

### Clergy Comments

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# French, English cultures great asset for town

I have been living in Georgetown for approximately a year now. I was asked to take charge of a French Parish, established about ten years ago in this locality. My first impression was not that of a stranger. The town looked so much like the one I was brought up in the States. I could understand English enough to be able to do by myself what the administration of a parish requires in the R.C. denomination. I knew the Acadians, who are in majority among the French speaking people of Georgetown, for I had spent four years in N.B. But I had no experience as Pastor. I had been retreat Master for 23 years and never in charge of a congregation. At first I kept asking myself, What I was doing here? What was the use of a small French organized group with a Church, a school, social activities, in a town where so many educational and recreational facilities are available? The answer took a long time to come. I had to undergo a certain crisis of adaptation. Even if the weather is not so cold in winter, in this part of Canada, it has been hard on me. Humidity is something difficult to bear when you are not use to it.

Many times as a French priest coming from Quebec (though of American descent) starting a new career I felt lonely and isolated. But my contacts with the clergy in our ministerial meetings helped me a great deal to overcome this isolation, I could have stayed in.

I now believe that French Congregation is an asset for Georgetown. It reminds us that Canada is made of two ethnic groups and that if each one accepts one another as they are, it increases our culture, our economy and, as Christians, it makes us discover some new aspects of the Church of Christ.

A French group in Georgetown helps us to understand better Canada and will give us an extra motive to work toward unity. Those who are prone to separatism, prove they have not progressed with modern speed.

If course a French minority in a town can have problems. But a minority group faithful to its religion, to its culture, aware of its limits but confident in the good will and co-operation of the majority is a seed which will help the city grow bigger.

Among the French groups of Southern Ontario, that of Georgetown is best structured

with its school, community center, house of worship. It might not grow very big, but the future will tell that, but at present it is lively and wants to stay alive.

I personally would like our French group to participate according to its means and potentialities in the community life of Georgetown, sharing with the whole population their initiatives, and responsibilities. We might have something to offer.

Most of us are sensitive on matters dealing with politics, nationality and religion. With understanding and good will we can all reach beyond these limits and live together as real Friends and Brothers.

Is it not what our Lord teaches us in his message of Love, the Gospel? He gave his life for the sake of all of us, without distinction of race nor country. He also said: "All you do to the smallest of my children I consider it done to myself." We are all children of God and belong to the same divine family through baptism.

A French Singer wrote: "Quand tous les hommes s'aimeront d'amour, nous serons mort, mon Frere." (When all men will love one another we will be dead...)

We want to prove that it is not true for Georgetown.



ONLY TWO TO GO and Debbie Deenick will have all 41 badges offered in the Girl Scout program. District Commissioner Barb Neuman and Rita, her mother, (left, rear) and grandmother, Riek (right, rear) were on hand for the ceremonies. Debbie's grandmother is visiting from Holland and was honored to be at the presentation by the Hornby Brownles.

## Bill 100 splits teachers

Bill 100, according to one locally involved teacher, will "sew the seeds of distrust" between teachers and their principals and vice-principals.

Tom Ramautarsingh, a teacher at Georgetown District High School and past-president of the Halton Secondary School Teachers Federation, commenting on the bill presently before the provincial legislature, termed it "divisive."

The bill governs the negotiation of collective agreements between school boards and teachers. It would give teachers the right to strike while banning work-to-rule, slow-downs, non-performance of assigned duties and mass resignations of teachers who are under contract.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Ramautarsingh, "Bill 100 has met many of the ideas and requests of teachers in a positive manner. One of the most serious flaws in the bill is that principals and vice-principals cannot strike. It is treating them as management and I do not agree with that."

"The legislation will have them remain as dormant members. It is very divisive and will undoubtedly sow the seeds of distrust which will develop into lack of confidence in principals and vice-principals."

"Meaningful relationships will be destroyed and undermined and hence education in the schools and the province will suffer. Bad relations will result in poor education. We must put the students first by having a healthy and honest relationship among all members on a staff. We can ill-afford legislation which will drive a wedge between teachers on a staff."

Mr. Ramautarsingh commended the legislation's stand on allowing all terms and conditions of employment to be negotiable. "This feature of the bill will be most welcome, especially in Halton."

"Many districts in the province negotiate conditions of work, but Halton teachers can only discuss such matters in committees. This has been a sore point for many years and to have this as part of the Act is most commendable."

He added that another good feature of the bill "is that good faith bargaining must be carried out. Some boards stall and delay meaningful negotiations and then propose eleventh hour proposals either just before May 31 (last day of resignation) or the last few days in June before school closes. This, I hope, will be rectified by the five-person commission that will monitor and assist the negotiations."

"In the final analysis, the government could end a strike or lockout through legislation if it believes it is harmful to education and jeopardizing the completion of the student's year's work. I would strongly suggest that the Education Relation Commission be responsible to the legislature rather than the Cabinet."

### Days are coming

The Day family will be holding their 111th family reunion at the Georgetown Fairgrounds on Sunday, June 29. Hosting this year's reunion will be Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lindsey and family.

Dinner will be served at 12 noon sharp. Following the meal there will be various games, races, horseshoes and baseball games.

Many names have married into the Day family over the years, for instance Buffalo Bill Cody's family and the Day family are intermarried.

It is expected to be a big day for some 200 members of the Day family who will be present at the reunion.

### You can be a T.V. star

"Everybody is a star." Well, not exactly. Some people prefer to work behind the scenes in television production and that is what the Access Program offered by Halton Cable Systems and Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology is going to teach, this summer.

The eight-hour course will explain the basics of television and give each of the members participating in the course a chance to do his or her own television show for the people of Georgetown. The course is scheduled to begin in July and will run for four weeks, two hours per session.

Introduction of the course to the area was the idea of Lucy Hall of the Media Arts department of Sheridan College. "You've got fantastic equipment here for doing local television if only more people knew how to express themselves through television."

Mrs. Hall of the college will issue community college credits and diplomas to those who complete the course successfully.

"We plan to include each phase of television production from the beginning idea to the final products," explained program manager, Richard Forster of Halton Cable Systems. "We have the communities of Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Norval and Glen Williams to draw on for ideas and talent and there should be no reason why we would run short."

By offering the course, Halton Cable Systems hopes to expand its local coverage and its technical resources for producing programs.

"One of the most difficult things in community programming is piecing together a crew that has the time and interest to really to a good job," added Mr. Forster. "It takes a technical crew of five to put together a show, in addition to the writers, producers and directors that work with the people rather than the equipment."

"The added areas of Milton and Acton will have their own programming ideas, different from those of the people of Georgetown and we will need a competent crew to translate those ideas into meaningful television," said Mr. Forster.

There are four other cable companies offering a similar program in their communities under the same arrangement with the college. Each program manager will conduct the training sessions at his own studio.

The studio, located at the Norval head-end receiving site is one of the best equipped studios in the area, according to Mr. Hall. "Even the back-drop used in the set has a nice homey touch that I haven't seen anywhere."

"With television we can all be neighbours, and that is the whole idea behind the course," said Richard Forster.

Those interested in the course can call Halton Cable Systems or pick up application forms at their office at 37 Main Street South.

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**HALTON HILLS PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
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### Hosting Mexican visitors Buenos dias Georgetown

Twelve young people from Mexico will find a home-away-from-home in the Georgetown area this summer. They are coming to learn about Canada and the Canadian way of life as members of the Experiment in International Living, a consultative member of UNESCO.

The Experiment was founded in 1952 and has proved to be a unique cross-cultural educational program. The Experiment believes that one can best "learn to live together by living together."

The particular group, one of 12 programs which will bring Mexicans, Japanese, Swiss and French-Canadians to Ontario this summer, will arrive in Georgetown on August 5. While in the community, they will live as members of local families and participate fully in their day-to-day activities. The group consists mostly of high school and university students, but includes several professionals. During their stay, they hope to improve their English, learn about our customs and develop strong friendships with their Canadian families.

Should your family be interested in opening your home to a Mexican Experiment (ages 17 to 28) from August 5 to August 26, contact the Experiment's local representative, Mrs. Jean Brown at 677-9254. All they ask is that you and your family be enthusiastic and willing to open your minds and your hearts to a most rewarding experience.

The Experiment feels that only through living with peoples of other cultures can world peace and international understanding be attained.

### Who are you?

Who's the president of the Georgetown Rotary Club? Who's the new Liberal riding officer? Where can you get some information on the Georgetown Figure Skating Club?

If finding the answers to those questions is a puzzle in itself you are not necessarily alone. Fortunately the folks at the Halton Hills Public Libraries have plans that could help us all get to know our town and its various groups and organizations a little better.

The librarians at the Georgetown library on Church Street are asking all community clubs, organizations, associations and groups to send them names of club officials, their phone numbers, aims and meeting times. All that information will then be put into a file, accessible to anyone looking for some answers.

When the president steps down or the secretary leaves, the name of his or her replacement can be telephoned in and the change will easily be made.

Considering the library's long hours—Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 5:30—it could be perhaps the most convenient information service available.

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### Patterson gives his 75th pint

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At the blood donor clinic held just over two weeks ago those 26 donors donated their 480th pint.

Of course it was not all from the same donor nor was it all given at that one clinic. It was the sum total of all their donations given over a number of years and at numerous clinics.

Hugh Patterson, for example, donated his 75th pint at the clinic for which he will receive a special scroll from the Red Cross at the local chapter's annual meeting.

E. W. Roszell and T. N. Williams donated their 50th pints at the clinic while O. H. Snyder, G. W. Cooper, D. J. Hockridge, L. E. Floin, A. J. Trueman, G. E. Norgaard, I. F. Lee, G. R. Lowin and M. T. Korbey all marked their 35th donations. They also will receive special scrolls at the annual meeting.

Receiving pins honoring their 20th donations at the clinic were: A. J. Duguay, S. J. Hoare, W. Walsma, K. A. Baker, H. Jacques and R. C. Lemay.

Mrs. J. E. Clarke, Mrs. M. Shearer, Mrs. J. E. Crabtree, J. D. Hancock, S. J. Larusso, B. Peck, F. Debever and F. F. Mack were presented with 10th donation pins at the clinic.

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