



Holy Cross Priory

An Anglican Benedictine Community
In Canada

*Lord, send out your
Spirit, and renew the
face of the earth.*

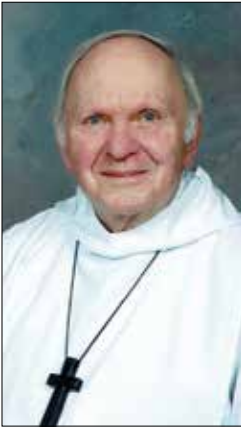


PENTECOST 2018

Louder Than Words

“Holiness is the brightness of divine love, and love is never idle; it must accomplish great things. Love must act as light must shine and fire must burn.”

– Fr. James O. S. Huntington OHC
(from *The Rule of the Order of the Holy Cross*)



“Actions speak louder than words” – an oft used statement. Some of us have had the experience of being in a place where few people have spoken our native language or even a language which we could understand. We might attempt to learn a few words such as hello, thank you, please, pardon, goodbye. To be in a room or place where all are speaking in a language other than one’s own is a unique, somewhat unnerving, exotic, strange experience. At such times one is almost driven to pay attention to body language, facial expressions, nuances in speech and eye contact. Too often when we are with our own sort we ignore those powerful and important

forms of communication. It is comforting to be greeted by a kind smile, a warm handshake or embrace; a sense of welcome. Opposite behaviour may leave one feeling diminished.

On a visit to the Brothers in our South African monastery I had a short holiday with a friend in Jeffrey’s Bay (South Africa’s surfing centre). My host is a Methodist pastor who had three congregations in his care – one that was English speaking. Another Afrikaans, and the third Xhosa. The Xhosa congregation met in the afternoon and on that particular Sunday there was a service for healing. Anthony asked me to assist him with the anointing. I knew very few Xhosa words, so I prayed as I was able in English, German, and Latin. The people responded with warmth and appreciation. God’s healing grace was communicated.

As we celebrate the festival of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), we are aware of the power of communication through words and actions. In our society words are a principal means of communication. Some words inspire, some anger, others energize, still others bore. A plethora of words can overwhelm. In the daily barrage of words most are forgettable. It is important to use words in a careful way.

In the celebration of Pentecost is a retelling of the power of the Holy Spirit in communicating Divine Grace through the medium of language. The message of God is given through many ways – language being only one way. Perhaps on that first Pentecost Day body language, joy, and quiet or exuberant confidence also played a part in proclaiming the message of God’s love.

Father John G. Hartnett in a meditation written for the Anglican Digest some years ago wrote:

When everything came together for the Apostles, people flocked to them, not because of their brilliant teaching, beautiful buildings, majestic tradition, or powerful liturgies. People came because they discerned in the Apostles a quality of life distinct from anything else they had ever known. The life of God seems to be irresistibly attractive. This is a festival of God leading us into understanding. All that we already know in a way that makes us completely different. At Pentecost we leave one life behind, and begin to enter a new one. May the Spirit open the door to that new life to you, and may you find yourself at home in it.

The Holy Spirit will liberate us from all that keeps us from engagement with God; a liberation that transforms dullness into a living flame of compassionate living.

Br. David Bryan Hoopes OHC, PRIOR

SAVE THE DATE

HOLY CROSS DAY QUIET DAY on Saturday, September 15 at St. John’s, West Toronto with speaker The Rev’d Louise Peters. Watch for details, coming soon.

Community Notes

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BROTHER CHARLES returned to Toronto in early April after a 6 week stay at the Order's Mt. Calvary Monastery in Santa Barbara, California. Charles was tutored by Br. Adam in The Rule of St. Benedict and early Christian monasticism. Our order has a covenant relationship with the Camaldolese Benedictines, and Charles visited New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, where our Br. Timothy now lives. On his way home he visited with the Anglican Franciscan community in San Francisco. Charles continues his general noviciate studies; he has asked to be considered by the Order's Council for First Profession. He and his siblings continue to support their mother in her home. And he has begun a period of "summer supply" work at two Toronto parishes.

BROTHER CHRISTIAN continues to be a beloved senior brother, faithful in keeping the Rule of the Order and a welcoming friend to our many guests.

BROTHER DAVID BRYAN hosted a meeting of the CAROA/NAECC Executive at the Priory in January. He and Reginald were at an OHC Council Meeting in New York January 23-25. David was a speaker on Prayer at the Trent-Durham Regional Day in Cobourg on March 3. He also did a Quiet Day for the parish of St. Michael and All Angels. David continues his pastoral work at St. Hilda's, St. Barnabas, and St. James Cathedral. He, Reginald, Scott, and Robert Magliula (OHC's Superior) attended the annual CAROA/NAECC Conference at St. John's Convent, April 16-20.

BROTHER LEONARD was in Ghana from January 18 until March 20. While in Ghana, he continued to work with a land surveyor and the Dean of St. Nicholas Seminary regarding transfer of the Order's farm in Kumasi to the Seminary. He also visited many parishes and received seven associates. Leonard also spent some time at St. Nicholas Seminary and learned from the librarian that Journals of Biblical Theology and Biblical Archaeology are badly needed. If you can help, please contact Leonard at the Priory or on his mobile phone (647-466-8241). The Bishop of Cape Coast has invited Leonard to be Canon Pastor in residence from November through April. The Superior and Toronto household have given consent.

BROTHER REGINALD continues to develop and expand his Spiritual Direction Ministry. He now has several directees that he communicates with by FaceTime, Zoom, etc. He continues as leader of the Interim Ministry team at St. James, Brampton. The Bishop has extended that assignment until September 30, 2018. He has become a member of the Reconfiguration Committee of the Diocese. The group assists parishes in crisis and transition. Their work also includes helping parishes configure or merge if that becomes necessary. He continues as a PSC coach and often trains new PSC coaches. He recently conducted the clergy Retreat for the Diocese of Huron. He continues as the coordinator of the Novice Directors of CAROA. He recently conducted several plenary sessions at the annual Diocesan Volunteer Conference of the Diocese.

BROTHER ADRIAN GILL spent nearly four months with us (mid-December-April) assisting with the ministry in the Priory. We are very grateful for his time with us and look forward to his being with us from November through April.



Season in Review



A Place of Welcome

Since 1984 the gracious Victorian house on High Park Avenue at Humberside has been home to the Brothers of the Order of the Holy Cross and to many guests who have come for rest, retreat, and reflection. Located two blocks north of High Park, the neighbourhood is a pleasant and safe place. It lends itself to leisurely walks. Guests are invited to join us for times of prayer, the Holy Eucharist, and meals; they are also encouraged to plan their time as is best suited for them.

Our guest facilities include a self-contained suite (bedroom, bed-sitting room with fireplace, study area, kitchenette, bathroom and private entrance) as well as two small bedrooms. In warmer times of the year the front porch and rear garden are popular areas for reading and relaxation.

Suggested donations for a stay at the priory are \$100 per day for the guest suite and \$75 per day for a small bedroom. Meals are included. This may be negotiated with the guestmaster. Please note that the brothers keep Monday as a rest day.



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CAROA/NAECC ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. JOHN'S CONVENT, APRIL 19 | WELCOME TO BR. DESMOND ALBAN SSF, MINISTER PROVINCIAL FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS FOR THE AMERICAS, (SECOND FROM LEFT) | BISHOP ANDISON, AREA BISHOP OF YORK CREDIT VALLEY, TORONTO DIOCESE, AND HER AREA TEAM HELD A PLANNING MEETING AT THE PRIORY MAY 3. (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) REGIONAL DEANS CLIMO, BLACKMORE, BRYANT; BISHOP ANDISON; ARLEANE RALPH, ADMIN ASST.; REGIONAL DEAN HOBSON OGS; ALI MCINTOSH, YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR | THE REVEREND ROBERT JAMES MAGLIULA OHC, SUPERIOR, VISITATION TO THE PRIORY, APRIL 22-28 | ASSOCIATES FATHER GREGOR SNEDDON (ST. MATTHEW 'S, OTTAWA) AND FATHER KEVIN FLYNN (ST. PAUL'S UNIVERSITY, OTTAWA).

Thank you

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gifts which we have received during the year. Please know that they are an important supplement for our maintenance of the Order's work in Canada. Thank you also for your prayers and expressions of affection and encouragement. These warm our hearts. Your prayer requests are offered at the daily Eucharist as well as in the private prayers of the brothers. God bless you.

Faithfully,

Br. David Bryan Hoopes OHC
for Brs. Christian, Leonard, Reginald and Charles

**Love must act
as light must shine
and fire must burn.**

- Fr. Huntington OHC

Worship Times

7:00am Matins

8:00am Eucharist

(8:00AM TUESDAY-FRIDAY

5:00PM SATURDAY)

**11:30am Diurnum
(Midday Prayer)**

5:00pm Vespers

7:30pm Compline

*** MONDAY IS THE BROTHERS' "GRACE DAY"
(DAY OF REST)**



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Holy Cross Priory is a monastery of the Order of the Holy Cross, a community founded in 1884 by The Reverend James Otis Sargent Huntington to provide a specifically North American expression of monasticism for Anglicans. The Order has had a ministry in Canada since the 1890s. The Priory was founded in 1973.

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