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Friends in faith: Msgr. Don Clement, who passed away on Wednesday, March 15th, is seen here with three of his friends – all of whom had a special role in his Funeral Mass, which was held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, March 21st. From left to right, Msgr. Joe Lynch, who gave the homily; Sister Pauline Lally, SP, who did the First Reading; Msgr. Clement; and Monica Heine, who was the cantor, song leader, and soloist. This picture was taken in July of 2016 at the time of Monica's swearing-in ceremony as Crown Attorney for the County of Lennox and Addington.

Monsignor Donald Patrick Clement: This 'Gentle Priest' will be Greatly Missed

Throngs of mourners gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral on March 20th and 21st for the Visitation, Vigil Service, and Funeral Mass of Monsignor Don Clement, the beloved former rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, who passed away on March 15th at the age of 89.

Msgr. Clement, a native of Prescott, received an Engineering degree from Queen's University before being ordained to the priesthood in 1961. He served as Associate Pastor at St. John's and St. Joseph's Parishes (1961-1972); and as Pastor at Holy Family Parish (1972-1984), and at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview (1984-1990), before being appointed Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, a position which he held until his retirement in 2005. He was named a Prelate of Honour in 1990, and held several administrative positions in the Archdiocese of Kingston: Dean of the Central Deanery, member of the College of Consultors, and member of both the Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee. ***Continued on pages 4 and 5***

The *Ad Limina* Visit

Archbishop Brendan O'Brien



Rome meets Kingston: Archbishop O'Brien will meet with Pope Francis during his *ad limina* visit to the Vatican at the end of April. Here, the Archbishop chats with His Holiness at St. Peter's Square during a 2014 trip to Rome.

This spring will see many Canadians in Rome, as all the bishops of Canada – in four regional groups – make their '*ad limina*' visit. The Bishops of Ontario will be in Rome during the last week of April. While these 'visits' are supposed to happen every five years, the last visit of the Canadian bishops took place 11 years ago, in 2006. The delay is the result of scheduling conflicts in Rome.

The visit itself involves the veneration of the threshold (*limina*) of the tombs of the Apostles, Peter and Paul, as well as an exchange with the Holy Father, and meetings with the heads of various Congregations and Pontifical Councils who assist the Holy Father in carrying out his ministry. In preparation for the *ad limina* visit, each bishop prepares a detailed report on the state of the diocese, following the format of a series of questions set out by the Congregation for Bishops. The completed report is sent to Rome six months in advance of the *ad limina* visit.

It should be emphasized that this visit is more than an administrative activity legislated by canon law; it reflects our Catholic understanding of the Church. While each Particular Church (diocese) is entrusted to the pastoral care of a bishop, he does not exist in isolation, but is a member of the College of Bishops, whose head is the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome. In making the *ad limina* visit to the tomb of the Apostles Peter and Paul, the bishop is able to increase "his sense of responsibility as Successor of the Apostles and to strengthen his communion with the Successor of Peter". The visit is also an opportunity for the Holy Father to become more aware of the particular needs of the Church in different parts of the world.

Because the bishop is the link in the hierarchical communion between his diocese and the universal Church, the *ad limina* visit expresses the bonds of faith and communion which unite the clergy, religious, and laity of our Particular Church (diocese) with the Universal Church. It is a reflection of what we express each time that we celebrate the Eucharist in our parish communities, when we pray for "Francis, our Pope, and Brendan, our Bishop".

An Easter Greeting From Archbishop O'Brien

The sight of grass and bare fields is a welcome sign of hope after the rigours of winter. As Christians, we celebrate an even greater mark of hope in these days of the Easter Triduum. Christ's passage through death to a new and risen life tells us that evil and suffering, while still present in our world, do not have the power to defeat us; our victory is assured.

May I take this opportunity at Easter 2017 to extend to you my prayers and best wishes. May our celebration of this great Feast strengthen each one of us in our witness to new life in the Risen Lord.

Sunday Liturgy of the Word in Exceptional Circumstances

Father John Hibbard, Chair of the Liturgical Commission

Imagine that it is a snowy winter day. Your priest is driving from one church to another when his car goes off the road. Or he wakes up one Sunday morning and is sick with the flu. What does he do? With the shortage of priests and the reduced number of priests available to carry out Sunday ministry, he realizes that there is no other priest he can call. To respond to this situation, the Archdiocese has asked Pastors to nominate lay people from their parishes who can be trained to lead a Liturgy of the Word.

On March 4, 2017, ninety-seven lay people and deacons met in the four Deaneries of the Archdiocese in order to receive training to lead a Liturgy of the Word in these exceptional circumstances; that is, when the priest is suddenly unable to celebrate the Eucharist.

It is the unchanging tradition of the Church to gather as the Body of Christ on the Lord's Day to celebrate the Eucharist. However, the universal Church recognizes the possibility that, at times, the Eucharist cannot be celebrated. This was articulated in the *Code of Canon Law*.

"If it is impossible to assist at a Eucharistic celebration, either because no sacred minister is available or for some other grave reason, the faithful are strongly recommended to take part in a liturgy of the Word, if there be such in the parish church or some other sacred place, which is celebrated in accordance with the provisions laid down by the diocesan Bishop; or to spend an appropriate time in prayer, whether personally or as a family or, as occasion presents, in a group of families." (1248,§2)

In other parts of Canada, especially in the West and North, it is a regular practice for lay people to lead Liturgies of the Word on Sunday because of the shortage of priests. In many cases, a priest comes to celebrate the Eucharist only once or twice a month. The situation in the Archdiocese of Kingston is different in that this is not to be a regular or on-going practice; rather, it is intended for an unexpected or emergency situation. In this way, when the Eucharist cannot be celebrated, parishioners can still be faithful to the tradition of the Church: to respond to God's call to gather together, join in prayer and listen to the words of Scripture. Sometime after Easter, these men and women will be commissioned by their parish priests.



Submitted photos

Training session. Father John Hibbard, Chair of the Liturgical Commission, leads a training session for those who will conduct Sunday Celebrations of the Word in Exceptional Circumstances. The session pictured above, at Holy Rosary Parish in Belleville, was one of five held throughout the Archdiocese in March and April.

This Gentle Priest will be Greatly Missed

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Msgr. Clement was also instrumental in the development of the Permanent Diaconate Program of the Archdiocese. He served for six consecutive terms as Trustee of the Frontenac-Lennox and Addington Roman Catholic Separate School, including a term as Vice-Chair from 1981-82, and as Chair from 1983-85. He was a tireless worker on behalf of the Kingston community, helping to establish Martha's Table and In From the Cold. In retirement, he served as chaplain to the Sisters of Providence at their Motherhouse and provided sacramental ministry at both Bath and Frontenac Correctional Institutions.

Although Msgr. Clement had an impressive list of accomplishments, he was a very humble man, whose gentle spirit and compassionate nature endeared him to the parishioners he served so well. His long-time friend, Msgr. Joseph Lynch, told *Journey* that he would have been embarrassed by the tributes that have poured in since his passing – and by the sheer numbers of people who filled the Cathedral for his Visitation and Funeral Mass.

Homily by Monsignor Joseph Lynch at the Funeral Mass of Monsignor Donald Clement



Sometimes, there are moments when it seems best just to let the Readings and Gospel tell the story, themselves. This, I think, may be one of those moments.

Last Monday, I was saying the morning Mass at St. Joseph's Parish here in town; and, just before the Gospel was to be read, my cell phone started vibrating in my pocket. I knew that there was a message – but I also knew that it had to wait. So I continued with the Mass. I read the Gospel, gave a brief homily, said the prayers of Consecration, and distributed Communion. It was only when I left the altar that I received the message that Monsignor Clement was very ill and was being transferred to hospital.

For some reason, throughout the day, my mind returned to the Gospel that I had read that morning. It seemed to fit the man so well: *"Be merciful; do not judge; do not condemn; forgive; give and it will be given to you; the measure you give will be the measure you get back."* (You will find those words printed on his Prayer Card, which you have received.) I also had the feeling that this time we were likely to lose him; and, just about two days later, he did, indeed, go to his God.

The Second Reading also tells his story, for it speaks of faith; and Monsignor Clement was a man of profound faith. I cannot tell you how many times I heard him say, *"What would we do, if we did not have the Eucharist? What would we be without the Eucharist?"* He believed profoundly those words taken from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians: *"We want you to be quite certain about those who have died; to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. With such thoughts as these, you should comfort one another."* Monsignor Clement must have needed often the hope and consolation of those words, because he carried the worries and pain of so many people. He never said, *"No"*. There were certainly days when he became tired, very tired. He needed that promise of peace contained in those lines.

We could spend a long time today, I suppose, reviewing all of the things that Monsignor Clement did in this life – the parishes where he served, his chaplaincy with the Sisters of Providence, his fine work on the school board, his efforts in establishing the Permanent Diaconate, Martha's Table, and In From the Cold, and the various responsibilities that he accepted at the Archdiocesan level and in the community. He also worked often – and very successfully – with those of other faith traditions and beliefs. He would, I am sure, be quite uncomfortable with our focussing in this way on what he did. But, perhaps, he would indulge us for just a few minutes.

There are, I expect, very few people in this Cathedral this morning who do not have their own story about how he helped them, or counselled them, or comforted them – or, sometimes, even challenged them. The stories are legion. I will mention only three, and I will try to do so carefully and discreetly.

There was a man who, for years, was obsessed with feelings of guilt and weighed down with the conviction that he was going to suffer eternally. Monsignor Clement visited him for years, often on a Saturday evening, to hear, again and again, the same story – and to try and persuade him, again and again, that he had no need to worry or be afraid. The man finally went to peace with his God. And only then did his family find among his possessions a note written to him by Monsignor Clement, who assured the man that all that he had to do was go to Mass and say his prayers – and that he, Monsignor Clement, would take the responsibility for all those other fears and worries. That family was deeply grateful for the peace of mind which those Saturday night visits brought – again and again – to a husband and father whom they loved. Some things you do not forget, ever.

There was also a man who had a major problem with the bottle. He had often taken the pledge not to drink, with Monsignor Clement as his witness. But he kept on drinking. One night, the good Monsignor was called by this man, for the umpteenth time, to witness his taking the pledge yet again. Well, Monsignor Clement did have his limits, and this man was about to see that. So, after the man made his vow again to swear off alcohol, Monsignor went quietly to where he knew the man kept his supply, gathered it up – and poured it all down the sink. The man just stood there, dumbstruck. This was, I think, a lesson in what might be called “practical theology”.

Then there was the teacher who had been in a classroom for a good number of years – and loved it. But he had also wondered for years if the Lord might be calling him to something else – to priesthood, to be exact. But, where do you go with that question? Expectations might be raised; plans might change. He had to be careful where he spoke of it. So, where did he go? Whom did he approach? Monsignor Don Clement, of course. His kindness and guidance led to the ordination of that teacher just about thirty years ago. Some debts you cannot repay; that, for me, is one.

We were together for fifteen years at this Cathedral; I was blessed to be here with him. He taught me daily what priesthood can be. He was gentle in manner, but he could be firm. He had little patience – correct that – no patience whatever with pretence, exclusivity, or élitism. He had a profound respect for the priesthood; but he always saw the priest as one who serves – the needy, the hurting, the disadvantaged, “the bruised reed”. That is the reason, I think, why he felt so privileged to offer Mass for those at Bath and Frontenac Correctional Institutions. He loved being able to go there.

Yes, this man possessed many qualities which endeared him to hundreds and hundreds of people. And the key to why he was so loved by so many may well be found in those words of Ecclesiasticus ... *“Be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.”* He lived those lines better than anyone else whom I have ever known.

Yes, sometimes, there are moments when it seems best just to let the Readings and Gospel tell the story, themselves.

Rest in peace, my friend; rest in peace.



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From the Office of Family Ministry

Sr. Lucy Kearney, SP

Love Grows by Giving

In response to the question of how one might best help to change the world, St. Teresa of Calcutta responded, "Go home and love your family." Each year, the Church in Canada sets aside one week to celebrate Life and the Family through prayer, reflection, and recognizing special family activities. The 2017 National Week for Life and the Family, with the theme, 'Love Grows by Giving', will be celebrated from May 14 – 21.

Families and parishes have various times and opportunities to celebrate the great gift of family and to reflect on the role entrusted to the family in witnessing love. The celebration of Holy Week and Easter, as well as preparation for the celebration of children's First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are times for parents and children to grow in their relationship with God. The most lasting effect of parents on their children is that of nurturing their children's faith.

"The Joy of Love" at the Heart of the Family

Parishes will receive suggestions for highlighting family life through the Sunday Liturgy, acknowledging special family celebrations, and family activities during the National Week for Life and the Family. I would like to highlight a section from the document, "The Joy of Love at The Heart of the Family", which was prepared for this year's Week of the Family. St. Paul's Hymn of Love - *Love is patient, kind etc.* - models how love grows by giving in the daily life of families.

7th Annual Women's Fall Retreat

Save the date! September 15-17, 2017 is the 7th annual Women's Fall Retreat. This year, the retreat will be held at the Glen House Resort in Gananoque. For further details, please see the website at www.womensfallretreat.com or visit the site on Facebook.



From the Office of Religious Education

Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." Mark 4: 31-32

We are all called to share in the mission of the Church and to engage in the world and bring Christ's message to every aspect of our lives. In keeping with this mission and mindful of our commitment to ongoing formation, I would like to mention an exciting new initiative.

The Archdiocese is partnering with Newman Theological College in Edmonton to offer online faith formation courses leading to a Certificate in Catholic Studies. Registration cost per course is \$85.00, and students may register online at <http://www.newman.edu/CCS>. Please see the website for further details and FAQs. For more information, please contact me at the Pastoral Centre, 613-548-4461 ext 115, or email mar-yjo@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

Other religious education initiatives taking place in the Archdiocese of Kingston include:

- ♦ a pastoral care course at St. Mary Parish, Chesterville, on 25 March 2017;
- ♦ a workshop for the pastoral care team of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Kingston, on 3 June 2017;
- ♦ a Diocesan Care workshop in the Fall, information to be included in parish bulletins as plans are finalized; and
- ♦ a prison ministry volunteer event at the Pastoral Centre on May 8, 2017, at 6 p.m.

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MISSION OF REDEEMER MINISTRIES

Susan Forbes named one of Canada's Outstanding Principals

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario



The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is pleased to announce that Susan Forbes, Principal of St. James the Greater Catholic School in Smiths Falls, has been named as one of forty exceptional educational leaders in Canada.

Candidates are nominated each year by their peers, school staff, and community members, and the nominations are submitted to The Learning Partnership, which recognizes exemplary leaders from across all Canadian provinces and territories.

Sue Forbes is an inspirational leader. She ensures that students and adults feel safe and empowered, and makes it a priority to know and greet each and every child at her school.

To improve student achievement, Sue incorporates data analysis and targeted interventions such as guided reading, specialized programs, and provincial assessment booster groups. She is optimistic and energizes her staff, using a "Stop, Start and Continue" methodology, and schedules sessions for relaxation and team bonding to boost morale and trust.

Sue has also been actively involved in the Eastern Ontario Staff Development network and within the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Efforts by Sue and her staff have resulted in more students self-reporting positive feelings of resiliency in mental health surveys, and provincial assessment scores are up by 12 percent for writing and 10 percent for math. Sue sees solutions, not obstacles, and brings a positive attitude to school each and every day.

In accepting the award, Sue said, "I am very grateful for this award, but I accept it on behalf of all of the staff, parents, and students at St. James. As a team, we work together to make St. James an amazing place for children to learn."

Forty principals are being celebrated for demonstrating innovation and leadership, and for employing creativity in finding solutions and opportunities within their school communities. The principals were recognized for their accomplishments at the annual Canada's Outstanding Principals gala, held on February 28, 2017, at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto.



Photos by Nadia Gundert

Development and Peace goes to the classroom

Student representatives from the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario participated in Development and Peace Student Activity Days, February 22 & 23.

The Archdiocesan Celebration of the Rite of Election and the Rite of Calling Baptized Candidates to Lenten Renewal

Mariola Gozdek, Liturgy Office



Photos by Sharon Buffett

Left: **Rite of Election.** Catechumens sign the Book of the Elect at the Rite of Election, which was celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, March 5th. Right: **Blessing by the Archbishop.** Archbishop O'Brien blesses the Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion who will be received into the Church at Easter.

Every year, on the first Sunday of Lent, catechumens around the world gather with their local bishop to celebrate a very special step on their faith journey, the Rite of Election. On Sunday, March 5th, Archbishop O'Brien celebrated this rite at St. Mary's Cathedral with the catechumens of the Archdiocese and their sponsors, team members, and pastors. One of the central elements of this Rite is the affirmation by the sponsors. The sponsors were asked: Have the catechumens faithfully listened to God's Word proclaimed by the Church, . . . responded to that Word and begun to walk in God's presence, . . . shared in the company of Christian brothers and sisters and joined them in prayer?

The Archbishop then asked the catechumens if they wished to enter fully into the life of the Church through the Easter sacraments. After both groups responded affirmatively, the Archbishop invited the catechumens to enter their names in the Book of the Elect. This Rite is called the 'Rite of Election' because, after witnessing the testimony of the sponsors and the catechumens' own desire to be baptized at Easter, the Archbishop pronounces them as Elect – which means those chosen to be baptized at the next Easter Vigil. At the celebration on March 5th, the Archbishop also addressed those already baptized in other faith traditions, who are 'Candidates for Full Communion with the Catholic Church'. These candidates were called to conversion and Lenten renewal. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they become full members of the Church at Easter.

The Word of God in the Sacraments of the Church

A conference for those who prepare people to celebrate the sacraments of initiation

Friday, September 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

And Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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Further information and registration details can be found online at

www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca, or by calling the Liturgy Office at 613-548-4461.

DEACON CANDIDATES TAKE NEXT STEP TOWARDS ORDINATION

Deacon Bill Gervais



If you are interested in the sacred vocation of the Permanent Diaconate please call Deacon Bill Gervais, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 613-548-4461 ex 116 or email him at deacon@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

On Sunday January 22, 2017, at a special installation Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, four men of the Archdiocese of Kingston were officially received by Archbishop Brendan O'Brien as candidates for ordination as permanent deacons. These four men, with their wives, are pictured here with Archbishop O'Brien. Left to right, Paul and Nimi Bowman (Kingston), Nick and Jocelyn Whalen (Sharbot Lake), Peter Kelly and Christian Colby-Kelly, Perth, Allen and Bernice Hogan (Brockville),

This installation into the path of candidacy leading to Holy Orders is the first formal step in the process of formation. These four men and their spouses have been through a year of inquiry, followed by a first academic year, and are now beginning an intensive period of study, exploring, in greater detail, scripture, theology, sacraments, and other pastoral and spiritual topics.

We ask that you keep these men and their families in your prayers as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry in the Church.

Renewal of Bishop Macdonell's house at St. Raphael's

Cheryl Rogers



For more information, please contact

Brenda Baxter at (613) 931-2022.

The Glengarry Fencibles Trust, a registered charity and not-for-profit volunteer organization, is currently working on the conservation and renewal of the 'Bishop's House', a magnificent heritage property and landscape in South Glengarry Township, Ontario.

Last year, our not-for-profit group rescued the home of Bishop Alexander Macdonell, First Bishop of Upper Canada (1819) and Bishop of Kingston (1826-1840). From this house, he served the entire Catholic Church in Upper Canada, building churches and schools throughout the province, including the first seminary. In Kingston, he founded Regiopolis College and the *Catholic Register*. Macdonell was a trail blazer and is recognized as a 'National Historic Person of Canada' for his influence on the educational, civic, and military history of the country. Our group is working to preserve and restore this historic property (1808) and highlight Bishop Macdonell's life work. The house is part of the National Historic Site in St Raphael's, and conservation work is now underway.

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Celebrating 50 Years!

Susan Kennedy, Chair of the Kingston Diocesan Council of Development and Peace



This year, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D&P) -- Caritas Canada — celebrates 50 years in Canada. D&P was founded in 1967 by the Canadian Catholic Bishops as a means of inspiring Canadians to act in solidarity with their sisters and brothers in the Global South, who are suffering the injustice of poverty. Over the past 50 years, D&P has invested \$600 million in more than 15,000 projects in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East.

In our Archdiocese, a 50th Anniversary Mass was celebrated on Sunday, February 5th at St. Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Brendan O'Brien presided, with concelebrants Archbishop Martin Currie of St. John's, Newfoundland, and Cathedral Rector Fr. Shawn Hughes. In his homily, Archbishop O'Brien spoke about the unique and important work of D&P within the Canadian Church, "to help us demonstrate how we, as the community of Christ's followers, carry on his love and concern for the needy, especially those who live in the Third World. May it continue to be a vehicle to help us reach out into what Pope Francis calls, "the peripheries of our world".

D&P initiated a national celebration through the "Solidarity Quilt Pilgrimage". Each diocese across Canada was invited to design and create a quilt square that represented the diocese and its vision of solidarity with our partners in the Global South. Kingston is part of the Western pilgrimage, which began in Victoria, BC on Ash Wednesday 2016. As it has moved across Western Canada, each diocese has added its own quilt square. At our Feb 5th Mass, we added our Kingston square to the 26 diocesan squares and 5 "partner" squares on display. The quilt squares create greater awareness of both our solidarity with partners in the South and the melding of our unique diocesan gifts and cultures here in Canada. To learn more, please visit our website: www.devp.org.

Editor's Note

It is my pleasure to introduce the new format for *Journey*. I would like to thank staff at the Archdiocese of Kingston for their support and assistance in the creation of this publication. *Journey* can also be found online at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca. To submit stories for future publications, please contact me at jsalmon@live.ca.

Best wishes, Jessica Salmon, editor