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Rev. Max Vague, shown here with his wife and children, will be the guest speaker at Ringwood Christian Church's anniversary this Sunday.

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## Former resident invited to speak

By KATE GILDERDALE

When Rev. Max Vague conducts the Ringwood Christian Church's anniversary service on Oct. 16, it will be a nostalgic occasion for him and his family.

Rev. Vague, who has been a resident of Carlsbad, California for the past 14 years, was born and brought up in the Stouffville area, and his family have been members of the church all his life.

Says his mother: "We lived at Ringwood for a few years, then in Lemonville and Altona, so we always went to the same church."

Educated at Dickson Hill, Lemonville, Altona and Summitview Public Schools, Rev. Vague completed his schooling at Stouffville Dist. High School, before working in the Bank of Nova Scotia for about two years. It was during that period he decided he wanted to go into the ministry.

Ringwood pastor

"He attended Toronto Bible College," states Mrs. Vague. "While he was still there he became pastor at Ringwood. He graduated as a Bachelor of Theology in 1968."

In 1969, Rev. Vague took up a ministry in Michigan, where he remained for five years, during which time a new church was built. His move to California came in 1974.

His first post was an assistant pastor at Carlsbad Union Congregational Church, where he has remained ever since; working in different areas of the ministry including evangelism, visitation and counselling.

Although he didn't get back often during the first few years of his ministry, he has managed to see his family more often recently.

Special visit

This visit will be a particularly special one, Mrs. Vague observes, and not just because of the church's 164th birthday. His parents will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the Oct. 22, and his Bible college has a 20th anniversary reunion on Oct. 15.

Since he was going to be in the area and the church hadn't booked a speaker for their anniversary, it was decided they would ask Rev. Vague to conduct the service. As clerk of the church, his mother has been busy getting things organized for his visit.

Family of preachers

Rev. Vague's vocation was no big surprise to his family. "He comes from a church oriented background," points out Mrs. Vague. "We have a lot of preachers in the family."

When he arrives on Oct. 13, he is planning to bring his daughter, who is in high school, along with him for the trip. The rest of his family will remain at home in California.

For Mr. and Mrs. Vague, this October will bring back some very special memories and an opportunity to share them with their family and friends at Ringwood Christian Church.