



# Destination C.Ss.R.

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## Archbishop Gerard Pettipas C.Ss.R.

On January 25, 2007, Redemptorists and the Church around the world rejoiced and celebrated the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of The Most Reverend Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R. as the Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan in northern Alberta.

Archbishop Gerry as born on September 6, 1950, as the 3rd of 4 children. At the age of 16, Gerry entered the minor seminary with the Redemptorists in Brockville, ON to test his call of a vocation to Redemptorist life and priesthood. Over the years, Gerry studied hard for his B.A., M.Div, and an eventually a MA in Spirituality and Counseling. Gerry was ordained on May 7, 1977 in Toronto.



In the years following his priestly ordination, Gerry has worked in Parish Ministry in St. John's, Toronto and Grande Prairie. Gerry has also served as Vocation Director, Novice Master, and been a part of the Redemptorist Youth Mission Team in St. John's and Saint John.

In Gerry's most recent ministry, he had been pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Grande Prairie, AB for seven years. During this time he has shepherd the people in building a new Church, which is soon to be opened.

The Episcopal Ordination on January 25th was held at the Crystal Gardens in Grande Prairie, since the new Church was not ready, and the current Church is unable to hold the 1400 people who were in attendance. 30 Redemptorists, and Priests serving in the Archdiocese, 15 Bishops, family, friends and over 1300 parishioners from St. Joseph's Church and parishes throughout the Archdiocese came to celebrate with their new Archbishop.



Gerry continues the tradition of Redemptorist leadership within the Church in the ministry of Bishop. Over the centuries, there have been many Redemptorist Bishops including our Founder, St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. John Neumann, Bl. Vasylychkovsky, Canadian Bishop Gerald Murray, and countless Bishops who still serve the Church in leadership today.



The gifts for ministry that Gerry has been given will truly be a gift to the Church, not only in northern Alberta, but the Church in Canada and around the world. Gerry is a man of compassion, prayer, faith, and love for those for whom he is called to minister. He has been, and continues to be a model of the Redemptorist Charism, brought to life through the work of the Holy Spirit and in his priesthood.



Archbishop Gerry, we continue to pray for you, and pray with you as you begin your new ministry in the Church. We also ask you to pray for us Redemptorists and for all the young

men who are discerning their call to our way of life. We also look forward to continuing to serve with you in Grande Prairie and throughout the Church in Canada.

The only way to end here is to quote Gerry himself, who wrote at the end of his Ordination program by saying, *Thanks, God. You're the greatest!*



Archbishop Gerry Pettipas C.Ss.R.  
with all the Redemptorists in attendance.

To see all the photographs from the Ordination,  
log on at:  
[www.shutterstock.com/pro/pandacamera/ordination](http://www.shutterstock.com/pro/pandacamera/ordination)

# Upcoming Vocation Events..... Take Note!!

## Come and See Retreat \*\*STAGE 2\*\*

**Friday March 2, 2007 - Sunday March 4, 2007  
Holy Redeemer Church, Sudbury, ON**

This Retreat is for Vocation Contacts and Inquirers who have been on a Retreat across the country with Fr. Santo. Participants are welcome from all across Canada.

The weekend is hosted and facilitated by the Redemptorist Formation Team: *Fr. David Louch C.Ss.R., and Fr. Tom O'Rourke C.Ss.R.*

We will continue the discernment journey together by looking at specific issues in discernment, religious life, giving your life for service, prayer and reflection.

**To Register, please contact  
Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. by February 15, 2007.  
Mark it in your calendar now, and register!**

Those who will be flying to the retreat can fly into Toronto, and we will travel from Toronto to Sudbury together. Plan to fly to Toronto by Thursday Night, and depart from Toronto on Monday Morning.

## Redemptorist R.S.V.P.

(Response, Service, Vocation, Prayer)

**Tues July 3, 2007 - Sun July 8, 2007  
Perpetual Help Residence, Toronto, ON**

This gathering is for all current Vocation Contacts, and Inquirers from across Canada. It is an opportunity to come together as one group, to meet one another, grow in fellowship, pray, learn more about the discernment journey, specific issues of religious life and ministry, while finding time to relax, reflect, and have some fun!

This week will be hosted and facilitated by Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. and other Redemptorists from across Canada.

**To Register, please contact  
Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. by May 1st, 2007.  
Mark it in your Calendars now,  
and register!**

When making your plans, arrive by Tuesday July 3rd by about 5:00 PM, and depart Sunday July 8 after lunch.

## Skills for Celibate Lovers

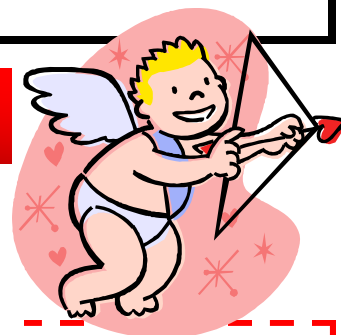
- ♥ A healthy prayer life, spending quality time with God daily and the openness to grow in intimacy with God
- ♥ Long term friendships with both men and women
- ♥ The ability to use solitude creatively and constructively; the ability to be alone
- ♥ The gift to love tenderly and walk humbly with others
- ♥ The ability to delay self gratification
- ♥ The freedom not to be self-absorbed but to reach out to others
- ♥ A wholesome balance and integration of social, physical, intellectual and spiritual resources
- ♥ A sense of self identity and acceptance of oneself as a sexual being

Reprinted from Sr. Kathleen Bryant RSC, "ALL FOR LOVE: A DISCERNMENT JOURNAL", Published by NCDVD

### Answer the following Questions for yourself:

- ♥ List 5 reasons that you think you are called to celibate loving?
- ♥ List 5 reasons why it is not a good idea for you to make a lifetime commitment to celibacy?

Discuss the above with your Spiritual Director or Vocation Director.  
Then take this list to prayer and have a conversation with God about it all!



### Have your say!

If you haven't responded to our Online Survey, "What does Redemption Mean to YOU?" then go to

[www.redemptorists.ca](http://www.redemptorists.ca)

and click on the rubber wristband to find information about Redemption and have access to the Survey.

# Personality Pete



Dear Mr. Christ,

Several weeks ago you requested that we give our series of psychological tests to 12 men you were considering as possible associates to your work of ministry. Although we are still in the process of administering and compiling the results of the tests, we thought you would be anxious to receive the test results as soon as possible. Hence, we are enclosing the test results for Mr. Simon Bar-Jonah. His profile sheet accompanies this letter. As you can tell, Mr. Bar-Jonah's personality is characterized by a dangerous rashness, overt pride and a lack of emotional stability that would no doubt be detrimental to you and your work. We feel also that his general physical appearance would create a bad image for your proposed organization. Furthermore, during our research we discovered that Mr. Bar-Jonah is (to put it bluntly) a "lousy" fisherman. We suspect that his lack of success in his current employment is the cause of his willingness to leave all and follow you.

Therefore, based on our testing, we highly recommend that you do not consider Mr. Bar-Jonah as a possible associate. We will make further recommendations regarding the fitness of the other 11 as soon as possible. (We've tested all except Mr. Thomas Twin, who failed to show up for his appointment.) Based on the evidence we have seen so far, we would recommend only Mr. Judas Iscariot, who has a fine head for financial matters and would no doubt be a real asset to you and your organization.

Sincerely,

*Galilee Psychological Testing Service*

from: NCR (written by Sr. Mary Melannie of Cleveland, Ohio)

Name: Simon Bar-Jonah	Date: April 1, 30 AD	Comments:
Inactivity / Slowness	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 <u>10</u>	General Activity
Impulsiveness	1 <u>2</u> 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Restraint
Submissiveness	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <u>9</u> 10	Boldness
Dishonesty	1 2 3 <u>4</u> 5 6 7 8 9 10	Honesty
Humility	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 <u>8</u> 9 10	Pride
Introversion	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <u>9</u> 10	Extroversion
Disloyalty	1 2 3 <u>4</u> 5 6 7 8 9 10	Loyalty
Emotional Stability	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 <u>8</u> 9 10	Emotional Instability
Suggestibility	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Independent Thinker
Deprived Environment	1 <u>2</u> 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Enriched Environment
Tactless	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Tactful
Impractical	1 2 <u>3</u> 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Practical
Good appearance	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <u>9</u> 10	Poor appearance
Uneducated	1 2 <u>3</u> 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Highly educated

He tends to act before he things.  
 Almost rude at times.  
 Frequently tells fish stories.  
 Always wants to be no. 1.  
 He's apt to betray a friend in a pinch.  
 Easily moved to tears.  
 He'd walk on water if someone told him to.  
 Suffers from a culturally deprived childhood.  
 Always putting his foot in his mouth.  
 Overweight, heavily bearded, perspires a lot.

## Anthony Bidgood C.Ss.R. to be Ordained a Priest!!!!

On April 14, 2007,  
 at St. Theresa's Church  
 in St. John's, NL

Tony, we join you in prayer during this time of preparation for your Ordination, and we will continue to hold you in prayer as you begin your priestly ministry!

If you would like to share your prayers of support to Tony, you can contact him at our parish in Sudbury:

**Anthony Bidgood C.Ss.R.**  
 Holy Redeemer Parish  
 1887 Bancroft Drive  
 Sudbury Ontario P3B 1S7



**Left:** Tony presenting his parents with a cross.



**Below Left:** Tony's Ordination to Diaconate

**Below:** Tony standing with Brennan MacIntyre from Sudbury



## Constitution Corner

### Article 3: Formation in General

**81.** Since their duty one day will be to preach the word of God, they must be abundantly nourished by it. They must constantly give themselves to meditation on the mystery of salvation. Let them think deeply too, on the needs of the world which are the Church's concern and which evoke sympathy in their own hearts. In the light of God's word, let them make every effort to discover, together with their confreres, in what way they can help to respond to these needs.

## Journeying through Lent Together! ASH WEDNESDAY is FEBRUARY 21st!



Have you ever gone in the wrong direction, only to find that it seems like there's no way out? On our Lenten journey, we are allowed to make U-Turns; in fact we're encouraged to do so! We have the chance to turn back to God when we have done something wrong, or hurt someone, and seek forgiveness and reconciliation from God and others. Lent offers us the chance to start over.

At different times in our life we notice that we are in need of repair. We may need to change the way we view life, or how we act towards people we may not get along with. We may need to change certain things about us that may not be good for us. We are in need of repair. Lent is a time to look at ourselves to see things that we can change for the better, to become the person who God calls us to be; and we take the time to work on those things that need repair. It's okay to see in yourself things that need change, and it's great to have the courage to make those changes happen.



A merge sign is a reminder that at different points along the road, our paths should meet the paths of others. The traffic flows more smoothly if we all work together. We are a community, and during the Season of Lent, we are asked, "How do we work together to help those who are less fortunate? Do I see everyone around me as a brother and sister, all cared for and loved by God."

You have come to the right place. You have been invited to gather at the Table of Christ with other hungry people to be fed on your journey. We fast during Lent to help us remember that it is God who sustains us on the journey, and gives us the food we need. The food we need and eat here at Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is around the table that we meet our brothers and sisters, and together, we become the presence of Christ in the world.



**Join us this Lent  
for Prayer and Reflection**  
Online Busy Person's Lenten Retreat  
[www.redemptorists.ca](http://www.redemptorists.ca)

## Young Adult Ministries

### S.E.R.V.E. 2007

S.E.R.V.E. is a 5 week opportunity for Young Adults (age 18-30) to live in Redemptorist Community, work in apostolic opportunities, and together grow in faith through prayer, reflection, and Eucharist.

This year, S.E.R.V.E. will be taking place in Saskatoon & Sudbury from **May 12-June 16**

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE:**

**MARCH 10, 2007**  
Check out our website for details!

### Liguori Circle

If you're looking to connect with young adults to share faith, fellowship and fun, get involved in **Liguori Circle!**

Cities hosting Liguori Circle include: Grande Prairie, Saskatoon, St. John's, Sudbury, and Toronto.  
*See the Website for Details!*

## Come and See Discernment Retreat Weekends!

Check out the website for information about the **Come & See Retreat Weekends.**  
[www.redemptorists.ca](http://www.redemptorists.ca)

You can even register **ONLINE!**

**Toronto: February 9 - 11, 2007**  
**Sudbury: March 2 - 4, 2007**  
**St. John's: March 30 - April 1, 2007**  
**Vancouver: April 27 - 29, 2007**  
**Toronto: June 29 - July 1, 2007**

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There are several websites that pertain to the Church, Redemptorists, discernment, and different other "Catholic" things!

Check these websites out!



Busted Halo  
Canadian Vocation Network  
Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry  
Catholic Information Center  
Centre for Ministry Development  
Newspaper on Religious Life  
Redemptorists in North America  
Redemptorists in Rome (General Gvnm't)  
Story of my Life - Vocation Test at.....  
VISION Magazine Online

[www.bustedhalo.com](http://www.bustedhalo.com)  
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