

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



Far Left: Mae Bartolome 11-14 division 3rd place, Taleighna Woodland 11-14 division 2nd place, Ben Phillips 11-14 division 1st place
Far Right: Ava Grace Irwin 5-7 division 1st place, Mya Duncan-Gagnon 5-7 division 2nd place, Emily Cop 5-7 division 3rd place
Back Row (R to L): Isaac Bromley 8-10 division 3rd place, Aidyn Robb 8-10 division 1st place, Ashton Pohjolainen 8-10 division 2nd place

The KOC "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" is a fun and easy way to get young people in your community involved in their faith. It is fun to conduct because of the opportunity to witness the creativity and optimism of the young people in your community. Each poster must reflect the Keep Christ in Christmas theme with a visual image and should be the original work of a single person. Kids were broken into three age categories for judging. The top three winners from each category were awarded a cash prize.

Brother Daven Pascal—Project Manager

KOC VALENTINE SOCIAL



This years KOC Valentine Dinner/Dance Social and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, Feb 18th, 2017 at the

Ukrainian Reading Hall. Always well attended and a real fun event! For further information and tickets contact: Brs. Rudy Bidinosti 727-5780, Bob Cey 728-9444

EVERYBODY WELCOME!!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Our KOC 2016 Christmas Lighting Contest proved to be very challenging with a wide selection of entries from which to choose! The "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme was used for all 32 entries. Judges were Brothers: Wes Shewchuk, Ken Heide, Joe Kiazky and Rudy Bidinosti. This years winners:



10 Hazelwood Cres.

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| First Place: | 10 Hazelwood Cres. | \$25 Tim Horton's Gift Card |
| Second Place: | 21 Almond Cres. | \$15 Tim Horton's Gift Card |
| Third Place: | 8 Fotheringham Dr. | \$15 Tim Horton's Gift Card |

LENTEN FISH FRY



Program Manager Jim Dyck is really excited about this years Lenten Fish Fry supper program, taking place in St Augustine's church square every Friday at 5 PM during Lent! Commencing Friday March 3, 2017, running for 6 consecutive weeks ending Friday April 7th! This program was a tremendous success last year raising \$3200 of which \$2000 was donated to the Syrian Refugee Fund and \$1200 to the St Augustine's School playground structures! However the real success of this program was the church community being brought together for six consecutive weeks to enjoy one another's company and a delicious Walleye fish supper! Please plan to attend this years Fish Fry Suppers, you'll be glad you did!

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HELPING HANDS SOUP KITCHEN



The Brandon Council KOC #1435 has a program of helping out at our local soup kitchen to greet and serve some 150-200 people on a regular and ongoing basis! This year we had an all clergy group (during Advent and only 5 days before Christmas) to greet and serve on this day!

Pictured: Father Michael Tkachuk, Pastor St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Brandon : Father Kelly Wilson, Parochial Vicar, Deacon John MacKenzie and Pastor Michael Savarimuthu, all from St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Brandon.

PRIESTLY JOURNEY



Brothers Robert Bengry & Sean Beahen with Grand Knight Denis Badiou

On November 12, 2016 Brother Robert-Charles Bengry wrote:

Bros. Robert-Charles Bengry and Sean-Patrick Beahen are former Anglican Ministers, and are Brothers of the Companions of the Order of St. Benedict, who have come home to the Catholic Church. To do so, they renounced their Anglican Orders as well as the doctrine and discipline of the Anglican Church.

“We’ve been discerning a path home to the Catholic Church for a number of years since Pope Benedict XVI promulgated *Anglicanorum coetibus*” Br. Robert-Charles says explaining that that document, with the fulsome support of Pope Francis, paves the way for Anglo-Catholics to join the church as full members while retaining elements of their Anglican traditions and heritage.

The Brothers, and two others of their small Benedictine Community based in Brandon, Manitoba, have joined what is called the *Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter*, a Catholic structure that preserves this Anglican heritage within the Catholic Church. Archbishop Gagnon, as well as the Ordinariate Catholic Bishop Steven Lopes, and several others have been an enormous help. “Fr. Michael at St. Augustine’s was appointed by his Grace Archbishop Gagnon to shepherd us to the Catholic Church” Br. Robert-Charles reports adding that his community has made their home at St. Augustine’s and intend to become active members of the parish.

“There are a number of things that need discerning” Br. Sean-Patrick says. “First there’s the matter of becoming Catholics”. As Anglicans Br. Sean-Patrick was the minister at St. Mary the Virgin in Brandon, while Br. Robert-Charles was the minister at St. Agnes’, Carberry, St. Paul’s, MacGregor, Christ Church, Austin and St. Paul’s, Wawanesa. Both earnestly desire to become priests of the Catholic Church and are currently in discussions with the vocations director of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter to enter into the process of discernment. If they were to become priests, they would gladly serve the Archdiocese of Winnipeg should they be called to do so. The process could take two years of formation or longer.

Brother Robert Bengry January 13, 2017 update:

Bros. Robert-Charles and Sean-Patrick are now full members of the Catholic Church under the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. The ceremony was held at St. Augustine’s in Brandon on Sunday, January 8th with a reception Sunday, January 15, 2017.

Sr. Myrna-Mary, of the same Religious Community, has been in full communion for about a month.

Although the Brothers have secured some work, they still require financial assistance. “People have been very kind and generous to us” Br. Robert-Charles says, “we simply could not keep our ministry going without that help!”

Financial Assistance—Donations small or large will collectively make a difference. A “gofundme” page has been setup where you can donate to them online:

https://www.gofundme.com/becoming_Catholic

“We pray for our new parish every day” Sr. Myrna-Mary says. Br. Robert-Charles was invited to speak at an Advent reflection at St. Augustine’s Church which was well received. Now that they are fully Catholics, they have begun the discernment process towards priestly ordination. “We are just at the beginning stages of that discernment,” Br. Robert-Charles says, “but I can tell you that I certainly miss preaching and serving a congregation”. More information will likely be available this Spring.

This is very exciting for the Brandon Catholic Community. Let’s each do our part to make a difference.

Vivat Jesus, Denis Badiou, Grand Knight

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



Our council decided to sell “Keep Christ in Christmas Buttons” to (A) promote the real reason for the season and (B) to raise funds for two Anglican Ministers who had left the Anglican Church and were on a journey to be-

come Catholic Priests. Funds were very important to them as their income was discontinued when they resigned from the Anglican Church. We decided that we would sell the buttons at all masses on the weekend of Nov 26-27th. We set about to arrange for 4 teams of 10 people per team to cover the four weekend masses. We selected a captain for each team and went about recruiting a team for each mass. We pre-cleared this whole program with Father Michael and Father Kelly at St. Augustine’s who were totally supportive of this initiative. There was a pre-announcement at every mass. Things went extremely well and by Sunday PM we were pretty much sold out! The buttons were sold for \$2 each so our total sales were just over \$1,000. We were able to give Brother Robert and Brother Sean approximately \$750 after the cost of buttons were deducted! Parishioners and Brother Knights were very please with the program. *Brother Ray West—Project Manager*

KOC GREY CUP POOL WINNERS

Correct Score Reverse Score

1st Qtr Bruce Ray \$150 Jim Batters \$50

2nd Qtr Beatrice Gross \$150 Walter Pickett \$50

3rd Qtr Norm Gamble \$150 Ella Olson \$50

Final Guy Huberdeau \$900 Cyril Fox \$100

