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On April 14, 2007, Anthony Albert Bidgood C.Ss.R. was ordained a Redemptorist Priest at St. Teresa Church in St. John’s, Newfoundland. Family and friends from all over Newfoundland, Ontario, Saskatchewan, the United States, and Quebec gathered for this special occasion. As well, the newly ordained Archbishop Gerard Pettipas C.Ss.R. from the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan was present, and presided over the ordination celebration. His Grace, and Fr. Tony lived and worked together in 1994 on the Redemptorist Youth Mission Team in Saint John, NB.



In calling forth the enthusiasm and gifts of the communities of St. Teresa’s Parish and Corpus Christi Parish, we all joined together in this celebration of not

only priesthood, but of God’s work through Tony throughout his life.

The joy expressed by all present is a testimony of the generosity of spirit, and enthusiasm for the vocation of priesthood and Redemptorist life that Tony has committed to. Some might even testify that it was a three day party! Yes by’! Archbishop Gerry Pettipas reflected for us of how priesthood is not meant to be something that men “become”, but more about a vocation that is really an extension of the gifts and life that



one already possesses. Tony is a man of integrity, generosity, faith, hope, and compassion. He is what we call, a true Redemptorist, in living and in spirit. Inspired by the many Redemptorist saints, blessed, and living witnesses, Tony remains and continues to be an inspiration to all around him.



Tony has been serving in the community of Holy Redeemer in Sudbury as a Deacon, and will now begin his priestly ministry working at Holy Redeemer. The presence of many



parishioners from Holy Redeemer Parish at the ordination is a testimony to the appreciation and support of the greater parish community of

God’s love lived through their own new baby priest!

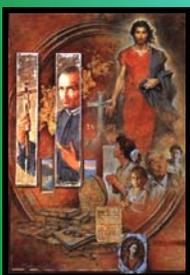
Fr. Tony, we continue to celebrate with you as you begin your priestly ministry as a Redemptorist. Thank you for answering the call to serve the people of God, and becoming our Brother in the Redeemer. But most of all, for being a friend.



Our prayers and support are with you always!

If you are interested in sending Fr. Tony a greeting of best wishes, prayers or congratulations, you can reach him at:

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Easter is for 50 Days!

If you are like me, then you are glad that Lent is now over! We spend 40 days of Lent reflecting, fasting, praying, and trying to be a better person. And we arrive at the celebration of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) with a renewed heart and spirit. Well, that time of celebration has passed. Or has it?

Easter is for 50 Days! Did you know that? Easter of course begins at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, and continues for 50 days until the celebration of Pentecost. It is interesting that we tend to focus so much of our daily energy and interest on the 40 days of Lent with what we have to give up and sacrifice, that we forget that we have 50 days to celebration the joy of resurrection, and not just Jesus' resurrection, but the joy and hope of our own resurrection and redemption! This is good news!

Just as we journeyed through the Lenten readings, we journey through Easter as well.

The **first** week, we remember those first appearances: to Mary, the Apostles, the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and of course, Thomas! The **second** week, the readings focus on birth, wind, and light. The **third** week, the focus changes to food and drink. Week **four**, we reflect on sheep, shepherds, and sheepfolds.

The **fifth** week, we reflect on vines, branches, peace, and friends. The **sixth** week invites us to prepare for Jesus' departure and the promise of the Spirit. The **seventh**, and final week of the Easter Season prepares us for the fulfillment of the promise of the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost.

All these themes are important to us as we journey through Easter and make the joy of resurrection and redemption real in our life today.

I have always found this Liturgical season and the season of spring an important time for my discernment. Perhaps it's because of the freshness of spring, and an awareness of the joy and beauty of God's creation around me. It's like a time and season for new beginnings, a chance to journey with the Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus and discover anew: Christ in the midst of my life and life of the world.

May this season be one of life, new hope, and joy as you journey with the risen Christ in your discernment!

"Lord, where do you stay?" Ways of following.....

In which direction does this spiritual motif move us to follow Jesus? It offers us, first of all, some important attitudes to have when we take up this kind of following. We might even dare to lump together these attitudes into an explicit contemplation of the trilogy: crib, cross, and sacrament. Thus, I see that we ought to follow Jesus:

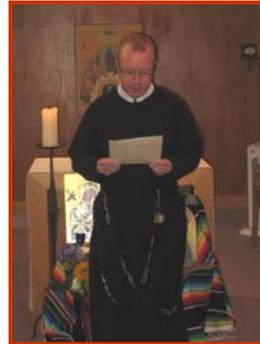
- **In the incarnation**—by cultivating a feeling of love for the poor and abandoned, as well as a feeling of mercy for the weak and the fallen; also by inserting ourselves into the lives of these people in order to help them.
- **In the cross and resurrection**—by a pledge to defend life in its totality; by giving up honors and amenities; by self-denial and discipline, even to the point of sacrifice; and by having an attitude of hope that presumes things will always turn out better.
- **In the sacrament**—by having the attitude of someone who wishes to share his life with the most abandoned; by being a support and spiritual food for them; by being the proclaimer of the Word who makes all things new.

The path on which we follow Jesus points unequivocally in the direction of the poor and abandoned. It brings us to those who are in need of salvation. This is a huge concept, but in our traditions there are abundant signs of preference for persons who are the most humble and the most excluded or eliminated from the Church and from society. These are the people who determine in great part our missionary methods, and can even silence us, allowing us to give testimony without words, while waiting for a more appropriate moment when we can proclaim the Word in explicit terms (Constitution 9).

A Glimpse at Redemptorist Life and Ministry through the Year!



Redemptorist High School Retreat Team, Toronto



Tony Bidgood C.Ss.R., newly professed, and doubling as a mad doctor at Halloween at Holy Redeemer Parish in Sudbury



S.E.R.V.E. 2006 in Saskatoon



Fr. Michael Brehl C.Ss.R. presiding at Triduum of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, St. Patrick's, Toronto



Vocation Contact Adam Pittman reflecting on the wonder of the shores of St. John's, NL



Ordination of Archbishop Gerry Pettipas C.Ss.R. Gathering of Redemptorists for this wonderful celebration



Youth Group gathering at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Vancouver



Vocation Retreat at St. Mary's in Saskatoon with Fr. Remi Hebert C.Ss.R.



Liguori Circle Gatherings in Grande Prairie and Toronto



Fr. Jon Hansen C.Ss.R. and a cooking team at St. Patrick's Out of the Cold Program, Toronto



Construction of the New St. Joseph Church in Grande Prairie, AB... Opening May 20, 2007



Fr. Ed Eherer C.Ss.R. Entertaining the guests at Out of the Cold



North American Redemptorist and Young Adult "Dialogue"—Hamilton, August 2006

Constitution Corner

Statue 013: Those Who Suffer Harm Because of Division in the Church

The members must encourage whatever can contribute to the union of all who believe in Christ. This holds good for all Redemptorists who work in this our pluralistic society, but above all for those who are expressly assigned to ecumenical work.

For this task missionaries need genuine self-denial, humility and gentleness in the service they give, as well as brotherly openmindedness towards others. Therefore, their success in promoting the union of all Christians will be in proportion to their own earnest efforts to lead a life ever more in accord with the Gospel.

Come and See Discernment Retreat Weekends!

Check out the website for information about the Come & See Retreat Weekends.

www.redemptorists.ca

You can even register **ONLINE!**

Toronto: June 29 - July 1, 2007

Redemptorist Vocation and Young Adult Ministries

Redemptorist R.S.V.P.

(Response, Service, Vocation, Prayer)

a 5 Day Vocation Retreat / Experience

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.

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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
 Earth Ministry
 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
www.vocations.ca
www.cccm.ca
www.catholic.net
www.cmdnet.org
www.earthministry.org
www.vidimusdominum.org
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