

the little servants of Christ The King prayer community
Sudbury, Ontario

. . . . proclaiming the power of the Holy Spirit and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

June 2017

Celebrating



Our Mission Statement: *"If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways into Christ, who is the head by whom the whole body is fitted and joined together, every joint adding its own strength, for each separate part to work according to its function. So the body grows until it has built itself up, in love."* - Ephesians 4:15-16

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Hello and Welcome! We are the little servants of Christ The King prayer community, a community coming together every Thursday evening in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church to celebrate in joy and faith God's great mercy.

In The Holy Bible there are more than 400 direct and indirect scripture references to God's mercy.

In 2 Corinthians 1:3, St. Paul refers to God as "a gentle Father and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows".

It is the Spirit of the Living God who descends upon this prayer community. It is the Spirit of God who heals and brings into fruition healing of the person in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Acts 9:17, it says, "Ananias went and entered the house; laying his hands

on him, he said, "Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit".

God awaits you here on the top of His mountain each and every week that you may have "life abundantly".

In John 10:10, as the Good Shepherd Jesus says - "I came so that they might have life more abundantly". We invite you to

participate with us each week as we join together as one body in Christ to give praise and worship to God.

We are a team of ministries each one uniquely formed by the Holy Spirit in Service of God to assist each one of you in your own unique journey towards the "Abundant Life".

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Through the Heart of
Mother Mary Immaculate,
Diana Frappier



DVD Library

In the book store you will find a number of DVD's with good Catholic teachings available for you to view in the comfort of your own home for just a "toonie". Our list includes: the Ten Comandments (50th Anniversary Collection), The Bible Stories Esther (by F. Murray Abraham), No Turning Back (Father Calloway), One Night with the King (20th Century Fox), Tell All Souls About My Mercy (Mother of Mercy MOMM Messengers) and many more. Come and see.....take one home for the week, watch it and come back for another. Enjoy!!!



Submitted by: Nicole Madore



In May 2017, the little servants of Christ the King prayer community celebrated our forty-fifth anniversary. Who are we? We are a group of committed Catholics from across the Sudbury region, who surrenders fully to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. We know the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith and we actively promote Exposition and Adoration. We honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus and have placed our prayer Community under her protection as Mother of Perpetual Help. We are loyal to our local Bishop and to the Magisterium of the Church. We give God permission to use us as He wants, and continually seek His Will and follow it to the best of our ability. We spend time both in private, personal daily prayer and in group prayer spontaneously praying together in praise and thanksgiving. We are a community who recognizes each person's uniqueness and giftedness, sharing experiences, trials and joys. We reach out to the wider community in active service to God's people.

In May of 1972, a group of people began to meet regularly for shared prayer, firstly in a private home, then in the library at the Sudbury General Hospital. It was not long after that this small group began to meet weekly in the basement hall at Christ the King Church. Thus began the prayer community of Christ the King. It was God's choice to visit us with a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and His Gifts. In spite of our own personal shortcomings, the Lord used us to usher forth a move of His Spirit through the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church in this region. Many people who reflect on this renewal see it as a providential answer to Pope John XXIII's prayer at the beginning of the second Vatican Council for a new Pentecost. "Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that being of one mind, and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of Our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen." (*prayer of Pope John XXIII to the Holy Spirit from the Documents of Vatican II, 1962, pp709 and 793*)

We have been blessed with gifted spiritual directors who have built the prayer group on a strong foundation of prayer, both personal and communal; the Sacraments; the Lord's Word and the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church. In June 1981, Msgr. Raymond Farrell came to Sudbury as pastor of Christ the King Parish then was moved to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Under the direction of Bishop Plouffe the prayer community moved to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (later named Our Lady of Hope), as our spiritual home. After much prayer and reflection, the Perpetual Adoration Chapel opened twenty-four hours a day seven days a week, and remains to this day as a powerful place of worship where hundreds of people each week come into the Presence of Our Lord for His peace, joy and love. The thanksgiving box is full of notes of thanksgiving each month for prayer requests answered. Since its inception, the prayer community has administered this special chapel, and on November 1, 2017, we will be celebrating twenty-seven years of continual adoration of the Lord in the Perpetual Adoration chapel. It is truly holy ground, and a remarkable witness to the people of the Sudbury area.

Following are some of our activities over these past forty-five years. We have facilitated The Life in the Spirit Seminars and the Growth in The Spirit Seminars over ninety times. These courses are used as the foundation for developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Many thousands have taken these seminars, which are very, very powerful. We have been blessed with wonderful guest speakers who have preached numerous weekend retreats, seminars, days of reflection and special teaching courses. The highlight of our many guest speakers was Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, who accepted our invitation to join us on October 14th, 2009 honoring our priests during the Year for Priests. It was a joyous and wonderful celebration!

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Cardinal O'Malley was celebrant and homilist for the Mass and keynote speaker at the banquet, which followed. Over eighty-five priests and five hundred and fifty people from across our diocese were present for this wonderful celebration, who gathered to pray, to reflect, to thank and to honour our priests of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Other guest speakers have come from as far away as India and nearly every state in the United States as well as many provinces in Canada.

Over these years, we have sponsored a Lenten Mission each Saturday morning for five weeks during Lent. Twice a year, a special Mass for all those living with cancer and other terminal illnesses, their caregivers and family members is celebrated. Bishop Jean Louis Plouffe, and now our new Bishop Marcel Damphousse is the main celebrant and homilist for this event. During November of 2016's Year of Mercy, a twenty-four hour "I Am Mercy" Retreat was celebrated led by Bishop Marcel and four priests of the Diocese. On October 13-14th of this year, another twenty-four hour retreat honouring Mary, Our Blessed Mother is being planned.

Each week before the prayer meeting begins, a DVD teaching series is shown on the large screen at Our Lady of Hope Church. All are invited to view these award-winning teaching series, which help us grow in our faith. Everyone is most welcome to attend and participate in all our activities.

Father Patrick O'Kenya, sma, has been our Spiritual Director for the past five years since Msgr. Farrell's illness and ultimate death.

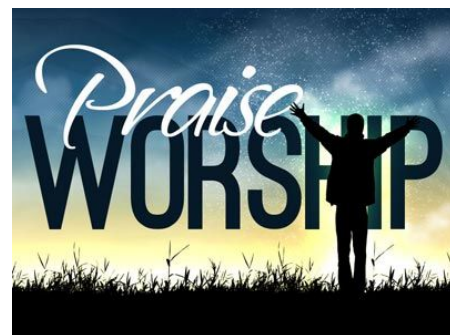
Our prayer meetings are held each Thursday evening year round, for prayer, praise and song honoring God our Father, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ under the inspiration of The Holy Spirit. The evening begins with praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, then the Rosary, a period of song and praise, followed by the Celebration of the Eucharist. At the conclusion of Mass, all who wish may be prayed with for their individual intentions.

The Sacrament of the Sick is administered on the last Thursday of every month by the priests of the prayer community. Many, many hundreds of people have been involved with the prayer community over the years, and many have remained to serve those the Lord sends to us. Within the prayer community, we have many active ministries doing God's work. We are blessed with several gifted teachers and speakers who willingly give their time and expertise to serving God's people. It is because of their commitment and dedicated service to the Lord and His people that we continue to be the 'beacon on the hill' that He is calling us to be.

For all who read this, we pray that you will invite the Lord Jesus to enter into your heart in a special way, to renew you and strengthen you, that you will grow deeply in love with Him, so that you will seek and follow the Will of God our Father.

Evangelization is the main goal of the little servants of Christ the King prayer community. Our Pope Francis summed up the three objectives of evangelization to which we are committed: firstly – to proclaim the Gospel to all people; secondly – to help bring about recommitment to those who already received the gospel but live it only nominally; and thirdly – to deepen the gospel in the lives of believers, so that we all can "Hand on The Faith" to coming generations. Praise be to God!

Respectfully submitted by,
Terrence J. Shannon,
for the little servants of Christ
the King prayer community,
Sudbury, Ontario.



Greetings to you. This article will become a special feature in each newsletter. The Intercessors of Love Ministry will be reaching you each month instead of just a few times throughout the year.

There is so much happening in the world around us that all of us need to be informed. Besides special events that occur throughout the year, there are many things happening at our prayer community every week, which we feel is important for you to be aware of.

The reason why we called this ministry **"Intercessors of Love"** which we all belong to, is that the Lord wants all of us to grow into this type of ministry. It is not an easy task especially when we do not see each other as often as we would like. How can we get to know you if we do not see you very often? We hope to get you involved so we come to know you in a special way by your participation in our prayer community more often than the present.

The Lord has told us over the last while that we are to be a "beacon" on the hilltop, a special place where people will come and know that they are loved.

The Lord also told us that this is the time to prepare for what is coming, and surely it is coming, "this is the time of preparation."

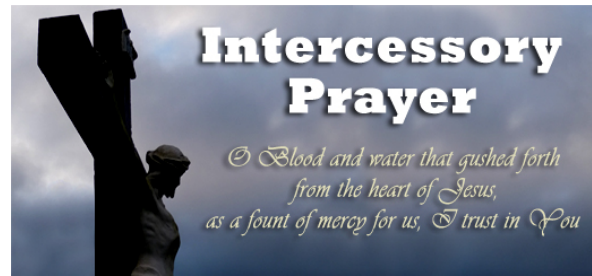
This is one of the reasons we are changing when we write to you. We must be informed. We must grow in a deeper relationship with the Lord, if we want to be prepared. We must grow in this love He has for us. We cannot do it all by ourselves, we need community. We need each other to help us to grow, we all need to experience the profound love He has for us by attending our prayer community meetings more often than we do at present.

We need your participation for all of us to grow. We cannot be "lone rangers." It does not work. We all need support. We all need to be prayed with. We need Jesus to whisper in our ear and our heart how much He loves us. The Lord wants our heart. Come and give it to Him in a new and very special way.

The Lord went on to say: *"I tell you that the world you live in today is very much in need of My graces. The world you live in today is very much in need of My healing. The world you live in today is very much in need of My mercy, My forgiveness and all the gifts I want to bestow upon My people to make them live a fruitful life."*

Listen to these words from the Lord. Reread the last paragraph. Take it into your heart. Ponder.

We will write to you again next month on how the evil one is sneakily affecting us daily. Pray each day. God bless.



IN MEMORIAM

We remember and pray for these members of our community who have gone home to the Lord.

Rose Chesser - June 25, 1977
 Isabel Goetz - June 20, 1980
 Father Robert Moore - June 1, 1991
 Emily Rogue - June 24, 1995
 Frank Kolosky - June 18, 1996
 Linda Ethier - June 21, 1998
 Father John Kaptein - June 3, 2001
 Lillian Coutu - June 16, 2001
 Zana Cruickshank Yawney- June 10, 2006
 Jerry Nadeau - June 25, 2009
 Alfred Ricciuto - June 10, 2011
 Lionel Joseph Laframboise - June 10, 2011
 Anita Mazerolle - June 11, 2011
 Jeannine Martel - June 16, 2011
 Fernand Forget – June 10, 2014
 Donna Lafleur – June 13, 2014
 Alice Lorraine Bolduc - June 23, 2014
 Flora Cransyon - June 9, 2015
 Lucille Levesque - June 27, 2015
 Anne MacDonald – June 23, 2016
 Elsie Castellán – June 24, 2016
 Ann Choquette – June 25, 2016
 Rejean Belanger – June 26, 2016

**Eternal rest grant unto them,
 O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
 departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
 peace. Amen**



This ministry began in January of 1995. When people are prayed with at our Thursday night prayer meetings and they 'rest in The Spirit', the people of the Compassion Ministry pray for them while they are 'resting'. They do not 'touch' unless needed to do so.

A person is invited into this ministry after they have made the 'Life in the Spirit' seminars and follow up with the 'Growth in the Spirit' seminars when it becomes available. This group meets five or six times a year, separate from the prayer

group meeting. The head of this ministry along with eight minor heads meet beforehand to see what the Lord wants in regards to preparation, teaching and training. All members of this ministry are invited to attend a half-day of prayer, praise and specialized learning. The group is made up of 'kneelers' and 'catchers'. The 'kneelers' pray near the people who are 'resting in the Spirit' and the 'catchers' are the ones who do what the word means – gently catch those who begin to rest in the Spirit.

They also provide compassionate care and concern for those who are ill or those who are recently bereaved by their presence at the funeral home and the funeral Mass.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lalonde



[Our Facebook Page](#)



To learn about Prayer Group upcoming events and more, we invite you to visit the little servants of Christ The King prayer group Facebook page and "Like" and/or "Follow" it. If you are already on Facebook you simply have to log into your account and begin typing little servants of Christ The King prayer group in the search box. Most likely you will see the name in the autocomplete menu and you can then use your mouse or arrow keys to chose the page. If you're not on Facebook, you must first go to www.facebook.com and fill in the

required fields on the sign-up screen to create an account. Once you have an account set up, you sign into your account and then search for the page as described above.

The little servants of Christ The King prayer group Facebook page is a work in progress and we're very excited to see where the Lord will take us with it.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marinella & Robert Leblanc

Heart To Heart Intercession



Meet the Group that has been faithfully praying the WORD over you.

Our intercession is for all those who attend our prayer meetings now, all those who have attended in the past and all those the Lord will be calling in the future, for all your families and loved ones who are suffering and in need of the Lord's healing touch. This means that each and everyone of you has been on our prayer list one day a week for the last 19 years.

For the Pope, our Bishop Marcel, our Spiritual Director Fr. Pat, for all the priests who minister to us on our Thursday night prayer meetings, for our very special missionary Fr. Jeffrey Shannon and all the priests around the world, for our Prayer Group Leader Terry, and all who are in authority over us, we have been blessing them with the scripture from Isaiah 11:2 On them the spirit of Yahweh rests, the spirit of wisdom and insight, the spirit of counsel and power, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

We have also prayed the Holy Spirit to fill everyone with all that He is, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

Why do we believe that praying the Word over you is powerful and has touched each and every one of you? It is because in Isaiah 55:11 the Lord says: "The Word does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and **succeeding in what it was sent to do**".

Receive the Word of God and enjoy your growth.

At a later date we will give you more details about our intercession meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Fernande Richard
Marinella Pegoraro



GOOD NEWS!!

Father Jeffrey is coming!

God willing, Father Jeffrey Shannon will be in Sudbury sometime in August. He will join us and share some of his experiences in the Philippines where he serves as a member of the Missionaries of Mary of the Poor order.

Our contributions help with their feeding programme for the children. There is a container on the petition table near the back of the Church and all donations are greatly appreciated.

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat"

Respectfully submitted by:
Marlynn McBain

THE BISHOP PLOUFFE CHAPEL OF PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



I would like to share with you the history of the Chapel of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The Chapel came about with the help of many people in the early 1990's. Two members of the little servants of Christ the King prayer community, Mrs. Annette Ladouceur and Sister Marie Lariviere approached Father Raymond Farrell about starting perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, (Our Lady of Hope Church). After much prayer by the members of the service group, it was discerned that the Lord wanted this to happen. Father Farrell then spoke to Bishop Plouffe about this proposal, and Bishop Plouffe gave his consent. He then approached the Parish Council who also agreed and stated that when the church was first designed, Father Brennan had envisioned a chapel in that very spot which was included in the original plans.

Due to the fact that the chapel was open seven days a week and twenty-four hours a day, Mr. Larry Arsenault and the chapel team of 7 dedicated captains (one from each city area) worked to ensure that all 168 hours per week were covered. After some time Mrs. Marie Cook and the chapel coordinating team took over scheduling chapel hours. Later on it was handed over to Inez Germain, a member of Our Lady of Hope Parish and a long time member of the prayer community. My name is Linda Giusto and in May 2014 I answered the Lord's call and

followed in their footsteps to continue in this Ministry. I am a member of the prayer community and also a member of Our Lady of Hope Parish.

On November 1, 2015 Bishop Plouffe celebrated Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The chapel was then dedicated and became known as the Bishop Plouffe's Perpetual Eucharistic Chapel.

We are so blessed to have this Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in our Diocese.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Giusto



The Prayer Warriors



We are starting a new ministry in our prayer community called: **"The Prayer Warriors"**.

If you follow the news, you can see that there is a great deal going on in the world that is evil and we can see that in many ways the devil is having his way. In order for good to triumph over evil, for love to triumph over hate, we have sensed for some time that success comes only through prayer.

In this ministry we will always pray for these three intentions:

1. Bishop Marcel Damphousse
2. The prayer community to continue to follow the Lord's will
3. the intentions of the Prayer Warriors

I will keep you updated.
Debra Poulin



ATTENTION ALL EXISTING AND NEW MEMBERS

In order to stay connected with you so we can inform you of new updates and upcoming activities at the Prayer Community, we ask that you provide us with any changes pertaining to your existing personal information we have on file for you. You may recall that a **"Member's Information Sheet"** was completed when you first attended a meeting.

If you now have an e-mail address that you would like us to use or a change of address or phone number, please let us know. We want to keep the confidential records up to date at all times.

As you know, a name tag is then prepared from this information sheet. Everyone needs to wear a name tag during the meeting. Please let us know if you still need a name tag.

If you are attending the Prayer Group for the first time, there will be someone at a separate table near the entrance to assist you with this when you join us.

Currently we have over 500 members registered with our Prayer Community. There are also many registered that are from out of town that have stayed in touch with us over the years and have attended many of our special activities.

Please write to us or send us an e-mail. Our **mailing and e-mail addresses are listed in the newsletter** on a separate information sheet on how you can connect with us.

Hope to see you soon.

Submitted by:
Adele Donnelly

the little servants of Christ The King prayer community
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 in the Newsletter for instructions.**



**Using an Internet Browser,
 Type the following in the Search line:**

You Tube the little servants of Christ the King Prayer Group

(You will see approximately 18 videos of Father Patrick's Homilies)

<<< STAY CONNECTED WITH US. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. >>>

Editor's note: As you read, pray about, and reflect on the words spoken to us through the Prophetic Ministry, what is the Lord saying to you personally? Space for your response follows each prophecy.

May 18

My beloved ones, I come to you with peace. I come to you with My love. I come to you with My Spirit, to reanoint you so that you will have a new Pentecost just as the Apostles did in the upper room.

I will give you the gift of boldness, that you will be able to proclaim My Word to all those who are willing to listen and who are hungering for My Word, for my truth, for My love, My forgiveness and My mercy.

Far too many people believe that their sins cannot be forgiven. I am a merciful God, a loving God, a compassionate God. I do not judge you. I desire to give you mercy and I want you to take that mercy to your brothers and sisters, to all those who are willing to listen to you. Tell them how much I love them. Tell them I desire to give them My peace, not the peace that the world gives, but My peace, My heavenly peace. And I want to give them strength. I want them to have courage and I want them to be able to seek the truth, the truth that abides in me.

My beloved ones, be not afraid. I have brought you My Spirit just as I did at Pentecost. Be not afraid, but be bold as I ask you to be bold. My Spirit will give you that gift. I love you, My beloved ones. I love you with an everlasting love. I will never, never abandon you. I am love.

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May 25

My beloved ones, I love you so so much, yet many of you are still afraid of Me. You're still afraid that I may punish you or reject you. I love you, I love you with an everlasting love. I do not shout at you, but I call you gently, lovingly, constantly. I beg you to come to Me so that I can comfort you, so I can caress you. Oh if you'd only know how much I love each one of you. If only you would know how much time I spend looking at you, looking at you with love, even as you are sleeping, when you are not even aware of anything, I am there looking at you, looking at your peacefulness and I desire to give that very peace that you enjoy while you are sleeping because I'm a God of peace, I'm a God of love, a God of mercy, of forgiveness.

Come to Me with your burdens. Come to Me, I will refresh you, I will strengthen you, I will hold you and caress you. Come My beloved ones, I am a loving God. I do not judge you, I do not condemn you. I call you to holiness. I call you to come to Me, freely, happily, so that I can embrace you with all My love, with all My joy. I desire that you spend eternity with Me. Do you understand that? I want you to be with Me for all eternity because I love you with an everlasting love. My love is not conditional. My love is unconditional. I will always love you, even to the end of time because I am love. I am your Saviour. I died for you so that you may have life, and have it in abundance. Oh how I love you.

We too love You Lord, and we give You our heart every day. We thank You for the graces that You touch each one of us with. We thank You for all that you do for each and every one of us, and help us to grow in that appreciation of that love. Help us to fathom that love in a new and profound way, for we do love you also Lord, unconditionally as You love us. (song 'I Love You Lord')

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**Where could you be if
you had more
of ME in your
life....**

Where could you be, if you had more of ME in your life.....

Come and find out! I challenge and invite you to come and experience this life changing personal encounter with Jesus.

For our members who have been away for awhile, I send you a personal invitation to return. We miss you! Life has many difficulties and we can not do it alone. We have so much to be grateful for. Put aside a few hours and come to the Prayer Meeting to give Glory to God in thanksgiving for all our blessings. It is such an uplifting experience when you attend. Put your worries and concerns aside and make this a special alone time, just for You and Jesus. Our Lord is waiting for you. He calls and knocks at the door of your heart. Listen! He will never disappoint you. There is nothing to fear.

Take this step whether it's your first or if you are contemplating to return. No one will judge you. In fact, we have a new welcoming system in place. Come and see for yourself.

Why do we gather at the Prayer Meeting week after week? What draws us there? Who or what are we searching for?

Life around us is changing quickly so we need more then ever to be connected in community and with our Lord. You need to make a decision!

**It's a time of refreshment and peace from our day to day activities.
The Lord is there waiting for you.**

COME

**Respectfully submitted by:
Adele Donnelly**



FROM THE DESK OF THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

SOME THINGS ARE TOO ATTRACTIVE TO BE TURNED DOWN

Some things are certainly too good to be turned down. This is especially true when it's a preference or choice like a delicacy or favourite dessert. I always find it hard to say no to "Goat pepper-soup", cheese cake, lemon pie or blueberry pie: These, unquestionably are too good for me to turn down.

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, I have this to tell you: **The Holy Spirit is a Gift that is too attractive to be turned down.** On the day of Pentecost, the disciples didn't have time to say "NO" to the descent of the Holy Spirit on them. He descended on them like a "Special" or "Timely" meal that meets us at the very climax of our hunger or starvation. He came on them like a "delicacy" or the "dessert" that appears on the Eating table: **Too Attractive to Be Turned Down!**

Don't forget that the disciples were always meeting in hiding. They met in Upper-rooms, basements and homes. They were really hungry for the "Open". They were starving for courage and power. **Thank God, some things are too attractive to be turned down!**

No business venture, investment or event has yielded fruits or dividends like the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, about three thousand were added to the numbers of the disciples. And today, we have more than 2 billion baptised Christians in the world.

When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they received Courage and Power:

- The Courage and Power to **Stand-Out**
- The Courage and Power to **Face Oppositions**
- The Courage and Power to **Witness**
- The Courage and Power to **Perform Miracles**
- The Courage and Power to **Love**
- The Courage and Power to **Lead**
- The Courage and Power to **Live**

In our contemporary world where all the rulers and rules are working against our faith we undoubtedly need this courage and power; we need a new Pentecost. We need a new baptism of the Spirit. One will be at a loss and will forever regret turning down such a **"Special Gift"**. **Resist not therefore the Spirit of God, for it is too necessary and attractive to be turned down!**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 - Anne Hubert
 4 - Irene Goode
 5 - Bernie Morris
 Jean Murphy
 7 - Tina Oliveira
 Dot Klein
 9 - Laurette Michel
 10 - Norm Décosse
 Elide Pen
 Emily Rancourt
 11 - Emile Vautour
 12 - Barry MacLeod
 13 - Rachel Cardinal
 Hortense Labine
 Joan Watier

16 - Colleen Huskinson
 17 - Ann Dallevedove
 Aline Prévost
 21 - Kim Monaghan
 22 - Inez Germain
 24 - Patricia Godfrey
 25 - Lorraine Davidson
 June Massicotte
 26 - Jenny MacDonald
 28 - Jeannine Desormeaux
 Madeleine Lamore
 30 - Dorine Brown

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts and
your ways are not my ways, declares Yahweh.**
(Isaiah, 55:8)

Our journey to Canada and in Canada – a summary of 5 years

When Tibor had lost his job in Hungary, we had no idea what kind of journey had started. After a year of searching for a job there, an offer came from his former company that opened the door to work either in Australia, New Zealand or in Canada. Canada was the closest among the options, so we chose that one. The offer contained 2 options: Mississauga or Sudbury. Everybody looked shocked when we opted for Sudbury, even the interviewers for his job from here expressed their doubts about this choice. However, after some bureaucratic hoops and two delayed flights – because the visa had not been processed in time, he arrived here January 27th, 2012 and I followed him December 12th, 2012. Being separated from each other for so long was not easy, but we made it.

Our first steps led us to Our Lady of Hope Church and among the first welcoming faces we get to know was Magda Arsenault, who was born in Hungary, about 30 km. from where we were born. Even the name of the church made us hopeful and it became the only place where we could feel at home. Spending some time in the church and around the church, we noticed that Thursday nights the parking lot is pretty full and that made me curious. I wished to know what was going on, especially because we were longing for a community where we could belong but we could not find any at that time. It was shocking enough that there are no weekday masses where people holding a job can regularly attend and we also figured that there is no mass offered every day of the week. We used to go to church and to Mass every day – before or after work and we realized we had not appreciated enough how blessed and spoiled we were. We used to live in a town the same size as Sudbury and in our historical downtown we literally had a Catholic Church on every corner, offering masses every day, early in the morning or late in the afternoon – at

different times, covering all the needs. We were actively participating in 2 prayer groups and we were suddenly without all that in a foreign country.

Going to Mass was not easy on us. Trying to pray and praise the Lord in a language that we don't fully understand...well, let's put it this way: it was a challenge. So we needed some courage to enter the door on Thursday night and discover what is going on there. That was almost 4 years ago and I still remember what Father Patrick was preaching about, not only because he referred exactly the same talk 2 more times since, but because at that time I could not understand the language so well that I could understand with my brain what he was talking about. Plus, Father Pat's accent was so foreign to me and that compromised even more my ability to understand, comprehend and process what he said. His words about the yoke went right to my heart, challenged my mind but none of this could have happened without the Lord and without the Holy Spirit. I went back to our rental that night and told my husband that I attended a Mass and that was a miracle as simple as it always should be. I told him, he has to come with me next time, because this is HOME. Being honest with you, I was not delighted to get to know that this prayer group is a charismatic prayer group. We had some negative experiences and not nice memories of several burdens made by humans who misunderstood the message in the past. On the other hand, Father Patrick and the atmosphere at the church were convincing enough to give it a try and go back the next Thursday. This is how our story with the prayer group began.

We learned about the Chapel and the Chapel was calling us by name. We think, without that we would have already run away.

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We got to learn how the prayer group works and how the foundation is really the Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Our Holy Mother, the Chapel, the Sacraments and seeking the Lord's will in all things. This experience could not be compared to anything else that we knew before. We talked about this a lot, because our ways were always crossed somehow by charismatic groups and we knew we have something to do with them, because this is happening all the time and all over again. We just have no idea what the Lord wants us to learn from those experiences. Now, the picture seems to be clearer though we are still seeing through a cloudy glass. We are glad that we are here, we are glad that the Lord led us here. We still have no idea what is He inviting us to do here. We have no doubt that this prayer group is the reason why we ended up crossing the ocean and coming to Sudbury. However, our staying here was put to the test in so many ways.

We were here on working visas and we had to spend 3 years in the country before we could apply for permanent residency. By the time we were eligible for the permanent residency, the law had changed, so we had to start the paperwork from scratch. There is a lot to prepare for permanent residency application, we knew it would be a long process and we wanted to give enough time to succeed with it, so after accomplishing the 3-year requirement we started to get the ball rolling. That time we did not know that this process would take a little bit longer than 2 years all together. Partially, because there were some other changes implemented in the process and partially because the conditions were more extreme than they looked at first sight. The first year we had not been too worried, it was viewed more as an unnecessary and extra burden, which is long, complicated but manageable. Last year in March we were anxious about doing our language exams and that was the time when we asked for prayers from the prayer group. That happened in a funny way and not on purpose though. Before the Holy Week of Easter, there was the Mass of the Chrism in the diocese

and the Bishop cancelled every other Mass. The prayer group decided to gather and pray for its members that day and Terry specifically invited us to be prayed with for our dream: to ask the Lord for having children. We had to tell him that we wouldn't be able to attend, because the next day we had the language exams in Toronto for our permanent residency application. We have not been prayed with since for that original intention, but we believe the Lord has different ways to gather His people to pray for the right thing. After a month, we got the tests results, we did pass and we thought the biggest obstacle to becoming permanent residents was out of the way. Do you know what happened? We were wrong and the real obstacles had just started to show up. Not making you bored with all the details, I can tell you that the process had more traps than we could imagine and according to human calculation we had no chance, no solution. We were in despair, we tried to pray and seek the Lord's will but we got overwhelmed and discouraged. We could not concentrate and we started to lose hope on staying here.

I am not saying that going back to Hungary is a bad option and we still don't know how long our journey will keep us here. It just has not felt right, despite the fact that our family, our roots, our friends are there hoping for us going back at one point. It has not felt right, despite the fact that our prayer groups overseas are still counting on us and keeping us involved with everything that they are doing, organizing, etc. Every week we get their itinerary for the week, they send us the prayer schedule and we participate in the chain of prayers as well. You can see, going home is not a bad option, however, it still feels premature or bad timing for us.

We did not know what to do at that time and we could share our thoughts and feelings with some members of the prayer group in May and the miracle happened. You might think that the miracle was that we got the paperwork done and accepted. We think that might be part of the package, but the miracle was the joint effort that we experienced

and we started to live through this intention. The miracle was that people hugged us, encouraged us and we got to know how much this community takes care of its members. The miracle was that we felt welcomed, needed and loved. We are not necessarily part of each other's every day life, but we got to be part of the living body of Christ and we could feel that every single cell counts in this body of His. By the time June arrived our case looked worse than ever and we felt peace like never before. The despair was gone, we could also pray for this intention in a way that we wished to seek for God's will, whatever it might be and accept it. Sometimes we considered giving up this fight, not because we did not believe that it is possible, but sometimes it is hard to figure why you experience so much resistance. You have it because it is not the right direction, or you have it because where something good is happening the other side gets stronger to destroy it? When we had the temptation to give up this process, the next day we got news that the people who live in our house back in Hungary sold their apartment and they have nowhere else to go. We got the message and so we persisted.

From June on we felt blessed, safe and okay, even though sometimes it was not only mentally but physically challenging to follow and fulfill the requirements of the paperwork, or brainstorming about alternatives to find solutions to specific problems. We could file our application at the end of November with the help of your prayers and with the Lord's blessing.

Our status expired the last day of December and we had no word on the decision and our lawyer was very sceptical all the way along. From January on we had no real status, no health insurance in Canada, but we could legally stay and work as long as we don't leave the country. We expected an answer from the government in 6-11 months after filing the application and not having health care was not too comforting in the meantime. I did slide once in early January in the middle of a street crossing and fell. While being stretched on the road the only

thing that I could pray for was, please Lord don't let me be hit by a car, I don't have health insurance.

Do you know what happened at the end? We got accepted as permanent residents in record time: 3 and a half months. The lawyer still doesn't understand it. Do you understand? You do, because you were the ones making the miracle happen. You were the ones who did care every single day and kept our intentions not only in your heart but asking the Lord to help us with it. I don't know and I don't want to know where we would be without you, but this love, care and help that we have been experiencing leave us speechless. When we came and announced that we were granted the permanent residency, the joy of yours was incredible. We cannot say thank you enough, thank you and praise the Lord for this prayer group, for you, for you letting your heart be opened up to Him, and shaped by Him. God bless you and please continue to have such a close relationship with our Creator for His glory. He is our strength; please continue to add our portion to His work. Thank you.

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