assumed that he is buried in the Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria.