

# Christ Church Cathedral



## Annual Reports 2010



Dear Friends

After only 8 weeks it might seem a little strange to be writing anything at all for a 2010 report. There is nothing to say about the past year – except my gratitude for the generous way you invited both Jonathan and me for interview in August. The search committee took extraordinarily good care of us both as we tried to discern God's will in this process. Thanks particularly to Robert King, the chair of the committee, and to Diana Bouchard and Elizabeth Robertson, the wardens, on whose shoulders so much rested.

Far away in time from those gloriously sunny Montreal August days and far away in space from the familiar wet and grey London weather, and now surrounded by snow on snow (a phrase I have sung every Christmas without really understanding what 'snow has fallen snow on snow' would look like) I am constantly thanking God for the gift of being called, enabled and welcomed to serve you in this Cathedral and in this diocese. This is a truly amazing place, with a wonderful congregation.

One of the exciting things, in addition of course to getting to know some of you a little better, has been to read past reports and past accounts of your life at the Cathedral. There has been so much going on and so many people working very hard with so many excellent ideas. It has been both humbling and encouraging for me to see that many of my ideas and hopes have already been raised by some of you – hopes for study, for prayer, for fellowship and for social action.

I believe our first aim is to be a place of prayer – a spiritual oasis in the heart of Montreal – and so I have enjoyed being part of the team of laity and clergy who say the daily office of Morning and Evening Prayer together and celebrate the Eucharist each day. I would like to suggest that more of you might think of joining us from time to time to pray for the world, the church, ourselves, the needy, the sick and the departed and to give thanks for God's goodness to us.

2011 will hold many new and perhaps unfamiliar things for all of us as we learn the direction in which God is taking us. Some of that will be easy, some of it will no doubt be difficult – but all of it, God willing, will be under God's guiding hand. One of my favourite verses from Scripture is from Paul's epistle to the Romans: "*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 14:17) You can't go far wrong with justice, peace and joy.

Yours in Christ,

Paul

[actually the full verse from scripture is "*The Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*" - and I quite like the food and drink as well!]

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*Cathedral Staff 2010*

The Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez.....Priest-in-Charge

The Rev'd Karla Holmes..... Associate Priest

The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Rowlinson ..... Honorary Assistant

The Rev'd Dr Roger Balk..... Honorary Assistant

Patrick Wedd..... Director of Music

Hilary Punnett .....Assistant Organist

Rachelle Choi.....Organ Scholar

Barbara Hall..... Bookkeeper

Verna Peris..... Lay Ministries

Eva Brebner ..... Secretary

Ann Stephen..... Secretary

Norman Michaud (until July) ..... Senior Verger

Robert Wells (from August)..... Senior Verger

Scott Williamson..... Assistant Verger

Michael Peris ..... Assistant Verger

I must admit that 2010 seems very far away at this point. When I was asked to submit this report it was really difficult, at first, for me to think of specific events. Oh yes there was the Lenten Project, The Stations of the Cross by Cathedral artists...The Strawberry Social with ladies in hats and a string quartet....the women winning the Tug of War at the Sunday School Picnic...taking back my marrying license at Diocesan Synod....my Farewell Sunday...and so much more.

My final year at the Cathedral was challenging, exciting, painful, and stress-filled. I walked with you as you chose a new path for your community. That path led us in separate directions and we said our goodbyes. I pray that your journey will take you to exciting places!

I was very happy to be a part of the Cathedral community during the year of transition before Dean Kennington's arrival. It was a difficult time in many ways, but the people of the Cathedral rose to the occasion with their usual aplomb and good humour. I saw my role as one of helping to maintain the Cathedral's sense of identity during uncertain times, and I feel that that was indeed accomplished. We were able to restart the tradition of a Cathedral Retreat, there were baptisms and weddings, and the Cathedral community continued to be lively spiritually, intellectually and socially. Although I am no longer working with you, I cherish the memory of our time together and I hope to see you from time to time at various Diocesan functions.

Another busy year for the musicians of your Cathedral. The job of providing two fully choral services every Sunday keeps us busy, and we always enjoy finding new treasures from the vast repertory of liturgical music.

Our annual Epiphany Carol Service proved beautiful, once again, and is something unique which we offer to the downtown church community.

We were especially delighted to see (after many delays) our new CD "Banquet céleste". It has proved to be well worth the wait – truly excellent singing from our choirs, and a particular pleasure to be able to showcase music specially written for us here, all of it by Canadian composers. Since the celebration of our building's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is one of the purposes of the disc, it is a particular pleasure to offer such an elegant and expansive booklet, designed and executed by Beth Adams and Jonathan Sa'adah, and featuring many of Jonathan's stunning photos, exterior and interior. (The praying angel is a personal favourite!)

Holy Week and Easter were truly grand, and it was significant that we once again made music on every day of the week, with Compline on Monday and Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, focussing on the excellent artwork of our congregants.

This year saw the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Montreal Boys' Choir Course, making us the longest-running annual event sponsored by the Royal School of Church Music anywhere in the world. Guest music director Malcolm Archer brought his usual combination of good humour and high musical standards, and the 70 singers achieved a truly remarkable world-class standard of music making. Not only did we reprise major works written over the years for the course (Ridout, Locklair, Wedd), but we were also proud to premiere Malcolm's "Missa Mons Regius", specially

commissioned to celebrate the anniversary. For the first time we spent the week at the excellently elegant facilities of Bishop's College School in Lennoxville, which certainly added to the comfort and efficiency of the week.

At the end of September it was once again our pleasure to open our doors for the event "Orgues ouvertes" as part of the city's *Journée de la culture*. A record number of about 30 people came up to the organ loft and were, as always, amazed by the complexity and sophistication of our Wilhelm instrument.

Our annual fundraising concert in November celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Estonian composer Arvo Pärt, and proved to be a hugely popular success. It was surprising that this very important musical birthday received little public attention elsewhere in Montreal, which might account for the enthusiastic response. We were indeed pleased to be able to present music which we are privileged to be able to experience in the context of worship, just as the composer intended. Also gratifying was the financial support of our friends, once again exceeding our annual \$12,000 goal. As in past years, Veronica McDermott proved a most efficient chair of the fundraising subcommittee.

Later in November it was my pleasure to offer an organ recital to celebrate my 50 years as an active Church musician. It is hard to believe that it can really be that long, and I must say that I have been most fortunate in the wonderful support and opportunity that this work has afforded. The evening was co-sponsored by the local chapter of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, for whose benefit we raised a not inconsiderable sum. Altogether a most flattering and satisfying evening.

As usual, our Advent and Christmas activities were numerous (including the McGill orchestra Messiah just four days before Christmas!), but all went well, your musicians rising to the occasion with their habitual skill and enthusiasm.

So it is to all our singers, young and older, and to our organists Hilary Punnett and Rachelle Choi that I offer, as always, my thanks and appreciation. Thanks, too, to our indefatigable Music Committee under the leadership of Diana Bouchard. And to our clergy and congregation for unparalleled interest and support. The place of quality music in the worship of the Church is in peril in far too many parishes, and our dedication to the great ongoing Anglican tradition is seen as a beacon by many.

### *Report of the Wardens*

#### **General Matters** (*Elizabeth Robertson, People's Warden*)

##### Clergy and staff changes

The end of 2010 marks the end of what I like to call "phase one" of our transition. In the fall, we said goodbye to two beloved priests, the Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez and the Rev'd Karla Holmes. Though it was difficult to see them leave, we were comforted by the knowledge that they have both moved on to excellent positions, leading their own parishes.

The search committee finished its deliberations and in October we were thrilled to announce the appointment of the Rev'd Paul Kennington as our new Dean and Rector. Paul flew into Montreal from London on December 29<sup>th</sup> and had just a few days to adjust before his induction on January 9<sup>th</sup>. We are very blessed to have Father Paul with us and thankful that he has chosen to embark on this journey with us.

Over the summer, Robert Wells took on the job of senior verger. Rob is a long-time member of the Cathedral community and perfect for the job.

### Deanery

In 2010, it became clear that we could no longer afford the former Deanery at 18 Weredale Park, Westmount. The building was old and in need of extensive (and expensive) repairs. Vestry voted to sell the property and provide the new Dean with a housing allowance instead. We put the property on the market at the end of September, and I'm happy to announce that in December we accepted an offer of \$610 000. We had to take off an additional \$122 931 from this price to cover the cost of upcoming repairs. We will pay our real estate agent a fixed commission of \$22 000 + taxes. This means that we will make a profit of approximately \$462 000. This money will be added to our investments, and the extra interest it provides will be used to cover the Dean's housing allowance. The closing date for the sale is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

### Security problems

We had very few problems with partiers camping out on our front porch this summer. We continued the zero-tolerance policy we started in 2009. In the spring, we put up "loitering prohibited" signs in strategic places on the building. We tried to temper these with "Grounds are open from... to..." signs on the gates. We didn't want people to think they weren't welcome to enjoy our gardens, we just wanted to make sure they did so respectfully. Surprisingly, this simple measure made a big difference. I guess sometimes you just have to ask.

### **Financial** (*Diana Bouchard, Rector's Warden*)

The Cathedral has benefited over the past year from the rebound in the financial markets; our income from investments increased from \$53K in 2009 to \$143K in 2010. Our income from the office tower (\$367K) also continues to provide us with strong support. However, giving from parish members and visitors has flagged, perhaps not surprisingly during a clergy transition. We achieved some economies from temporarily lower clergy staffing levels in 2010 and the good fortune of having no urgent major repairs, but still once again found ourselves in a deficit position at the end of the year. We hope in 2011 to re-energize giving and explore other fundraising options, as well as continuing to exercise close control over expenditures.

### Grants

The stained-glass window repair project for which we obtained a grant of \$42K from the QRHF and a donation from a generous parishioner late in 2009 was deferred because of other priorities during the clergy transition. Plans are to undertake this work in spring or summer 2011.

### **Maintenance and Repairs** (*Jonathan Sa'adah, Deputy Warden*)

This year, Corporation grappled with a series of problems, some of which we solved and some are ongoing. Since it was first constructed, the Undercroft has had water leaking through its ceiling. This had recently become quite serious, and both bathrooms had become pretty scruffy. At no cost to the Cathedral a new system of drainage was put in, which has dried things up. At our cost we've also done repairs to the doors and hardware to fix the area up.

We also had a study done by professional engineers of the heating system, to consider what would be the most appropriate use of our resources. We were advised that it would make little economic sense to replace the current system with an electrically fired boiler, and that what we should do is to take steps to improve and properly maintain what we already have. We plan to install a treatment and filtration system for the heating system's circulating hot water, which should protect pumps and piping from future problems.

Additionally, the lower Cathedral roof was caulked (something that had been recommended previously) and this seems to have solved water infiltration problems in the Children's Chapel, the organ stairs area, and the Chapter House hallway. An area of ongoing concern is the electrical system, which seems to be generally overloaded. We have cut down the load where it's possible, but it will probably need attention in the immediate future.

*Lay Readers*

*Tania Lesack*

In 2010, the lay readers of the Cathedral were active in the ministry at the Cathedral, reading lessons at church services, administering the chalice, leading morning and evening prayers, and preaching on various occasions. These ministries are shared with other lay members of the Cathedral, with the exception of preaching. The lay readers were active in the fellowship of the parish, taking part in Bible study, parish retreats, and Books and Ideas, to name but a few of the activities at the Cathedral.

The lay readers continued their education by attending courses for laity, workshops, and the lay readers' retreat.

In November 2010, Bishop Barry commissioned Canon Dr. Constance Middleton-Hope and Tania Lesack to continue to serve as lay readers in the diocese of Montreal, presenting Constance with a three-year renewal of her licence, and Tania her first three-year license. Yoland Ferron received a renewal of her commission in 2009.

*Lay Ministries*

*Verna Peris*

I think the best word to describe our congregation is Commitment. To keep our services flowing smoothly requires many volunteers. We currently have 14 Service Stewards, 10 Prayer Leaders, 29 Readers, 12 Servers, 8 Hospitality Providers, 18 Chalice Administrators, 11 Daily Officiants and 3 Sunday School Teachers. Behind the scenes cleaning, washing, polishing, ironing and flower arranging are always ongoing. As Co-ordinator, I assist these groups. Rosters are made up and distributed and meetings arranged.

Our annual Bazaar generates a lot of enthusiasm and activity. It is a huge effort and I thank the many, many volunteers who worked tirelessly over the course of a week. Last year almost \$4,000 was raised and donated to our Social Service Society. The Bazaar is lots of fun and strengthens the bonds of our community.

Our two annual parish dinners are always well attended. Shrove Tuesday or Pancake supper is always a huge success. We have the best pancakes in town thanks to George Deare and his servers. Our Feast of the Dedication of Christ Church Cathedral in November is the best deal in town and our chef, John McLean always makes sure we have enough Roast Beef for seconds or sometimes thirds!

Last summer our Cathedral welcomed more than 17,000 visitors. They were warmly greeted by Susan Lawrence and Wesley Braithwaite. Another of our greeters, Eric Hill, our Wednesday greeter, died last year. We will miss his cheerfulness and devotion. Ann Elbourne volunteered to fill in and we greatly appreciate her help.

It is my pleasure to assist all our volunteers in sharing their time and talent. I look forward to another busy year.

**BAPTISMS**

- 25 April Andrew Anthony Alexander SHEIK (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)  
25 April Garland Elysia YARDLEY (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)  
27 June Luke Alexander RICHARDS (*Rev'd Karla Holmes*)  
18 July Anaya Chloe Marie GOUBERT (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)  
18 July Iris Ann Emily BUFFITT (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)  
29 August Fiona Maevy McRAE (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)

**MARRIAGES**

- 22 May Rebecca EVANS-OLDERS - Omar BURGAN (*Rev'd Karla Holmes*)  
26 June Maria POLIFRONI - Richard Dominic AGNESSI (*Rev'd Karla Holmes*)  
21 August Katia Catherine CIRCÉ -Christian Razvan BLAGOI (*Rev'd Karla Holmes*)  
4 September Stephanie Margaret FELKAI - Paul Hamish McRAE (*Rev'd Karla Holmes*)  
9 October Pauline Anne ZOITOUPOULOU-FOSSEY - Scott James BEDARD  
(*Celebrant: Rev'd Canon Dr John Simons, Address: Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)  
6 November Lisa Mae GARDNER - Michael Lorenz PERSTINGER (*Rev'd Christopher Belle*)

**FUNERALS & MEMORIAL SERVICES**

- 17 September Eva KORTES-PAPP (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)  
28 October Ruth RAMSAY SMITH (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)  
4 November Janet Mary DUPUIS (TAIT) (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez*)  
18 November Aileen Lois KEARNEY (*Rev'd Canon Joyce Sanchez & Rev'd Karla Holmes*)

*Envelope Secretary and Statistical Summary*

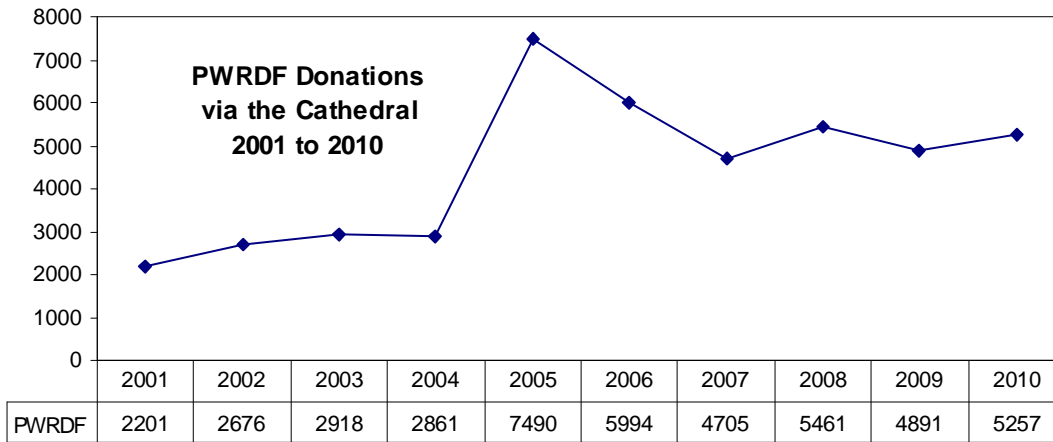
*Duncan Shaddick*

Communicants: The number of Sunday communicants fell by about 16% to 92.1 for the 8 am and 10 am services combined. Easter communicants were up to 479 from last year's 335 but Christmas fell back to 210 from 271. The combined total for Easter and Christmas was 689, well above last year.

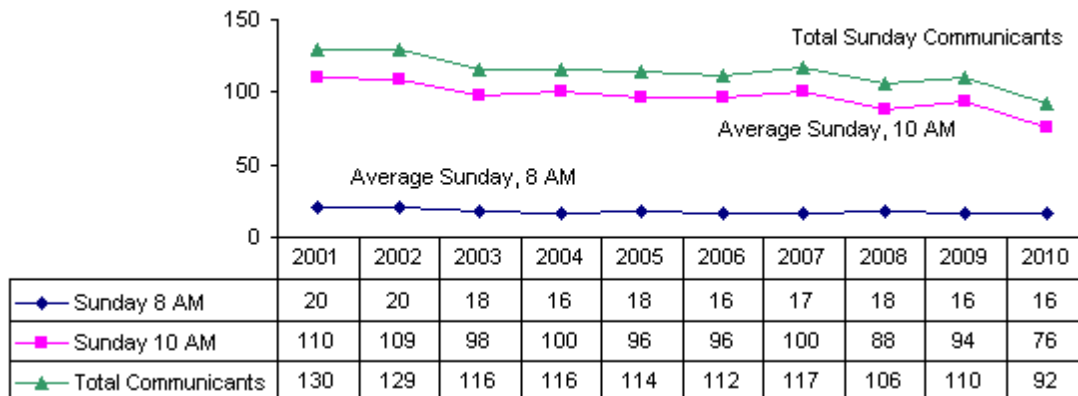
Total Giving: Both total giving and the number of givers were well down last year. Total regular giving went from \$123,934 to \$108,788 (12%). Total identifiable giving (including legacies and special gifts for restoration, music, office equipment etc) fell from \$183,795 to \$159,880 (13%).

Individual Giving: The number of regular givers also dropped from 148 to 132 (11%). Those giving more than \$20 per week went from 46 to 35 while those giving \$20 per week or less dropped slightly from 102 to 97. On a per head basis, regular giving fell slightly from \$837 to \$824 while identifiable giving also fell slightly from \$1,242 to \$1,211.

PWRDF: To end on a more positive note, giving to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund rose by 9.5% from \$4,891 to \$5,357.

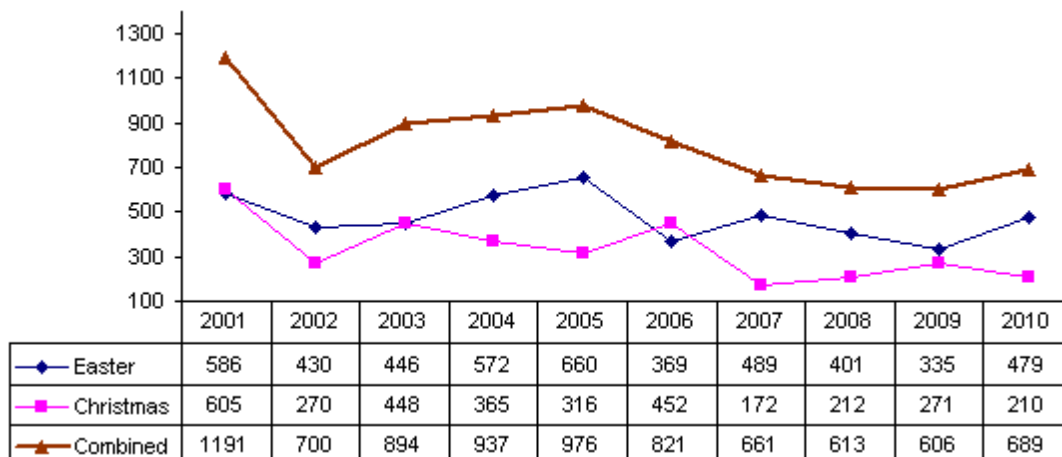


### Sunday Averages Communicants, 2001 to 2010

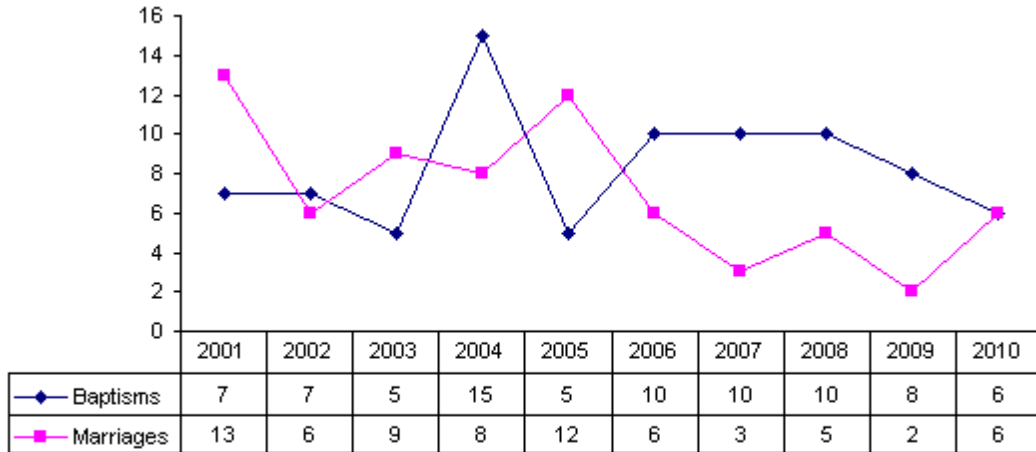


### Easter and Christmas Communicants, 2001 to 2010

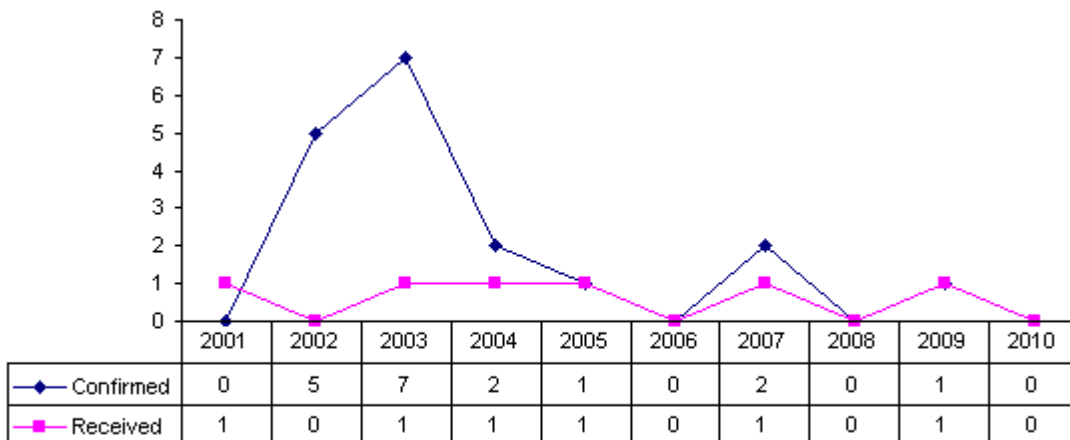
*Easter includes the Vigil (missing for 2006)*  
*Christmas includes Eve and Day (latter missing for 2007)*



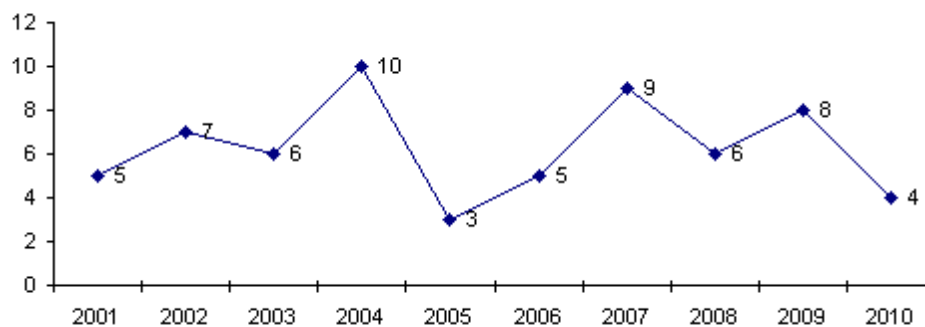
### Baptisms and Marriages, 2001 to 2010



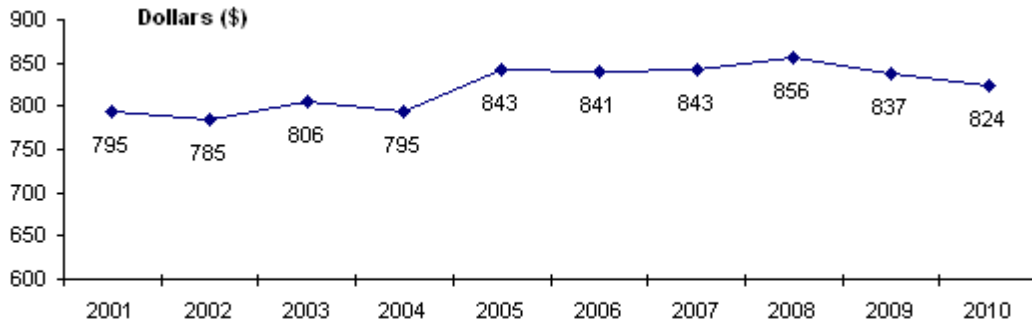
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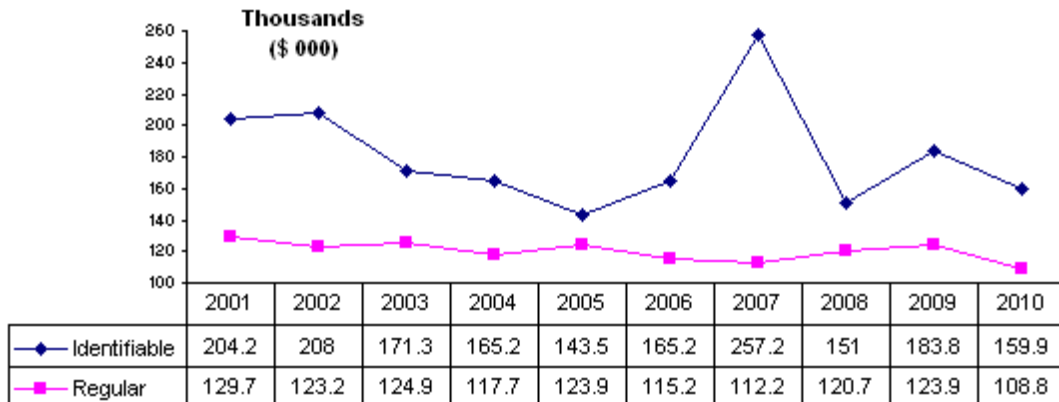
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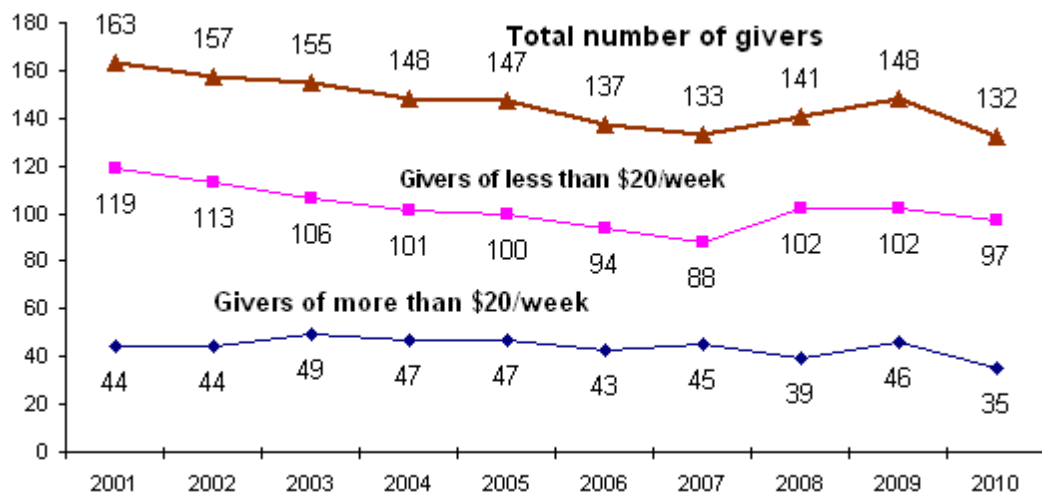
## Average Annual Regular Giving Per Person 2001 to 2010 (excludes special donations)



## Total Identifiable Giving and Total Regular Giving 2001 to 2010



## Identifiable Givers, 2001 to 2010



## Committees, Groups and Activities

Archives

Barbara McPherson

I am delighted to report that Christ Church Cathedral parishioner, Sam Keuchguerian, has joined our team! Verna Peris, Coordinator of Lay Ministries, informed me of Sam's willingness to volunteer in the Archives, and Sam undertook this new role in November. Fortunately, Heide Kaspar-Glorieux has also continued to volunteer in the Archives. Both Sam and Heide have been a great help; many tasks, including the weeding of multiple copies, preservation strategies and various enquiries related to genealogical or other research, have been handled in a timely fashion with their much appreciated participation. I am extremely grateful for their kind and generous contribution of time and effort.

During 2010, thirty two enquiries concerning records held in the Archives of Christ Church Cathedral were received, an increase of almost twenty-five per cent over last year.

Cathedral Book Group

Jane Aitkens

We started the year with a very appropriate title: *How Reading Saved My Life* by Anna Quindlen. We had a great time talking about the meaningful books in our lives.

Next we read a book with an intriguing title, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery and Alison Anderson. The story is centered around an apartment building in Paris. Renée, the concierge, is not what she seems. Neither is one of the apartment block's inhabitants, a twelve-year-old student called Paloma. One reviewer called it "a moving, funny, triumphant novel that exalts the quiet victories of the inconspicuous among us".

Our next read was *Never Let Me Go*, by Kazuo Ishiguro. I'm not going to tell you the plot (and don't read the online reviews) if you want the experience of slowly coming to the realization of what is happening in the same way the youth in the story come to realize what they are...

*Snowflower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See is set in remote 19th-century China and was a real eye-opener for us on the life of women in that culture.

*Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel was our biggest read of the year. It is a novel about Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's chief advisor. The most intriguing thing about the book is that it is written in the present tense, and the dialogue is fast and often confusing. Writing a novel about historical figures is tricky - what is 'true' and what is artistic license? Our discussion about this book was lively! This same issue was also present during our discussion of the final book for the year, Isabel Allende's *Island Beneath the Sea*, about Haiti at the time of its gaining its independence from France.

As always, we ended the year with eggnog and a movie, this year a movie about a book - *The Ghost Writer*, a Roman Polanski film.

As always, we welcome other readers to our group. We meet on Sunday evenings, every four or five weeks 'during term'. The list of all the books we have read together is on the Cathedral website, at <http://www.montrealcathedral.ca/index.php/parish-work-life-and-thought/cathedral-reading-group>

At the beginning of the year Donald Boisvert remained chair of Forum but later felt the need to withdraw as of February when Flo Tracey took on the task temporarily; the present chair was named in March and continues into 2011. Throughout this time James Roberts contributed important continuity as secretary.

Whereas Forum had been meeting 10 or 11 times a year, always on Tuesdays, in September it was decided to reduce the number of meetings to eight (the byelaws only in fact call for six times). It was also decided to alternate meetings between Tuesdays and Wednesdays in order to make it possible for members of the community who had other obligations regularly on Tuesdays to attend at least half the time. As part of the reduction in meetings there is an attempt to avoid the periods immediately preceding Christmas and Easter since these are particularly busy times in the church year. In the end the meeting scheduled for late October had to be cancelled at the last minute in view of a death in the immediate family of the chair who had to leave in a rush for the UK. During a previous, scheduled absence (in May) the chair had been taken by Duncan Shaddick who was formally named Associate Chair. On two occasions when the secretary was away his place was taken by Robert Wells. We are extremely grateful to both these gentlemen for their help and efficiency.

Forum has thus met eight times in 2010. During these meetings several subjects were discussed but few decisions made while waiting for the selection and arrival of the new Dean and Rector. In this way our discussions were intended rather to start the processes of thinking about issues in preparation for fuller discussions with the new incumbent. Subjects discussed in this preliminary way included

- a) the Mission Statement;
- b) Forum's own function, mandate and byelaws; this needs much deliberation and input from the new dean so it will not be brought to General Vestry in 2011;
- c) the possibility of having thematic sections in Forum meetings;
- d) the distribution of communion and where it should take place: the Bishop's participation in discussion of this subject was very helpful and a resolution of the situation was endorsed by him, as the currently acting priest-in-charge of the Cathedral; this will be reviewed again with the new dean;
- e) the place of children in the Cathedral during worship; this should be encouraged and fostered with bits of practical help.

In addition to these items of "new" business Forum heard regular reports from the clergy, the corporation, staff (Director of Music, Senior Verger, Head Server) and the various committees (including Search Committee while applicable, as well as the Music Committee and Chancel Guild).

A recurrent problem is the level of absenteeism among the elected members of Forum. While attendance is not exclusive to the elected members and indeed all members of the congregation can participate fully in meetings and all are warmly invited to do so, a quorum for the meeting is established by the number of elected members present. Elected members need to be aware that their presence is necessary to the proper running of Forum and people should not accept nomination for election to Forum without being prepared to make the commitment of attending.

The year 2010 saw the revival of the Chancel Guild. While many individuals had continued with Chancel Guild duties, the formal body had ceased to be. So a meeting was held in early 2010 with more than 20 people attending including some new volunteers. The presence of flowers on a weekly basis was reinstated to enhance the St. Lawrence Chapel and the Nave Altar on Sunday mornings and the High Altar during Evensong and throughout the week. A special thank you goes to Betty Monahan and to Betty Jaques who retired from brass polishing and from altar linen washing and repairing, respectively. Many kudos to all who continue to care for the brass and silver, altar linens, flowers and vestments. New volunteers interested in these tasks will be warmly welcomed - please contact me through the Cathedral office or by email at: [robtewells@gmail.com](mailto:robtewells@gmail.com).

1. The membership of the Committee changed during the year, with Michael Hiles leaving after replacing Jane Aitkens the previous year; Jane has again rejoined us. The other members remained Elizabeth Rowlinson, Diana Bouchard, Duncan Shaddick, Stephen Atkinson and Neil Matheson. Philips, Hager and North remain our investment manager, and as of February, 2011 have been for three years. We will welcome Paul Kennington as a new member of the Committee in 2011.
2. The Investment Committee met three times during the course of the year. There were no changes to investment policy or in the choice of funds in which the Cathedral is invested. Note that wherever possible, the Cathedral investments are in Community Value funds managed by PH+N using socially responsible investment criteria as well as normal investment criteria.
3. At the end of the year, the combined Endowment and Bequest & Gift funds totalled \$3,057,367. As at December 31st, the market values of the portfolios were as follows:  
Endowment Fund: \$ 2,382,653 compared to \$2,289,246 at December 31, 2009.  
Bequest & Gift Fund: \$674,714 compared to \$647,334 at December 31, 2009. The combined portfolios were invested 45% in Fixed Income, 35.8% in Canadian equities, and the balance in US and Overseas equities.
4. Over the year the portfolio returned 9.2%, compared to the Cathedral's benchmark of 10.7%. Since inception, the portfolio has returned 4.1%, compared to the portfolio's overall benchmark of 4.4%. Global equities and Fixed Income sections of the portfolio have outperformed their respective benchmarks over the past year and since inception. Canadian equities have lagged the S&P/TSX Composite Index, the broad index of the Toronto Stock Exchange. However, as the Cathedral is invested in Community Value and Dividend Income funds, these tend to produce returns in line with the TSX over the full economic cycle, but lag in years featuring strong gains in commodity stocks. The Canadian Equity Community Value fund, for example, outperformed the index of Socially Responsible Canadian equities tracked by Jantzi, the most recognized source of socially responsible investment advice in Canada.
5. Interest and dividend income from the accounts are as follows:
  - 2008: \$120,592 (yield of 4.83% at Dec. 31, 2008)
  - 2009: \$99,137 (yield of 3.38% at Dec. 31, 2009)
  - 2010: \$96,054 (yield of 3.14% at Dec. 31, 2010)

The reduction in interest and dividends is largely due to the fall in yields on the fixed income portion of the portfolio. Note that the yield is the current income received from the portfolio, while the total return is the income yield plus the capital gain or loss on the portfolio.

**Christ Church Cathedral – Market Values/Asset Mix as of December 31, 2010**

	Endowment Fund	%	Bequest & Gift Fund	%	Combined Funds	%
Cash	\$0	0.0	\$0	0.0	\$0	0.0
Fixed Income	\$1,699,929	48.4	\$366,985	45.0	\$1,375,502	45.0
Canadian Equities	\$287,279	35.1	\$115,997	35.0	\$1,094,687	35.8
U.S. Equities	\$209,586	8.8	\$101,618	10.0	\$302,162	9.9
Overseas Equities	\$185,859	7.8	\$90,114	10.0	\$285,016	9.3
Total Assets	\$2,382,653	100.0	\$674,714	100.0	\$3,057,367	100.0

**Christ Church Cathedral – Returns up to December 31, 2010**

	3 mth (%)	1 Year (%)	2 Years (%)
Portfolio	3.4	9.2	14.4
Benchmark*	4.0	10.7	13.8
CV Canadian Equity Fund	7.7	12.0	23.2
Dividend Income Fund	7.1	13.2	23.3
S&P/TSX Composite Index	9.5	17.6	26.0
CV Global Equity Fund	4.7	7.0	12.3
MSCI World Ex Cda Index	5.5	5.9	7.7
CV Bond Fund	-0.4	7.2	8.2
DEX Universe Bond Index	-0.7	6.7	6.1
Canadian CPI (Core)	1.2	2.3	1.8

\*Benchmark: 45% DEX Universe Bond Index, 35% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 10% S&P 500, 10% MSCI EAFE Index.

*Liturgical Dance Group*

*Ann Elbourne*

If you were to go into the Cathedral on a Tuesday evening between 7:30 and 9:00 you might see an energetic group of people moving soulfully to the strains of Bach or Mozart - or perhaps light-heartedly to the rhythms of a Klezmer band or the beat of an African mass. The dancers are totally absorbed in the music as they follow the choreography dreamed up by Rosemary Cass-Beggs, their director. These are the Cathedral liturgical dancers (or Cathedralettes as we call ourselves in our lighter moments.) Liturgical dancing is a profoundly spiritual experience, a meditation through movement. However, the members of the group also laugh, have fun and occasionally do some really silly non-ecclesiastical dances. The current favourite is called "Cows".

The core group consists of 8 people, not all members of the Cathedral congregation. Apart from Anglicans, the dancers include a Mennonite, a Roman Catholic and a member of the United Church. New members are warmly welcomed. You just need to be at the entrance to the diocesan offices by

about 7:20. The evening starts with the Lord's Prayer offered to God in movement, followed by warm-up exercises and a few minutes of improvised dance. The bulk of the evening is spent in creating new dances and practising ones that have been already choreographed. Some of the dances are performed in the Cathedral during one of the services, for example on Good Friday. The group has been invited to perform outside the Cathedral. This Fall, we went to Sorel to participate in their anniversary celebrations on September 12 and to the Cedar Park United Church on November 26 as part of an evening of entertainment.

A huge thank you to Rosemary for so generously sharing her time and her gifts with the Cathedral Liturgical Dancers.

*Music Committee*

*Diana Bouchard*

The Music Committee met eight times in 2010. Its greatest efforts were expended to organize and bring about the annual fundraising concert. This year's event was a celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Arvo Pärt, a contemporary composer of sacred music whose works have been sung for many years by the Cathedral choirs. The concert took place on **Friday, November 5**, in the Cathedral and was both an artistic and a financial success, attracting a large and enthusiastic audience. With sponsorships and advertising added to the proceeds from ticket sales, the concert amply met its goal of raising \$12,000 to support our Cathedral.

The Music Committee continues to guide and direct the evolution of the musical program at the Cathedral, both within the liturgy and in the multiplicity of concerts and other events offered to the larger community around us. The Committee welcomes inputs from all sectors of the Cathedral community, and particularly from those who would like to serve on the Committee in future. A special welcome to new members who will be joining us after the annual vestry meeting.

In closing, I would like to thank those members of the committee who are ending their terms of service: Stacey Pennington and Robert Wells. I also thank Bob King, my Vice-Chair, who has carried the ball when travel or other commitments (or broken ankles!) made me unavailable and supported me in ensuring another successful year for the music program.

*Retreats*

*Vivian Lewin*

Two silent weekend retreats were organized in 2010, after a long hiatus. In February, the theme was "praying with scripture." Fifteen participants ventured to Manoir d'Youville in Chateauguay in March; Reta Desfosses from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre led the meditations. In November, we went to Auberge Schweizer in Sutton for a pre-Advent retreat on the theme "Magnificat," led by the Rev'd Canon Ralph Leavitt from St. George's Place du Canada; eleven people took part, five from this parish. Thanks to the Rev'd Karla Holmes for springboarding this initiative, and to our registrars Kay Dila and Ann Elbourne.

*Search Committee*

*Robert King*

Serving the Cathedral community as a member of the Search Committee for a new Dean and Rector took many hours, was a lot of work, was extremely interesting, was fun, and certainly, was a great privilege.

Seven members were elected at a Special General Vestry meeting on June 14, 2009 to join the two wardens on the Committee. We had a meeting with the Bishop on June 23, 2009 to plan how we would proceed. For the next several months, we met almost every Wednesday evening for an hour and a half.

The first job was to develop a Parish Profile. With profiles from other parishes as a guide, we prepared a comprehensive summary of our history, where we see ourselves now, and how we would see the future evolving. We are grateful to many parishioners who enabled us to include their opinions in this profile by attending a focus group, completing a questionnaire or speaking to a committee member.

The Profile was finally completed in March – printed copies were made available, and it was posted on the website of the Cathedral, the Diocese and the National Church, with requests that applications be sent to the Bishop. Advertisements were also placed in the Anglican Journal and The Church Times.

Many interesting applications were received, and in early August, we interviewed several candidates, either in person or by telephone, following which we invited our preferred candidate to fly to Montreal to meet us in person. It was a very successful trip, and we were extremely pleased to recommend to the Bishop that he appoint The Rev'd J. Paul Kennington to be the next Dean of Montreal and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral.

On behalf of the other members of the Committee, I would like to thank the Bishop and Archdeacons Griffith-Johnson and Bennett for their invaluable help, and all the members of the Cathedral Community for their support.

*Servers' Guild*

*George Deare*

What a busy time this year was! Two new servers have joined the Guild of Servers. They are Yolande Ferron and Tania Lesack. We also had some servers stepping down: Trisha and Natashia Awashish and Sterling Singleton. We thank them for the years of loyal service. One of my servers was married in the Cathedral in May. Rebecca Evans-Olders married Omar Burgan and I was glad to help organize the wedding service and be a server as well.

In October, we helped decorate the Church for Thanksgiving with pumpkins and baskets full of apples, carrots, potatoes and other autumn produce. We also decorated the altar and the windows with a display of lots of coloured leaves and flowers. All these colourful decorations were used for a wedding by Dr John Fossey's daughter.

We kept busy with the traditional Shrove Tuesday and special services for Christmas, Easter, Baptisms and Ordinations. This year, we had our Bishop with us for the month of December. Our new Dean arrived in January 2011.

In October, the Canadian Anglican House of Bishops met in Montreal at the Cathedral and celebrated a Eucharist at 10 am. There were many bishops present and the Primate of Canada too. Towards the end of the service, the Primate called me up to the altar and recognized me for my long service at the Cathedral (48 years). I will be completing my 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Server in 2012. A photo was taken with the Primate, Bishop Barry and all my servers at the altar.

I would like to thank all my faithful servers for their commitment and time serving in the House of the Lord with me. I would like to thank the Cathedral Staff for the help to me as Head of Servers this year. I will be stepping down as Head of Servers in 2012. Easter Day will be my last service.

*Social Service Outreach*

*Marjorie Sharp*

The Social Service Society continued its work for members of the congregation and others during the past year. The Sunday lunches were held nine times, from January to June and September to November, feeding some 210 to 220 people, guests and volunteers. Cards, flowers and cookies were delivered at Easter and Christmas to our shut-in friends. The small brown envelopes in the pews on Sundays in May and June and in Advent brought in funds for Camp Cosmos and Christmas grocery cards. Our contribution to Camp Cosmos, an agency of the Montreal City Mission at St James United Church, amounted to \$1700 last year and \$5000 was spent for Christmas vouchers. These were distributed to Tyndale St. George, Mile End Mission, l'Abri-en-Ville, Action Refugiés Montréal and the Montreal City Mission, as well as a few individuals remaining from Stan Wilson's list. The 5% discount given on the purchase of \$5000 worth of vouchers, \$260, was given to the Family Preservation Department of Batshaw Youth and Family Centers.

Last year, sadly, saw the death of Hester Kerr, a long time faithful member of the Society. She will be very much missed.

Many thanks are due to many people: to John MacLean our wonderful cook, to Adrian King-Edwards and Flo Tracy, to students and staff of Selvyn House and the many other volunteers at the Sunday lunches. We thank Verna Peris and her crew for their work on the summer sale to raise funds for the Christmas vouchers and also the volunteers who delivered flowers to our shut- friends. We are indebted to Mazon, a Jewish organization that combats hunger. They helped again this year to finance our Sunday lunches with a grant of \$1000.

*Stewards*

*Sam Keuchguerian*

The team of stewards consists of 13 men and women, all of them responsible, courteous, committed individuals. The duties of a steward include the following:

- a) Welcoming people to the services
- b) Answering visitors' questions
- c) Giving out and putting away books
- d) Taking up the collection
- e) Helping people with special needs like wheelchairs, etc.

These are the visible aspects of a steward's duty. But apart from these, stewards are responsible for keeping an eye inside the church. Stewards are also in charge of taking care of unforeseen emergencies, like fire, and health related issues. Extra services and diocesan events are also among the duties of the stewards.

Special thanks must be extended to Susan Lawrence, Wesley Brathwaite, Ann Elbourne, Jane Aitkens, Pamela Tait, Janet and Robert King, Maurice Mayers, Sarah Annand, Yolande Ferron, René Sanchez and Tom McConville.

I must also acknowledge the name of Barbara Smith, who faithfully helps out with the books every Sunday. Irene Broitman's help – whenever we are short of people – must be recognized as well.

Robert King's preparation of the sign-up sheet for Christmas and Easter services must be acknowledged also. I must also thank those members of the congregation that support our endeavours on festive occasions.

The team of stewards has been given a boost by two new members: Tony Bothwell and Greg Young Morris. We warmly welcome them to our team.

*Sunday School*

*Cynthia Davidson*

Once again this year we dispensed with a purchased curriculum and made wide use of materials available in our library, and from various sources on the web. It is much easier to choose age – appropriate material and tailor lessons to suit the needs of our Sunday school on a weekly basis; instead of attempting to make purchased lessons suit our needs with less-than-satisfactory results. Sometimes we follow the Lectionary, and other times we don't, depending on whether or not the lesson(s) are comprehensible for the children.

If there was a theme this year it was "life as adventure." The lives of Jesus; St. Paul; Abraham and his descendants; Samuel and David were all recounted. We followed Jesus after his birth in Bethlehem, the flight of his family to Egypt after Herod's massacre of the innocents; to a young boy getting lost in Jerusalem and eventually growing up to perform his first miracle: the wedding in Cana. We talked about the choice he made when choosing his disciples and the fact that the first four were fishermen. Later on we discussed his baptism by John the Baptist. This is one of our favourite topics for discussion since it allows them to talk about their own baptism and its importance in the Christian tradition. We also discussed the other sacrament with which they are familiar- the Eucharist.

The children are quite capable of understanding some of the more complex aspects of Jesus' teaching. Even though they are quite young we discussed some parables, The Good Samaritan being a favourite. The children understand that this was Jesus' way of telling those around him how to "do the right thing". At various times we examined The Lord's Prayer and what it means in our lives. We also decided that as young as the children are, it was important to talk about St. Paul and his importance to the growth of Christianity. Over the course of a few weeks, his life was presented as an adventure story. Like any good adventure story, each week we recapitulated the previous week's episode, since the same children are not always present every week. This approach was so successful that it was repeated in October when we recounted the life of Abraham and Sarah with God's promise that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. This promise was repeated as we introduced other the characters from this story and culminated in the Christmas Pageant which was presented in the sanctuary on the fourth Sunday in Advent.

Along the way this past year we had other activities which these included making Easter cards for shut-ins; the making and distribution of "tongues of flame" to members of the congregation at Pentecost. We were hoping to send greeting cards to the children in Kenya, but since attendance was down during Synod we were unable to do this. In September, when we received the announcement that Joyce Sanchez would be leaving us, the children made a thank you card for her that was given to her by Robert Gauthier on behalf of us all. In June we ended the school year with the parish picnic and the celebration of Verna and Julio Peris' 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

It is our hope that Christ Church Cathedral Sunday School will continue to be a ministry that provides spiritual nourishment for the youngest members of our community. We eagerly anticipate a visit from our new Dean. I would like to thank those parents and members of the congregation who encourage and sustain us.

**Cathedral Website:** [www.montrealcathedral.ca](http://www.montrealcathedral.ca)

The 'new' website is nearing its third birthday! Here are some statistics about what people look at on the website.

The most popular menu option is Worship Services and Bulletins, with over 11,000 'hits', followed by Parish Work, Life and Thought at almost 6,000 hits. The Search committee's page, created way back in September 2009, was consulted 2,434 times.

Some statistics that you can see right on the website are those for the Sermons and for the Cathedral Scripts. A number of older Scripts were added to the website this last year – take a look!

Dónal Ward's site for the Cathedral music programme is found here:

<http://cccmusicprogramme.blogspot.com/>. It is a wonderful site, full of links based on the music of the liturgy each week as well as concert information. Why not add yourself to its subscription list; send an email to: [music.programme@gmail.com](mailto:music.programme@gmail.com) .

New things will no doubt be happening to and at our website as our new Dean settles in. Stay tuned!

PEOPLE'S WARDEN	Marjorie Sharp
DEPUTY WARDENS	Janet Chambers Krish Dasgupta
LAY DELEGATES TO SYNOD	Jane Aitkens Verna Peris
ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO SYNOD	Ann Elbourne Robert Wells
DELEGATES TO YOUTH SYNOD	Stephen Habakkuk
SECRETARY TO GEN VESTRY	Diana Bouchard
PWRDF Representative	Yolande Ferron
Parish Communicator	Verna Peris

### **CATHEDRAL FORUM**

#### ***Nominated to serve 2009/2010/2011***

Janet Chambers, Cynthia Davidson, Mary Dowe, John Fossey, Marko Hubert, Judith Oatway, Dorothy Oidi, John Syracopoulos

#### ***Nominated to serve 2010/2011/2012***

Irene Broitman, Janet Dench, Sheena Gourley, Tania Lesack, Tom McConville, James Roberts, Elizabeth Saizon, Robert Wells, Adrian White

#### ***To be nominated to serve 2011/2012/2013***

Diana Bouchard, Rodney Clark, Pat Fraser, Bob Gibson, Tor Haines, Sam Keuchguerian, Adrian King-Edwards, Vivian Lewin, Joan Mason, Razan Saigh Mensar, Donna Riley, Barbara Smith, Duncan Shaddick,

#### ***Cathedral Forum, ex-officio***

Dean and Rector (The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington), The Director of Music (Patrick Wedd), The Wardens and Deputy Wardens, The Treasurer, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Synod, Lay Readers Tania Lesack, Constance Middleton-Hope & Yolande Ferron), The Cathedral Archivist

### **MUSIC COMMITTEE (9 members, please see Terms of Reference)**

#### ***Nominated to serve 2009/2010/2011***

Annie Keuchguerian, Veronica McDermott, Bob King, Miriam Schurman, Bob Gibson, Cynthia Gates

#### ***To be nominated to serve 2011***

Diana Bouchard

#### ***To be nominated to serve 2011/2012/2013***

Ann Elbourne, Shayna Palevsky

### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION GROUP**

Ann Elbourne, Michael Patry, Flo Tracy

*The General Vestry Nominating Committee for 2011* : Diana Bouchard, Janet King, Samuel Keuchguerian, Vivian Lewin, Verna Peris, Flo Tracy (Chair)

