



Canada Atlantic Lieutenancy Annual Report 2021

This year was one of using innovative technologies for communication as we experienced the waves of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed to try to prevent its spread. Regular Zoom events took place throughout the whole year with the launch of webinars for all members in North America, with various lieutenancies acting as host. We were honoured to kick start these events by hosting the first webinar in January 2021. It began with a welcome from Archbishop Dunn, then a decade of the Rosary led by H. E. Trudy and Sir Michel Comeau, KC*HS, a spiritual reflection from Fr Paul Morris, KCHS and an update from the Governor General of the Order, H E Leonardo de Modroni. These webinars continued throughout the year which included reflections from our Grand Master, Cardinal Filoni and updates from the Holy Land with Archbishop Pizzaballa and Sami El-Yousef.

The tenuous situation in the Middle East was once more on the world stage with an eleven day period of extreme violence in Gaza, Israel in May. This prompted a visit to Gaza by Archbishop Pizzaballa to be present and to provide some comfort to the families who were impacted by this siege. A recap of this visit was circulated by Sami El-Yousef in June.

Throughout all of 2021, Fr Paul Morris, KCHS, hosted a weekly Scripture study via Zoom where he would examine the upcoming Gospel, provide historical context and invite discussion. Several members wishing to explore their faith made this a regular part of their weekly routine.



Because of the Covid restrictions, the Council met via Zoom in the summer and determined that we would have a smaller Annual event this year. With no candidates to invest, there was no Vigil but we were pleased to have Promotions for four of our members at our Annual gathering on October 2 after our AGM. Dame Joline Belliveau was promoted to DCHS, Sir Robert Berard was promoted to KC*HS, Sir Michel Comeau was promoted to KGCHS, and Sir Will Sweet was promoted to KC*HS. The members enjoyed a lovely reception at the glebe after the

mass. As well, given the circumstances presented by the pandemic limitations, Vice Governor General Tom Pogge requested that my term as Lieutenant be extended for two years and this was approved by the Cardinal Grand Master.

The Cardinal's book, *The House was Filled with the Fragrance of the Perfume*, was sent to all the member households in North America in July. The Cardinal began the book by referencing the Constitution and Pope Francis' comments to the Member of the Order at the 2018 Consulta, "Initiatives cannot be separate from our indispensable relationship with the Lord Jesus". We ordered and received additional copies to give to all of the bishops in Atlantic Canada.

We were most fortunate to be able to gather for Evening Prayer at the beginning of Advent, just before the Omicron variant of Covid 19 spread throughout the world. Fr Brian MacMillan, KHS led the liturgy and warmly hosted us at a reception at the glebe after our time of worship.

This year our Annual donations and mass card stipends that were sent to Holy Land were just over \$27,400. The needs of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are extensive and the contributions that are sent are deeply appreciated. I pass on the thanks to all of the members that has been expressed by Archbishop Pizzaballa.

It has been an honour to serve the Order and I personally thank the members of the Council and all of the members for their support through these difficult pandemic times.

Respectfully submitted,

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