

THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CANADA

GUELPH / WATERLOO CONGREGATION

UPDATE

April 30, 1997

Following is our schedule for May:

- May 4 - **Easter V** - Father Braby will be the celebrant
- May 11 - **Sunday after the Ascension** - Father Logan will be the celebrant
- May 18 - **Pentecost (Whitsunday)** - Father Braby will be the celebrant
- May 25 - **Trinity** - Father Logan will be the celebrant

A couple of reminders:

- (1) All Services are in the chapel at the Grand River Hospital (K-W Health Centre) at 835 King St. W. in Kitchener.
- (2) Matins is said at 10:00 a.m. (The Litany on the first Sunday), and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

For your information, 11 individuals were present for the Holy Eucharist on April 6, 14 were present on April 13, 12 were present on April 20, and 8 were present on April 27.

As promised, another excerpt from **Anglican Services - A book concerning ritual and ceremonial in the Church of England** (Published in July of 1953):

The Sanctus Bell

186. The Sanctus bell, so called from its use at the *Sanctus*, is a small bell, properly a single one; the use of a compound instrument made up of several small bells is not intended, and a gong struck by a padded stick is actually forbidden; though in practice

both of these are common. The use of this bell is to indicate to worshippers certain important points in the course of Mass. It is therefore rung:

(1) Three times in quick succession as the priest begins the *Sanctus* (at sung Mass it is rung quickly so, and not coinciding with the singing of the threefold Holy by the choir).

(2) Three times at the elevation of the Host, and three times at the elevation of the chalice, in practice each time as the priest (a) genuflects, (b) elevates and (c) again genuflects.

(3) It is also customarily rung once just before the Consecration act starts, to call the attention of the people to this fact; a very convenient time is when the priest comes to the words *Hear us, O merciful Father*.

(4) Three times in quick succession as the priest begins to receive the Blessed Sacrament: this ringing serves a useful purpose in that it is nearly always taken as the signal for communicants to approach the altar.

187. It need hardly be emphasised that the Sanctus bell should be sounded gently, and not so as to disturb the devotions of the people. It is nevertheless to be regarded as a part of the ceremonial of the Mass, be it low, sung, or high: it is rung "before the Lord" and not for the information of the people only, and ought not to be omitted if there be only a small congregation present on the ground that it is not then a practical necessity.

Enclosed are the following:

- (1) a copy of the May 1997 **Diocesan Circular**
- (2) a copy of the Easter 1997 **Diocesan Link**
- (3) a brochure about the **Order of Saint Augustine** - a monastic order in the ACCC. Additional information maybe obtained from Br. Francis. (I do, however, have several copies of the Application, and Manual and Rule of Life for Associates which I will be pleased to forward to you.)

Several timely paragraphs from a pamphlet entitled **Apostolic Succession** by Father Gregory Rogers:

The Church is catholic when it maintains its identity as the Body of Christ in the eucharistic community - not by being ecumenical, but by maintaining faith, life, and truth in the eucharistic locale. It is apostolic when it maintains the Apostolic Faith and is a eucharistic community headed by a bishop in the apostolic succession - never one without the other. This is what those who penned the creed meant when they said, "I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church."

In the eyes of the Fathers, it is not enough simply to hold the Apostolic Faith, to be the Church, there has to be an organic, living connection to the Church that was founded by the Apostles.

Apostolic succession is seen as a living continuation of eucharistic communities, headed by bishops who were consecrated by bishops within the communion of apostolic churches.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for UPDATE, or require transportation, be sure to give Ted Bowles a call (in Guelph - (519) 824-8999), or me. Please join us at the Services as often as you can!

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