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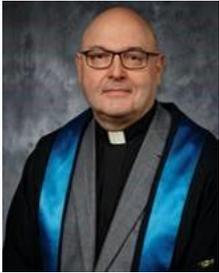
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Greetings from the Provost

The newsletter has lots of good information about the Fall 2020 Semester and important information regarding the course and program offerings for the Winter 2021 Semester. Please have a look and don't hesitate to contact us with questions or suggestions.

I wish to dedicate my part of the Newsletter this month as a personal tribute to Bishop Geoff Peddle.



The news of Bishop Geoff's death was a jolting shock to all on October 08. He and I had gone for breakfast and a meeting on October 07. We chatted about many things, some business, some matters of common interest, and some good-humored stories. We parted thanking each other for the time we spent together, and I was, as usual when I spent time with Geoff, enthused and hopeful for the Church and Queen's College.

Many friends and acquaintances have had comments on Bishop Geoff's life and ministry. They articulated it in different ways, many using examples from their experiences and observation of Bishop Geoff as one having the charism of a prophet in the 21st century: an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer; genuine articulation of what God calls us to in our time and place; and consistency between what is said and done. We know the initiatives of Bishop Geoff within the diocese, with the broader faith community of Newfoundland and Labrador, and in community-based collaborations and initiatives gives clear messaging of Geoff's heartfelt commitment to building the Kingdom of God. My tribute to Bishop Geoff's life and ministry brings to mind the inspired prayer – poem: Prophets of a Future Not Our Own.

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even
beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the
magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that
the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*

*This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold
future promise.*

*We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our
capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of
liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along
the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and
do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the
difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not
messiahs.*

*We are prophets of a future not our own.
(A tribute to the memory Archbishop Oscar Romero by
Fr. Ken Untener, 1979)*

Our condolences are expressed again below with others in the Our Sympathy section.

Blessings,
Rick

Lockdown of buildings: Our building, like many others on MUN campus and beyond, is under lockdown. Admission is for critical staff that is deemed to be those essential for academic and administrative continuity. Dr Rick and Dana are deemed essential for the Faculty of Theology. To make contact call the College at 709-753-0116 or email queens@mun.ca.

From the Chaplain... The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, in its recent newsletter has two articles from the director, Archdeacon Paul Feheley which caught my attention: 'I will pray for you...Really' (p.1) and 'Praying Through' (p.3). The articles are not long and certainly worth a read at www.anglicanprayer.org under 'Newsletter'.

Winter Semester 2021: Registration and current information maybe found at found at http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=406

We have some very interesting courses and opportunities. We draw particular attention to a course on Missional Ministry in Urban and Rural Contexts. This course will give special focus to COVID-19 response and recovery.

We are also offering a course that will be a good training opportunity for bereavement ministry. We are in discussions with our partners in offering the Pastoral and Palliative Care Volunteer Training Certificate Program in the winter 2020. We hope to offer this grief and bereavement training in a similar way for potential volunteers. Stay tuned.

Day of Awareness The second Day of Awareness for this semester took place October 4th on line with students from all parts of our province as well as 2 in Greece and 1 in Nigeria. Immediately following Morning Prayer led by the community, The Ven Jotie Noel introduced all to his topic of **Franciscan Spirituality Splash - Immersion into Action & Contemplation.** Archdeacon Jotie's first talk was ***The Joy of Responding when God asks "Whaddya At?"***. He worked on the premise that how we live reflects what we actually believe, let's look backwards to discover who we are. How we spend our time, talent and treasure reveals where our heart is. (Matthew 6: 19-21) This talk concluded with a time of individual quiet reflection and contemplation on either of the Questions to Ponder:

1. *In what ways do I check my ego tendencies to judge others?*
2. *In what ways do I cast aspersions or place distance between myself and the "other"?*
3. *How does my life address the Christian mandate to heal the wounds of injustice?*
4. *In what ways do I reach out in love to the 'lost' and marginalized?*
5. *What more can I do to serve as healer, peacemaker, and friend in Christ?*

In his second talk Archdeacon Jotie then spoke on **The Joy of Being a "Hangashore"** based on his premise that the tendency for the task-oriented Church, the faith community, is to see persons at prayer as doing nothing, or being unproductive, what we in Newfoundland use to refer to such people as being a hangashore. Danger signals arise when clergy, called to be persons of prayer, believe this as well. (Matthew 6:6). He concluded with additional Questions to Ponder:

1. *We pray as we are. How would I describe my relationship to prayer?*
2. *In what ways is my prayer life 'lean' / more habit than real intimacy with God?*
3. *How does prayer inspire and transform me?*
4. *What is my relationship with silence?*
5. *What experience do I have today of His presence within me?*
6. *How do I envision my mission as a servant leader?*

Following some sharing, reflections, questions and experiences the day concluded with Mid Day Prayer led by the community.

The next Day of Awareness is Friday, November 6th beginning with Morning Prayer at 9:00. Join us by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821>

Congratulations The Rev Diane Sacrey was



ordained a deacon on October 14th at St Martin's Cathedral, Gander; and the Rev Karen Loder was ordained a deacon on October 15th at St Paul's Church, Meadows.



Upcoming Ordinations Upcoming ordination to the sacred priesthood of the Rev Charlie Cox will take place at St Martin's Cathedral, Gander on October 28th and the Rev Eli Cross on November 4th at St Peter's Church, Catalina.

Ordination Anniversaries: Are you celebrating a diaconal, priesthood or episcopate anniversary (10, 20, 25, 30 etc). We have a number, however there are gaps. Contact the editor at jjcourage@mun.ca with your ordination dates for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Our Sympathy is expressed to Bp Martin Mate and family on the death of his brother Maxwell of Keswick, ON on October 3rd, the Rev Linda Cumby and her husband Barry on the death of his mother Olive Rowena Cumby on October 4th, the Rev. Gail Williams and her husband Sonny and family on the death of his father Wilson Hayward Williams of Rigolet on October 12th, to the Rev Emeline Coffin-Strickland on the death of her husband William (Bill) on October 13th and to the family of Ada Simms (MTS 2003) on October 15th.

The Rt Rev Dr Geoffrey Curtis Ralph Peddle (January 1, 1963 – October 8, 2020)



In thanksgiving for Bishop Geoff's life and with our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his wife Kathy, son Adam and daughter in-law Magdalena, precious granddaughter Josefina, and son Benjamin, and all members of his family, friends and fellow clerics through out province and elsewhere. Bishop Geoff was a graduate of Queen's College (1987) and served his entire ministry in the Diocese of ENL including as a lecturer and 5th Provost of the College (2013-2014). May he rest in peace and Rise in Glory!

Prayer Requests Those who have attended chapel at Queen's College will be familiar with a notebook on a table as people enter. The purpose of the notebook was for people to write in the first name of those for whom she or he would like to be upheld in our prayer time. We will continue the practice during the Wednesday Evening Prayer. To

have someone remembered in our prayer please send Father John the first name only to jjcourage@mun.ca

The Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (FCPO) is a multi-denominational group of serving and retired peace officers who strive to grow in their faith and share that faith with others in word and deed. The FCPO invites you to join them on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:30 PM at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist to hear Gerry Phelan, the Chaplain at Her Majesty's Penitentiary, share experiences from his ministry. The talk is entitled, "Diary of a Prison Chaplain: Stories of Hope from Inside and Outside the Walls."

To attend this event, please RSVP by sending an Email to: nl.fcpo@gmail.com. You must RSVP by November 11th. Be sure to include your full name and phone number for contact tracing.

On-line Chapel Worship: Monday @ 9:30 (Morning Prayer), Tuesdays @ 12:00 (Mid-Day Prayer followed by fellowship), Wednesdays @ 12:15 (Lectio Divina) and 3:00 (Evening Prayer) by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821> and on Thursday @ 1:00 (Contemplative Prayer) by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/387222525>. You are always welcome to join us.

The Queen's College Student Association ordered Stormtech jackets with the Queen's logo three years ago and have had requests to bring them in again. They will make great Christmas presents this year! These jackets are water resistant and suitable for temperatures from -10 to +10 degrees. They are Stormtech brand and of high quality. The Men's model comes in sizes Small - 5XL and a more fitted Women's style is available in Small - 2XL. The jackets come in Black or Navy and will have the Queen's College crest on the left chest and the words of your choice on the sleeve. Some choose to have their name in this location; others may choose 'Theology', or 'Queen's'. It's up to you!

Cost per jacket is \$125 plus HST (Total \$143.75) and must be prepaid. Orders will need to be received by October 28th. Please email Debbie Pantin (deborah.pantin@gmail.com) with your order and

to make arrangements for payment. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Queen's College Student Association'. Queen's College is willing to process payments by Visa or Mastercard but they will be subject to the bank surcharge of 2.5%. Likewise, if you request that your jacket be shipped to you, you will also be responsible for postage. For people in the greater St. John's area, arrangements will be made for pick up or delivery.

Here is a link to the Stormtech sizing chart for your information:

https://files.stormtechapi.com/drop/sizeChart/USA_SizeChart BX-2 BX-2W.gif

A bequest to Queen's College keeps on giving for years to come.

Please consider us in your estate planning.

Information on this can be obtained by contacting our planned giving consultant

Mr. Kevin Smith at kevinsmith709@gmail.com or by calling 709-739-5667

Also, some individuals and families contribute to the Appeal and to Queen's through In Memoriam, In lieu of flowers, and bequests on the death of a loved one.

