

# Clergy Comment

by Rev. Art Tribe  
Most of us at some time or other have been amazed at the phenomenon of seeing trees growing up out of solid rock. This is a common sight in Haliburton Highlands and other parts of Ontario as an example. It makes us wonder how it is possible for a tiny seed to find enough earth to spread roots and then to push its way literally through solid rock. The next wonder is that the little sapling grows into a tall and stately tree.

you? What's so great about this life? "I am the Good Shepherd," Jesus assures us. "Follow Me." But we are not sheep. We are human beings in whom God has vested the power of choice: To accept or reject Jesus' invitation; to believe or disbelieve that we are more than a grain of sand or a tiny seed no bigger than a mustard seed with little or no control over our own fate; to believe or disbelieve that we are a miracle of God's creation capable of being a strong disciple of His in this world; to believe or disbelieve that we, by being Christ's disciple, can transform the struggle for mere survival into the marvelous life-enriching adventure that Jesus offers us!

curse at the darkness; Choose to like... rather than die: You are free to choose whether to sink into the garbage of world events and personal events that threaten to dehumanize us or, as powerful instruments of the amazing Grace of God, to help redeem it. Follow Jesus Christ who gives you the opportunity and shows you the way to become the uniquely beautiful person God intends you to be. The choice is yours.

We should not be too amazed if we stop and realize the source of this growing and sustaining power. The God of this universe is the Mighty Creator who sustains His universe by His creativity and power. Wouldn't it be fantastic to have that kind of power in your life? A retired couple were sitting on their front porch one evening. The wife was just watching the people go by. The husband was reading a book. The wife turned to her husband and said, "George, let's go inside and watch the late show." To which George replied, "I'm too tired. Do you realize that today my heart beat 103,389 times? My blood travelled 168,000 miles. I breathed 23,000 times. I inhaled 483 cubic feet of air. I moved 750 major muscles. And I exercised 7 million brain cells! I'm exhausted. I'm going to bed!"

Our power of choice is real. Use it wisely: Choose to love... rather than hate; Choose to create... rather than destroy; Choose to laugh... rather than cry; Choose to persevere... rather than quit; Choose to heal... rather than wound; Choose to praise... rather than gossip; Choose to give... rather than take; Choose to grow... rather than stagnate; Choose to act... rather than refuse to get involved; Choose to pray... rather than

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This lady shows the youngsters from Tot Lot the art of making chocolates as they toured Schneider's Reliable Sweets Factory in Rockwood.



Tot Lot traveled to Rockwood last week to the Schneider's Reliable Sweets Factory and here their tour guide shows them moulds used to make Easter bunnies.

## Cindy has busy year

It's been a busy year for Miss Acton Fall Fair Cindy McGiloway.

Saturday evening, at the Acton Agricultural Society Appreciation Night, Cindy thanked all the bearers of gifts during last September's fair, and gave a brief synopsis of the past 11 months.

Cindy recalls having her picture taken with a bull was a "different experience" for her, but by the end of the fair weekend, she was a pro at it.

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convention in Milton where she learned about posture and make-up.

The annual Beardmore Christmas party, the Christmas parade and the convention in Toronto at the Royal York Hotel were just a few of the many experiences she's had during her reign.

Now, Cindy admitted

**Alarm foils thieves**  
An alarm brought Halton Regional Police to McKenzie Smith Middle School in Acton early Monday morning.

Thieves who had broken into the Lions Club Swimming Pool were forced to flee, leaving behind a bag containing a calculator and tape deck, both removed from the building. They left with about \$25 in cash, police estimate.

## One less deer to hunt

A deer struck a moving car on Steeles Ave. over the weekend, causing about \$500 damage to the vehicle.

Robert Marshall of Milton was eastbound on Steeles Ave. when the deer ran out from the side of the road and struck the driver's door of the car.

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