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*A Message from
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WE begin the Season of Trinitytide with the great traditional hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" The Season of Trinitytide draws together the holy mysteries which we have celebrated through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Passiontide, Easter and Pentecost. In and through His ministry and word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ revealed to us the mystery of God the Holy Trinity – the love of the Father, the saving grace of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's innermost mystery is that He is the Trinity, and everything that we believe about God and His works is interfused with this mystery. Our finite, mortal minds cannot possibly plumb the depth of this mystery revealed to us in Jesus Christ. But this we can know – that from the Father's love everything originates; that through the Son we receive all the Father's grace and love; and that just as the Father and Son are one in the communion of the Holy Spirit, so all who are touched by God's grace share in this communion of life and love.

Through time, God has revealed His Nature; and in the progress of human existence, revealed His divine plan of salvation -- a plan formed from the life, power, and love of the Holy Trinity. When we speak about beauty, truth, goodness, and love; or when we speak of God as a great spiritual force, we touch on the nature of the Trinity but only in an impersonal, imperfect, and incomplete way. For the God revealed to us in the Most Holy Trinity has a definite nature and character; He gives definite commands, and does definite acts. Although outside of time and

space, the Holy Trinity entered into the drama of life through being Life itself. At the beginning of time, the love and life-giving nature of the Holy Trinity brought forth creation. The universe was formed, and through the breath of God, man became a living soul. But unlike the 'watch-maker' of philosophic argument, God the Holy Trinity did not abandon His creation nor remain a formless life-force surging through us -- the 'unknown and unknowable Supreme Being'.

Scripture records, God "did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." He is the living God, "who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them. And He made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that men might seek for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being."

The discovery of God in the beauty and wonder of His creation reveals only that He is God the Creator, still distant and impersonal. We will only come to understand His true nature if we allow ourselves to be drawn into His self-revelation, and to encounter the Holy Trinity in the treasured memories of God's judgements, promises, and mercies. Our journey of discovery reaches back to a covenant made between a nomad and the 'God of the mountain top' – *El Shaddai*. It moves from such concrete things as the Law, the Passover, the Ark and the Temple – *Yahweh*; to the stable at Bethlehem, the hill of Calvary, and the empty rock-hewn tomb – *Jesus Christ*. It leads us to an upper room, to men and women filled with the utter force and power of God's own Spirit, and to the trials and testimonies of millions through the ages. And it brings us to our present moment, for it is in the retelling of the story of salvation, in the listening

anew to the spoken Word of God, and in the partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion -- in the worshipping and obeying of God -- that we come to know His true nature and the reality of His presence in our lives.

For the God who is the bodiless, timeless, transcendent Being of the whole universe, is also the Incarnate Lord who is 'not far from any one of us'; Whose nail-scarred Hands and riven-side reveal, even now, the depth of His love for those whom He made in His image. Jesus said, if you want to know God the Father, then look at Me, God the Son. If you want to share in the love of the Father and Son, then welcome into your heart the Spirit who proceeds from that love.

C.S. Lewis likened our personal glimpses of God to our glimpse of a fringe of the ocean when we walk on the beach. Mystical or personal experiences of God are real but fragmentary, like a walk on the beach. But the Christian faith and the Christian revelation in Jesus Christ are like a map of the ocean. Reading a nautical map is less real and less exciting than walking along the beach; but one cannot cross the oceans without such a map -- and one cannot know God, nor reach the end of the journey to God, by simply feeling the presence of God -- we need to know of Whom we believe and in Whom we are seeking. God has not left us without such a map -- we have the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments -- The Bible -- the inspired word of God; we have the Church, the Body of Christ and the People of God, chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and guided by the Holy Spirit; and we have the witness and teachings of Christian men and women who have walked the walk of faith, and who, in pondering the waves upon the sea of faith, have come to know the timeless truths of God.

We have said that Christian belief is a discovery of the works and words of the Holy Trinity. And as life is known by being lived, so Christian belief is known by living in this discovery. So the first and last goal of all God's works and words is that we should come to know and love Him and thus, now and forevermore, gain entry into the blessed communion of the One, Holy and Triune God -- revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Whom we worship and adore, for ever! Amen.

Diocese of Canada East



The long winter in Eastern Canada is finally over and signs of new life are springing up all over. That includes new life in the Church. As Ordinary of Canada East I made a visit to Ontario in March to receive Fr. Rolando Villa into our jurisdiction. Fr. Rolly is an experienced parish priest who along with his family and that of Fr. John Funelas (full-time prison chaplain at Warkworth and Kingston Federal Penitentiaries) are our standard bearers in that Province. The third week of June I will return to Ontario to receive Fr. Romeo Miano into the ACCC. He is also a well-educated, experienced parish priest and trained canonist. I will spend time on retreat with these three priests and their families and that of a fourth priest who is inquiring about joining us. We will celebrate, rehearse, and review the liturgies of the 1962 B.C.P. and the ACCC Altar Missal and put the final plans in place for the opening of their new Toronto area Parish of St. Thomas More. I will conclude my visit by saying Mass to a 'captured' congregation at Warkworth Federal Penitentiary.

I continue to receive encouraging reports from our parishes in Montreal, Halifax, Ecum Secum, and St. John's and our clergy in New Brunswick. I'm most grateful to Fr. Jeff Roy, curate at the Cathedral Parish of Saint Aidan, and to Fr. Harley Kynock, retired Rector of St. George-by-the-Sea, Mosers River, for assisting me as I continue to cover both the Halifax and Ecum Secum Parishes while we search for a replacement Rector for St. George's.

During the past few years some personalities have gone over to Rome or American jurisdictions, while many new people, including a number of experienced priests, have come over to us. Imitating nature, this pattern of new life and rebirth is a natural part of the life of the Church. As spring flowers and the sound of lawnmowers now reassure us that God will constantly renew His creation, so too are we assured that He will renew this branch of His Body -- the Church -- to which we belong, and that for His glory the ACCC and all its faithful and clergy, both new and old alike, will enthusiastically continue the historic Anglican expression of the Catholic Faith.

**In Memoriam: Father John Hilton
(1935-2015)**



John Gordon Hilton was born in the family home in Toronto on July 3, 1935. His father, Thomas, was an immigrant from Ireland trained as a tailor, and his mother Verna came from Guelph, Ontario. Although the family was of modest means, John, along with his older sister Shirley and younger brother Tom, became accustomed to welcoming relatives, friends and even strangers to share what they had as the need arose.

At twelve he took up the violin and at fifteen taught violin to fellow students in high school. When he took over the living room in the small house to practise with the string quartet which he led, his sister retaliated by singing professional opera in the kitchen. Always artistic, he experimented by creating sculptured crucifixes, and then expanded his skills to include his life time passion for painting, first oils, then acrylics, with meticulous preliminary sketches and colour notations. After confirmation, he served in St. Chad's Anglican Church and then became associated with the Anglican Catholic congregation of St. Mary Magdalene, both in Toronto. He recognized that both this downtown church and faith in Christ was accessible to those from all walks of life, a recurring theme in his life and

ministry. Healy Willan, Choirmaster at St. Mary's at the time, encouraged John's appreciation of music in his spiritual life. When he was sixteen, the Diocese recommended him to the Cowley Fathers' S.S.J.E. Monastery for schooling at Bracebridge, Ontario where he met such notables as Fathers McAusland, Thornton and Palmer. He took summer jobs to pay his way, as varied as caretaker for a cemetery or on the production line at a local Brewery, and often brought home interesting strangers he had met during the day.

Already destined for the Priesthood, John attended Bishop's University in Lennoxville Quebec, earning his B.A. in 1959. When not at school, he worked for the Diocese in rural areas, taking services and doing visitations. It was there that he learned to love fishing. He then continued his studies at Nashota House, the Anglican Theological Seminary in Wisconsin, earning his Bachelor of Divinity in 1962. His courses encompassed what later came to be perceived as a Master's Degree.

He was ordained as Deacon on Ascension Day 1962 and served as Assistant Curate at St. Matthias, Ottawa, under Bishop Ernest Reed. A year later during the Feast of the Ascension he was priested. While at St. Matthias he was joined by his younger brother who attended high school in Ottawa after the death of their mother. In 1965, he was assigned to Navan, a small parish near Ottawa. In 1967 he was made a lifetime member of the Anglican Young People's Association for "exceptional service and loyalty to the church".

Always involved, Father John took part in the Mayor's Committee on Youth, helping set up Ottawa's fledgling Street Clinic for Youth in 1969, and participating in the hopeful establishment of Pestalozzi College while squeezing in a course on "Psychic Breakthroughs in Human Potential" through

the university's Continuing Education department.

After the University experience he returned to the Ottawa Diocese. With his Anglo-Catholic qualifications and experience he was in line to become Rector of the "High Anglican" parish of St. Barnabas in Ottawa, but, as a single man, he was assigned to the outlying mission parishes. In the mid-70s he served in Combermere, Ontario where he became friendly with Catherine Doherty, founder of Madonna House.

In 1983 he was licensed as Rector of St. Stephen the Martyr, Edmonton, and quickly settled into this historic downtown church. Zealous to maintain the fullness of the Anglo-Catholic tradition, he organized the services and music to express this rich liturgical tradition. He embraced everyone. He continued to welcome street people as integral to his ministry and in 1984 spearheaded Our House, a drug rehabilitation Centre initially managed by St. Stephen's. Fond of all animals, but especially of dogs, he perpetuated the blessing of the animals at St. Stephen's on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. While there, he met David Parnell, a young blind man from Vancouver. Initially offering him a place to stay at the Rectory "until he found his own place", John soon recognized David's gift for creating community and their resulting kinship. The two became almost inseparable, a common sight as John expanded his ministry to include the clientele of many area restaurants, particularly identifying with the community at Santo's Restaurant in the Italian district.

As the Anglican Church of Canada evolved, Father John was outspoken in his criticism. He eventually had a falling out with the new woman Bishop and left the Anglican Church of Canada. He and David moved out of the Rectory to an apartment. In 2002 he was re-licensed as a priest in the parish of the Mission of the Resurrection in Edmonton in

the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. He continued to serve as Assistant Curate supporting his friend and Rector Canon Trevor Elliott until his death.

After suffering with unknown stomach problems for years, John was diagnosed with duodenal cancer in 2012. When David died suddenly (also from cancer) in 2013, John lost his soul mate and "travelling" companion and became more isolated. In spite of the encouragement and support of family and friends, as his health worsened, he became more dependent on home nursing care and his brother Tom. Trips to hospital became frequent until finally on January 3, 2015, he was admitted to the Royal Alexandria Hospital for an infection, then a week later, for a bowel blockage. While there he fell and broke his hip. When he had recovered somewhat and was able to travel about in a wheel chair, he continued to practise his ministry with the other patients, encouraged by his brother and his Bishop. As he considered a nursing home, he asked that the staff know that he was a priest and good at counselling. He moved to St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital on March 11th. There he was able to spend time with family and friends, including parishioners he had not seen for 23 years, and had a last family visit to the home of his nephew, before his health deteriorated completely. He died on May 1st, soon surrounded by his nephew Bill, brother Tom, sister-in-law Kay, and close members of the church family that was so dear to him. The tears shed at his bedside were not for him but for those of us who were left, who will miss him profoundly. As he often said, he knew where he was going!

John is survived by his older sister Shirley, her children Katherine (Wayde), Sheilagh (Geoff), Jennifer (Rick), Michael (Dawn Heather), and John, his younger brother Tom, (Kay), nephew Bill (Marie), numerous great nieces and nephews, and many, many friends.

IN AND AROUND THE ACCC

St. Thomas Parish, Courtenay BC

ON March 31, being Tuesday in Holy Week, Archbishop Janzen made a day trip up to Courtenay to meet with Father George Daley, Rector of the Parish, along with Canon Richard Root, Wayne Murphy, Bill Henderson, Barb Barker, Jacoline and Duane. After lunch, the group went over to Piercy's Funeral Home to look over the chapel and amenities as a potential location for our Sunday worship.



With the Archbishop's approval, we have moved our place of worship out of the Train Station into Piercy's-Mt. Washington Funeral Home Chapel at 440 England Ave, Courtenay, BC. The space is warm, friendly, and clean; and our altar is a focal point for worship of the Lord in the beauty of holiness. There is plenty of space around the Funeral home for parking and space for fellowship after the Sunday Service.



Our worship services begin promptly at 11am. The doors are usually open by 10:15 am. There is room for Church School during the service, which is usually led by Father Daley's wife Stacie. We have coffee and snacks and time for fellowship following the service.

May God continue to bless our parish in the Comox Valley. Special thanks to Archbishop Janzen, and to those who have contributed to the success of the parish!



Altar set up for Easter Sunday

St. Barnabas, Moose Jaw SK

On Sunday, April 26th, Archbishop Shane Janzen confirmed Miss Brianna Colenutt and Miss Ruth Allen at St. Barnabas in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

The confirmands received Holy Communion from the Archbishop and were warmly welcomed by the parishioners, as they continue their journey in the Christian faith. The godparents were present to witness the fruits of their labours in assisting the bringing up of the children in the faith. The children were a pleasure to teach as we went through both the Book of Common Prayer Catechism and Fr. Roland Palmer's *The Catechist's Handbook* (available from the Diocesan Office).



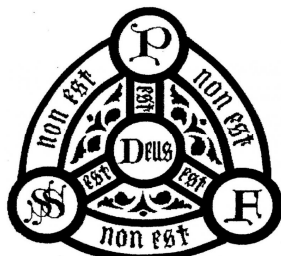
Archbishop Janzen with the confirmands
(left to right) Brianna and Ruth

After the service and pictures, a luncheon was put on by the parish. A wonderful time of fellowship was had by all and the visitors were able to experience the warm welcome that the parish extends to all. Brianna and Ruth were presented with a card and gift from the parish. They were also given their own Book of Common Prayer at the beginning of their catechesis by Fr. Glenn.

As the Archbishop had arrived on the Saturday, he had an opportunity to see some of the local attractions. He had a tour of Moose Jaw and visited Canadian Forces Base Moose Jaw (15 Wing and home of the Snowbirds), the RCMP Heritage Centre and Government House in Regina. He had many positive comments about the attractions that he visited.

The Parish would like to congratulate Brianna and Ruth on taking this step to further their walk with God and will keep them in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith.

*The Reverend Glenn Galenkamp, Rector
St. Barnabas, Moose Jaw*



Holy Trinity, Medicine Hat AB

ON the weekend of May 30-31st, Archbishop Janzen visited Holy Trinity Parish, Medicine Hat. On Saturday evening, members of the parish gathered for dinner with the Archbishop and discussed both the parish and the Diocese. Crème brulee was had by all, with the Archbishop having his signature Caesar – the drink, not the salad. The newest member of our parish, Shane, who is 14, was introduced to the Archbishop.



On Trinity Sunday, our Patronal Festival, the Archbishop celebrated and preached at the Holy Eucharist, along with our Priest-in-Charge, Fr. Alan Edwardson. The Lesson was ably read by Fr. Alan's youngest son, Benjamin. Just after the Creed, Archbishop Janzen admitted Bryan Schnell as a Licensed Lay Reader, to officiate at Mattins and Evensong in the absence of Fr. Alan.

Following Mass, lunch was served downstairs in the Church Hall, prepared by Alice Edwardson and Maggy Onoferychuk. The parish continues to grow, and looks forward to the day when we will once more have a resident Priest as our Rector.

