



This Month in the Diocese

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Feeding Bodies and Spirits

The Sydney Youth Group, hosted at Our Lady of Fatima parish, spent a recent morning at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Sydney. The girls, from Our Lady of Fatima Parish and St. Mary's East Bay, thoroughly enjoyed the day and are looking forward to devoting more time to helping their community.

From left: Emily Moore, Grace MacKinnon, Sasha MacDonald, Elly Gouthro, Emily Turner, Maddin Laffin, and Janelle Tierney. (Photo by Nick Vince)



Five Questions

With Yvette de Souza-Muise, who created our Anniversary 175 banners for unveiling on Pentecost Sunday. **See Pg 2.**



Parish Administrators Day

Our diocese celebrated our 175th anniversary and World Communications Day with an event for parish office staff and volunteers. **See Pg 4.**



Celebrating Diversity

On May 25, the parishes of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Sydney and St. Anne, Membertou hosted a conference on Mi'kmaq spirituality. **See Pg 3.**



Five questions: with Yvette de Souza-Muise of Antigonish on her faith, artistry and the creative process that led to the creation of our two 175th Anniversary banners, on display at St. Ninian Cathedral from Pentecost to our anniversary closing Sept. 15.

See photos: <http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/index.php/news-to-you/upcoming-events/134-diocese175>

1. What inspired your designs?

The word *Discipleship* is the theme of the anniversary celebrations. This set the wheels in motion in my imagination. For the first banner: In the beginning, ... God the Father, King of heaven and earth, so loved the world that He gave, through the Holy Spirit, His only begotten Son to us via Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and the Word of Our Faith and the Cross, through the clergy and laity, in Discipleship, shepherded by our beloved Bishop Brian Dunn in the Diocese of Antigonish. The second banner is my interpretation of the 175th Celebration diocesan logo which I saw as the blending of sky, land and sea binding the communities that make up our Diocese, with the Tree, in my gaze, depicting the Cross. ... "Were you there when they nailed Him to a tree?"

2. How do you transition from idea to these three-dimensional works of art?

Normally, I would make a sketch before beginning, but because I had the sketch already fixed in my mind's eye, I went straight to brown paper. I drew and cut out all the components of my design to get an idea of placement and overall appeal. Then I cut the fabrics. Shopping for the correct fabrics, ribbons, braids and accessories, boggled the mind....the selection had to be precise. The final job was to glue all the pieces to the background with craft glue. I am glad for the assistance of Cathy Walsh and student worker Siobhan MacLellan in this. The Dove was a challenge and I'm so glad I attempted the 3-D rendition of the feathered representation of the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Spirit's help I'm sure. I never attempt anything without invoking the help of the Holy Spirit.

3. Your work mirrors your deep faith. Where did your faith journey begin?

I am a granddaughter of my ancestral homeland Goa....a beneficiary of the missionary work of St. Thomas the Apostle who brought Christianity to Goa in 70A.D., and reinforced by St Francis Xavier in the 1500s. My parents, Aleixo and Laurie de Souza, fostered our Faith. My father had emigrated to East Africa where he and my mother brought us up, their five children, in the Catholic Faith. They taught us the meaning of the true love of God, our Faith, our Family, and our Community. My vocation as a teacher stems from this.

4. What are some other art forms that engage your creativity?

My creations venture into the realms of all art forms from painting, calligraphy, pottery, cake decorating, weaving, batik, origami, printmaking, cooking, photography, quilting, singing, dramatization, and whatever else there is to explore...including the two [hand written in calligraphic style and illustrated by myself] books I have written and publishedFaith based books as seen through the eyes of the Red Colobus Monkeys in Zanzibar, namely, "RABIZNAZ the Red Colobus Monkey and the Crystal Orb of Light in Zanzibar." and "RABIZNAZ the Red Colobus Monkey and the Jewel from Spain in Goa Dourado." My greatest pride was the founding and directing of St Ninian's Children's Choir for 42 years until 2014.

5. What does it feel like to see a banner you've created hanging for all to see?

It's a humbling, yet proudly uplifting experience because it affirms in my heart that perhaps I have achieved my goal, and that I have touched people's hearts through the message I am imparting.



Celebrating Diversity:

"Glooscap meets his mother while sitting by a fire.

The Eagle returns with a message from the Great Spirit asking Glooscap and his Grandmother to go to the spirit world. His Mother and nephew are left behind to keep the fire. Out of this fire flew 7 sparks which landed on the ground and became women and 7 more sparks landed on the ground becoming men. These women and men came together to form 7 families and these 7 families went off in 7 different directions.

The Mi'kmaq people were one of these families."



The Mi'kmaq Creation Story, told by Stephen Augustine and shared here by Debbie Aker, was among the living illustrations of Mi'kmaq culture at the Celebrating Our Diversity Spirituality Conference on May 25 hosted by the parishes of St.

Marguerite Bourgeoys, Sydney and St. Anne, Membertou. Debbie Aker, Catechetical Consultant for our diocese, was among those in attendance. For more photos, details and reflection on the day, see her post on Our Blog: www.antigonishdiocese.com

Parish Administrators Day : May 28



In honour of our diocesan 175th Anniversary and ahead of World Communications Day on June 2, the diocese hosted its first Parish Administrators Day at St. Francis Xavier University. The day was a gathering of gratitude, information sharing and community building for parish staff and volunteers who serve as front-line communicators and administrators of daily parish life. Bishop Dunn led Morning Prayer at the St. FX Chapel, leading a reflection on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, followed by a campus tour (including a visit to the Coady Institute), followed by a dialogue on parish-diocesan communications and best practice sessions on My Parish App, led by Allyson Langley of Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River and Carolena MacKinnon of St. Joseph's, Port Hawkesbury, and a session on parish bulletins. **Missed the conference?** To receive information from the day and to keep in touch for future gatherings, contact Communications Officer Jennifer Hatt, Jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca



Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

Our clergy embarking on new appointments for the coming year

Our clergy and families Including:

Fr. Paul Abbass, who continues with Immunotherapy

Fr. George MacInnis, who is dealing with health issues

Fr Fred Morley, who died June 3

Our graduates of the Lay Formation program

Who received their certificates from the Atlantic School of Theology on May 4

Candidates to the Permanent Diaconate

preparing for ordination Sept. 20

Our Youth preparing for Confirmation, including:

June 6: St. Columbia, Iona

June 7: Margaree Family of Parishes

June 8: St. Joseph, St. Joseph

June 11: Ste. Croix, Pomquet with Heatherton and St. Andrews

June 15: Holy Trinity, Waycobah

June 22: Stella Maris, Inverness

For weekly inspiration on Youth Ministry see Youth Ministry under Events:

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Bishop Brian Dunn, with other members of The Anglican Roman Catholic (ARC) Dialogue that meets twice year. The ARC Dialogue is sponsored by the Canadian Bishops and the Anglican Church of Canada to deal with issues that cause separation between our churches. The International ARC Dialogue has been happening since the 1970s and has produced many documents that show how much unity we now share. The most recent document from the International Dialogue, *Walking Together on the Way*, provides the topic for our Canadian Dialogue. For a copy of the document: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/angl-comm-docs/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_20180521_walking-together-ontheway_en.pdf

General Assembly of Priests, June 3-5, 2019, Dundee Resort



The annual General Assembly is a time of reflection, sharing and dialogue for priests of our diocese. Keynote speaker this year was Anne Walsh, of the CCCB National Advisory Commission on Adult Catechesis.

Items of Note:

LIFE AND FAMILY



National Week for Life and the Family was celebrated May 19-24, but the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) continues to offer monthly prayers to inspire homilies and Universal Prayers as well as group and personal prayer. See What's New: www.cccb.ca



**L'Arche Atlantic
Aug. 5-9, 2019
St. Francis Xavier
University**

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of L'Arche in Canada and honouring the legacy of Jean Vanier with a week of conversations and presentations on community, inclusion and disability. Open to leaders and scholars in the disability field, people with disabilities, caregivers, educators, family members, and those passionate about building inclusive communities.

**Registration deadline
July 26, 2019**

For details and to register:
www.CelebrateTheGift.ca