

# WHAT'S NEW



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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This past year we have, in a group discussion, explored the Gospel of St Matthew, both for its unique cultural and literary contribution to the Christian tradition, and for its value as a spiritual guide for the contemporary believer. Suggestions have been made to "bookend" this study by looking at the Gospel of John over the next year, a Gospel so different, and yet so complementary, that this is a unique opportunity to explore more foundations of our scriptural heritage.

If this interests you, watch for the sign-up notices in the Bulletin in September, and if possible, we will pursue this study, probably guided by N. T. Wright's book "John for Everyone" (a companion work to the text that guided us through Matthew).

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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter I have just returned from a wonderful service of ordination of Deacons at St. Paul's Cathedral. Five people both male and female of various age and circumstance of life, offered their life to the service of God and God's people. It was a remarkable act of faith! These people don't really know what they are getting themselves into. At a time when the church is facing many challenges, and indeed the viability of the church is often questioned, these people have committed their life to service within the church. They have committed themselves to be faithful in an uncertain future because the church is rapidly changing. It is presently a much different reality than when I was ordained thirty-five years ago, and the change is increasing at a great speed. It is a challenge to have a vision of what the church will look like in ten, fifteen or twenty years but these five new deacons committed themselves to strive to be faithful. This is also our challenge! As a parish and as individuals will we be faithful?

I am very thankful for the fifty-seven people of all ages who on May 30<sup>th</sup> gave up their Saturday morning to share in a visioning process here at Holy Saviour. Together we shared our concerns, hopes and dreams of what ministry in the name of our Lord could and should look like here at Holy Saviour both now and long into the future including how our current facilities impact those opportunities for ministry. The discussion will provide much direction for our Parish Council as it works on our behalf in planning for the future of Holy Saviour.

I am also very thankful, as we say thank you and goodbye to Sharla, that adults from both Holy Saviour and All Saints are stepping up to meet the challenge of finding new ways in which to provide effective ministry for and with our youth. I pray that God will bless these new initiatives!

It is great to be a part of this Holy Saviour family. We are very blessed. On May 31st we celebrated the baptism of five members of our parish family. The Church School is strong and full of life. The nursery is a very busy place often with five to seven



children. On June 7th we had a wonderful celebration of faith and worship with Bishop Terry Dance who greatly appreciated and enjoyed the vitality and diversity of our faith community. He challenged us to be faithful in accepting the cost of following Jesus. He also challenged us to know and appreciate that if

we are faithful then we can change the world, beginning with right here at Holy Saviour in Waterloo where together, to quote the apostle Paul from the 17th chapter of the Book of the Acts "in Him, we live and move and have our being." I have a vision of a wonderful future for the people of Holy Saviour as together we serve God's people in our community but I need, we need, you to be an active part of that vision. Only if you are faithful can the vision become a reality!

We will very soon be enjoying the season of summer. It is a time when the blessings of God's creation are evident all around us. It is also a time when the regular routine of our life often changes and for a while many of us enjoy a time of rest and recreation. I pray that wherever we may be we will continue to be faithful. If you are away travelling or at a cottage, then join in worship with a local faith community. If you are at home in Kitchener-Waterloo then make the effort to join your parish family in worship. We all need each other here at Holy Saviour. If you are not here, then we will miss you, because we cannot be as strong and vibrant as a community of faith, as we should be, without you!

May God bless you this summer! Have a great time, but remember to be faithful!

Yours in Christ, Peter

It is not too early to think about our annual Snowflake Tea and to make preparations for it. If you are making preserves this summer, think about making a couple of extra jars for the bake table, or if you have time on vacation, try creating some crafts, possibly knitted or crocheted, for our craft table.

## FROM THE WARDENS

The past few weeks have been very busy at Holy Saviour with the visit of Bishop Terry Dance, the goodbye to Rev. Sharla, and the Visioning morning, and the preparations for all of that. Bishop Terry visited us on June 7th. His sermon left many of us with teary eyes as he told stories and encouraged us to see beyond the garments of a person, be they the near rags of the homeless or the finery of a bishop, and by doing so we will see the person's "self" and bring them their dignity. That same Sunday, we bid goodbye to Reverend Sharla, our Youth Minister for the past two years. We wish her God's blessing as she continues her priestly journey as interim priest at All Saints' Church. This was followed by a celebration barbecue hosted by the CLAY youth group. Big thanks to them as well as Andrew Attridge, Bob Villeneuve, Jennifer Ross, and Daena Mervyn-Fleming for organizing this.

On a recent Saturday, 57 parishioners spent the morning looking at big questions on the future of the ministry and outreach of Holy Saviour and how our facilities can be improved. We were divided into 7 groups. We ranged from new congregants, to people who have been part of our parish for several decades. A few of our youth were involved as well as all age groups up to our seniors. Interestingly, all seven groups had suggestions that were similar. One of the continuing themes was how very vibrant and thriving our church is. The comments are currently being transcribed. They will be reviewed by the wardens and parish council as we move forward. We will continue to have meetings with the congregation at every step. Since 2009 our parish has been involved in several workshops on improving our ministries, outreach, and communications. Many of the recommendations have been acted upon. Now it is time for us to take serious action on our facilities. In September we will be unveiling our RENEW campaign, raising funds for building improvements, youth ministry, and strategic planning.

But in the meantime, we wish all of you a safe and relaxing summer, the opportunity to restore during any vacation you may be taking, and to remember our church and the work we do in your prayers and your givings.

Jennifer Ross  
*People's Warden*

Richard Blumenauer  
*Deputy People's Warden*

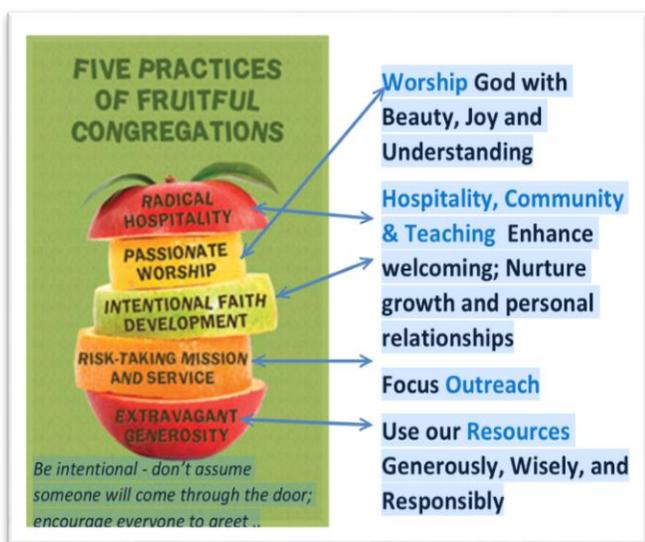
Glenn Brogden  
*Rector's Warden*

**Tricia Siemens**  
*Deputy Rector's Warden*

## VISIONING

*The Visioning Workshop on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, has been mentioned elsewhere but deserves fuller coverage.*

The energy and enthusiasm shared by the 57 participants, from young teens to those who don't brag about their age, was palpable. Marilyn Malton had done her homework, reviewing the progress of previous sessions like this from 2009 forward. The cynic in me was ready to say, 'oh here we go again' but I had to admit that several initiatives from those workshops have already been put in place. And Marilyn, an experienced Parish Coach, could point out strengths and programs that we regulars might take for granted. Here's one of the slides from her



presentation that links a workshop in Oct. 2012 (on the left) with Action Priorities from the VIVA workshop in 2009 (on the right).

She then had the seven groups, each with a cross-section of ages, brainstorm around ways to match our hopes for ministry within and outside of renewed facilities. "What will worship and other activities at Holy Saviour look like in ten or even twenty years?" Such "blue sky" fantasies are fun though not often practical. So the final phase of the workshop was to distil the essence of those fantasies. For example, "carpet-bombing the Mary-Allen neighbourhood with flyers promoting Holy Saviour" points to the need for more communication with the 'hood.

So, it's now back to Parish Council to review the suggestions and move forward on them in consultation with all of us. As one former cynic, I'm eager to see what they, and we, come up with.

## 2015 SYNOD REPORT

During the opening service in St. Paul's Cathedral of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Huron, Bishop Bob Bennett delivered his "charge" to the people, beginning with his personal reflections on the theme of the Synod and the Anglican Communion's 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission: "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth". He pointed out that the worldwide Anglican Communion agrees that the climate is being changed by our actions to the detriment of everyone but especially to indigenous peoples and the poor. This is morally wrong and the Church must stand up and proclaim our opposition to the abuse. He then spoke of "Sacred Groves" and "Holy Places", both for himself personally and those considered such by ancient and modern speakers. He asked whether his grandchildren would continue to have such spaces to retreat to and be still in.

He then touched on just some of the many and wide ministries taking place in our Diocese: the continuing implementation of our strategic plan, the moving forward of our relationship with our First Nations brothers and sisters and RENEW. For the last, he announced that to date, the total amount of renew monies raised and pledged exceeds 5.5 million dollars – mostly for projects in the "Parish Vitality" sector.

From Monday morning until Tuesday noon, Synod dealt with the 'business' of the Diocese of Huron. We present a few of the highlights from the Popular Report.

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those that live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*  
(Psalm 24.1-2)

This text is an excellent encapsulation of the theme of this year's synod gathering. The theme to which conversations and presentations returned again and again was that of how the people of Huron can best live out their baptismal promise to safeguard the integrity of God's creation. From Bishop Bennett's charge on Sunday night to Bishop Dance's closing remarks on Tuesday morning and at every turn in between, the role of Christians as a part of God's creation and our capacity to live in both harmony and discord with creation was front and centre.

Over the three days of synod the incredible amount of work and ministry which takes place in Huron was

made very clear by the number of presentations from various groups and committees.

In three separate sessions led by the Rev'd Canon Ken Gray, the synod gathering was repeatedly called to consider scripture and church teaching on the place of humanity in God's creation and our role in preserving that creation. Ken highlighted the importance of a shifting viewpoint from one of hierarchy where humanity has been given the earth by God to do with as it sees fit, to one where we acknowledge our place as a part of creation, not separate from it.

Huron's ministry extends well beyond the geographical borders of the diocese. A presentation from members of the Companion Diocese Committee about Amazonia, Huron's companion diocese, was accompanied by the blessing and commissioning of another group who are to head down this summer. Our own Peter Townshend is one of the members of this group.

Synod 2015 was an efficient business meeting of the diocese, which is something everyone can appreciate. But more importantly, it was a gathering of great fellowship and thought-provoking presentation and discussion. The diocese has been charged by its leaders to consider very strongly how best to plan and work toward the future; a future where resources of all kinds are managed with prudence and the integrity of God's creation has been safeguarded for generations to come.

The Bishop's Charge and the Popular Report may be found at:  
[http://www.diohuron.org/what/synod/past\\_future.php](http://www.diohuron.org/what/synod/past_future.php)

David Embury, Paul Henderson, (Lay Delegates)

### *The Usher*

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

"Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row, please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said.

"The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

### WE PRAY FOR

Angela-Marie, Matthew, Stephanie, Angie, Lauren, Lloyd, Ron, Heather, William, Wendy, Elyse, James, John, Jessica, France, Jane, Michelle, Laura, Rebecca, Ross, Heather, Reta, Jennifer, Caroline, Joseph, John, Frances, Russell, John, Lisa, Susan, Sophia, Joy, Bob, Eric, Betty

**AND** For those in Nursing/Retirement Homes and people who are Shut-in:

Esther Madill, Dorothy Gilbert, Doris Leland, Frances Whittaker, Shirley McHugh, Mary Culliford, Bernice Hodgson, Esther Hodgson, Manley Richardson, Shirley Beaudry, John Ford, Veronika Embree, Margaret Goodwin.

### WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF:

Grace Elaine Beamer, Lele Addico, Elijah Addico, Mya Disbrow, Sean Disbrow, Rowan Bondy

**WE REMEMBER** our brothers & sisters departed this life, who now share in our Lord's eternal life:

[Albert Thompson](#)

[Bette Kaufmann](#)

### LITTLE DRAGON DAY CAMP

St. George's of Forest Hill has asked our parish once again to support their Little Dragon Summer Day Camp. They have been very grateful for past the donations that help provide partial and full bursaries for families having financial difficulties. The campers come from a wide variety of socioeconomic backgrounds, beliefs, ethnic diversity, abilities and disabilities. They provide a limited number of camp spots for children with mild special needs and hire a special needs support person to help integrate the children into the camp program.

The weekly fee is \$150.00 per child. They have not requested a specific amount from us, but they were especially appreciative of our efforts last year. It would be especially helpful if some could consider a donation for a full week's bursary. Please mark your

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donations as “Little Dragon Day Camp.” Your generosity will significantly enhance the summer experience for a number of children who would not otherwise have this day camp opportunity.

Andrew Attridge, Outreach Committee

## BELINDA WARD-CAMPBELL

Belinda will have two major deliveries this September, her PhD in freshwater ecology and her third child! Her thesis studied fish life in the runoff drains alongside farmers' fields. Her expected baby will be a brother to Imogen, 5, and Cormac, 3. Getting her PhD marks the end of many years in academia: her undergrad at Guelph starting in 1996, followed by 3.5 years for her master's degree in Thailand, and ten years for her doctorate at Guelph. She is not interested in a teaching career but is happy to be a stay-at-home mom with three kids and two dogs. Her husband, Som Tsoi, works in digital media at CIGI. We met in their home on Gildner St., which, like many young couples, they are busy renovating.

Belinda was born in Germany and moved to Cambridge, ON, when she was eight, then to Vancouver from 13 to 16, followed by a gap year in England. Her mom was born in Germany. Her grandmother, Maria, survived the war sheltered by a Hamburg tailor who had met her as a girl when he worked as a translator during the German occupation of France. Her grandfather was Ukrainian and was a concentration camp survivor who he met Maria when he apprenticed with the Hamburg tailor after the war. They came to Canada when her mom was 16, returning 4 years later, where her mom met Belinda's father who had come from England to teach ESL. With two daughters they moved to Canada, where he worked with a company importing German appliances. Her mom died when Belinda was 18. Her dad remarried and lives in Kitchener near the Grand River and attends St. John the Evangelist.

I asked about the impact of losing her mom in her late teens. “My mom and I were very close. She worked hard to have the kind of relationship she had missed with my grandmother. I could tell her everything... I miss having that, having someone who knew me so intimately. Especially now with my own kids, I miss having her involved in the day-to-day.” She died of breast cancer which recurred in her liver a year after chemo.

Belinda was baptized in an Anglican church in Germany but didn't attend there. St. John's Cambridge was her first church but between her mother's death and the ‘normal’ teenage

disenchantment with church, she stopped going. “I didn't really think about my beliefs... but it was after Cormac was born I checked out Holy Saviour. It was two years ago, the Sunday that Addy, Peter Townshend's granddaughter, was baptized. I was amazed. It just felt so familiar. I'd never been to the



church but having gone to St. John's Kitchener it just felt comfortable architecturally and liturgically. I need this as much as the kids need this. It was

like filling a hole in my life I didn't realize was there.”

Her husband is from Laos who arrived in Canada in 1980 as a young boy; his family was sponsored by a church in Goderich. Though they attended that church out of gratitude, he remains agnostic. He and Belinda are comfortable raising their children with two alternatives.

When asked if she found the resources she needs to deal with the big questions in her life as a mom and wife, Belinda replied, “I do feel those can be found at Holy Saviour. I feel comfortable with Peter and can raise questions with him and with other people in the church community. Coming back to the church as an adult involves finding new meanings to scripture, not taking them literally but relating to their context, especially around gender roles. I wrestle with reconciling my scientific mind with my spiritual mind. It's a big thing ...but I can live with the two, they're not mutually exclusive.”

I expressed gratification that she and other young moms are drawn to Holy Saviour. Belinda notes that there are several of them who gather in the nursery, and while they miss part of the service, are doing their own form of ‘church’ downstairs, swapping stories of parenting joys and dilemmas. As we ended our chat, I mentioned Education for Ministry as a venue that she might consider to deal with those big questions. For someone facing a PhD defense AND birthing her third child both in September, she struck me as both intelligent and brave. I'm glad she is finding a spiritual home at our church.

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From top right. CLAY youth fundraise by opening an All Saints' parishioner's backyard pool in Elmira, May 18. The Spring Sensations dinner on May 14. Sharla's final children's talk on June 7. The ALSOC youth weekend ended with a parish BBQ lunch, Apr 19. Lois Horst, Generations choir director, becomes an Anglican, Apr. 26 at St George's of Forest Hill, with Bishop Terry Dance.



## YOUTH

We are indebted to Sharla for the tremendous effort she put into building our Youth group Program over the last 2 years. In a series of meetings with people from both parishes, a small group of leaders has emerged that have already started transitioning from Sharla the Youth Program for Grade 5 to 8s (LIGHT). A year-ending celebration picnic was held at Laurel Creek Conservation Area on June 14th and our several graduating grade 4s and their parents took part. The leadership group already has a schedule of exciting events planned for this, "tween" age group in the fall. This will kick off with a Welcome Back event on Sunday September 20th.

On an exciting related note, Jeff Kischak, a Masters of Divinity student at Huron College UWO, will be doing a student placement with our parish starting in the fall, which will involve 10-12 hours a week participating in our

parish life. Jeff has already joined the youth leaders group and is looking forward to working with the young people.

Richard Blumenauer



Date		8am BC P	10am Choral Eucharist	Clergy
June 28	5 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BAS	Reverend Dr. Eileen Scully
Jul 5	6 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BCP	Reverend Dr. Eileen Scully
Jul 12	7 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BAS	Reverend Dr. Eileen Scully
Jul 19	8 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BCP	Reverend Dr. Neil Carver
Jul 26	9 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BAS	Reverend Dr. Neil Carver
Aug 2	10 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BCP	Reverend Dr. Neil Carver
Aug 9	11 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BAS	Rector returns
Aug 16	12 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BCP	
Aug 23	13 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BAS/Baptism	
Aug 30	14 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BCP	
Sept 6	15 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	HE	BAS	

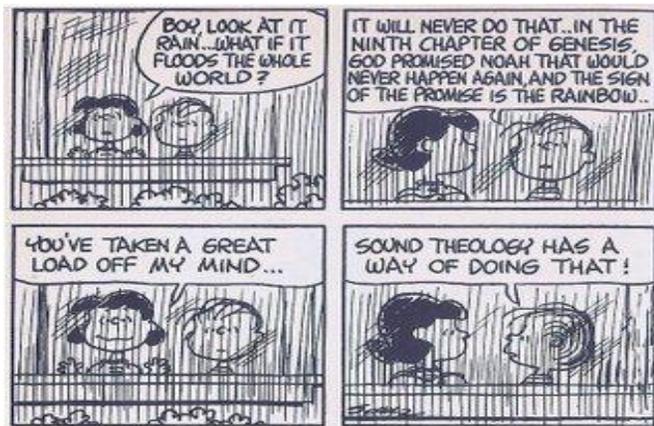
baptismal ministry in the church and in the world.

*Background:* EfM began at the Episcopal University of Tennessee (part of the University of the South, in Sewanee) in 1975. It came to Canada in 1977 and has been administered by the Diocese of Kootenay since 1985. Huron is one of several dioceses in eastern Canada that have begun to offer EfM recently. EfM groups can be found across the US, in England, New Zealand, Australia, Botswana, the Bahamas and Hong Kong. Over 80,000 have participated worldwide. It has also appealed to other denominations, especially Lutherans.

*Why?*

We are all called in our baptismal vows to ministry (not just those who are ordained) but

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY



*What is it?*

The short answer: EfM is **adult Christian formation that allows you to take hold of your faith and share it.** The longer answer: Education for Ministry is a program of theological education by extension for lay people. There are four years of study, but participants commit for one year at a time, meeting in small groups with a trained mentor. The program combines academic study with integrative components to help participants take what they learn about Scripture, church history, theology and ethics into their own lives and hearts, supporting them in living out a vibrant

few of us feel qualified for the task. To minister means to exercise the church's vocation to continue Jesus' ministry of reconciling the world to God, through worship, serving others and proclaiming God's Word to all people. EfM is a means for everyone to investigate the call to ministry.. EfM is designed to develop skills and knowledge well beyond what we learned in Sunday School and confirmation classes. By following an academic format (nine months of group meetings with a mentor, though no exams or essays), EfM provides the equivalent of a first year in theology, spread over four years. It is also a venue where Big Questions can be asked and easy answers are discouraged.

*How?*

Learners enroll for one year at a time, pay tuition of \$350, and join a group (minimum 6, max. 12 participants) which meets weekly (two to three hours) or biweekly. The four year cycle covers Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology. Bursaries are available if needed. Participants purchase their own textbooks and bring a Bible.

The primary learning method is called Theological Reflection, a discussion that approaches a personal issue, a social

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problem, or a passage of Scripture with tools of discernment (identify, explore, connect and apply). Each session also includes review of the assigned readings, a brief worship, and a refreshment break.

### *When and Where?*

EfM will be offered this fall by the Deanery of Waterloo, under the auspices of the Renison Institute of Ministry. There will be an information meeting at Church of the Holy Saviour on Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> (7:30) with plans for the course to start in early October. You'll find more information at [www.efmcanada.ca](http://www.efmcanada.ca) and by contacting the mentor, Chuck Erion (519-742-9724 [Erion.chuck@gmail.com](mailto:Erion.chuck@gmail.com)).

## FROM THE TREASURER

As of the end of May, our total donation income for operating totaled \$96,661 as compared to \$94,574 for the same period in 2014. Our envelope donations and Pre-Authorized Chequing show a like improvement and we thank everyone for doing your part. The budget passed by Vestry in January was again very aggressive in its call for substantially increased offerings. Obviously, some of our parishioners have stepped up; but compared to the budget, our income is still lagging by almost \$10,000. Our income position currently is comparatively good news; however, I need remind everyone that if you have forgotten to increase your givings for 2015, it is not too late and I would urge you to help your church by doing so.

Meanwhile our operating expenses are down slightly from last year at this time and also slightly under budget. Although it was a rough heating season this winter, our other expenses have been held in check. We strive to be ruthless with our expenses; however, even with the increased givings, we are still projecting a year-end deficit. In light of these numbers and the fact that the summer months are always 'down times' for attendance and our income, please continue to give generously – we need your help and are counting on you.

Take a moment to sign up for PAC with this form.



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## AUTHORIZATION FORM

Parishioner Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

I/We (the above named parishioners) authorize the above named church to debit my/our account indicated above, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (please circle your choice of date) until cancelled. This is for givings in respect of the following:

Operating Expenses	\$
Parish Improvement	\$
Other (please specify)	\$
Total	\$

Each donation shall be the same as if I/we had personally issued a cheque authorizing the bank to pay the church as indicated and to debit the amount specified from my/our account. I/we will notify the Church Envelope Secretary c/o the Church Office promptly in writing if there is any change in the account. This authorization may be cancelled at any time upon written notice by me/us to the church. Any delivery of this authorization to the church constitutes delivery by me/us to the bank.

**I/we am/are the persons who are required to sign on the above account. A copy of your signed authorization is available from the church, if required. In compliance with the Diocese of Huron privacy Standards Policy, any information listed hereon is gathered solely for the purpose of administering the pre-approved payments and will be shared strictly on a "need to know" basis.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

New enrollment: Please attach a "VOID" cheque.