

# VIVIAN BOSCH AND VELMA HARASEN PRESENTED WITH THE PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE CROSS OF HONOUR



**H**onorary Life Member Vivian Bosch and National President-elect Velma Harasen were recently presented with the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* cross “for church and pope”, also known as the Cross of Honour for their “faithful and distinguished” service to the church. It was first presented in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII and is awarded to both men and women. It is the highest papal honour that can be awarded to a layperson.



Archbishop Daniel Bohan, of Regina, presented papal honours to 16 people at a special Liturgy of the Hours service at Holy Rosary Cathedral on January 5, 2010. Seven people received

the *Pro-Ecclesia et Pontifice* cross and nine received the *Benemerenti* “to a well-deserving person” medal.

Velma and her husband Lorne may be the first married couple to receive the honour at the same time. Velma enjoyed teasing Archbishop Bohan about his reading Lorne’s *curriculum vitae* before hers at the presentation ceremony and was told the presentations were made in alphabetical order.

Velma’s parish council, St. Martin in Regina and Vivian’s parish council, Swift Current have every reason to be proud of their League sisters.



*For God and Canada*

## PRIESTS COMING TO OTTAWA AS OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

To mark of the *Year for Priests*, the national executive decided to select at random two spiritual advisors from the many priests who serve parish councils all across the country, and offer them an all expenses paid trip to the 90th annual national convention in Ottawa.

The first two priests chosen and contacted could not have been more enthusiastic. Father Ron Thompson, Pastor of Assumption of Mary Parish, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia noted that it would be an honour to accept the invitation. Father Edward House, rector of the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario wrote, “This is an exciting day that brings me great joy”. He had attended conventions in Newfoundland and Labrador as well as British Columbia and Ontario while serving as a diocesan spiritual advisor in the early 1980s.



Father Edward House

We look forward to seeing them in our midst in August.

## Congratulations!

**Congratulations to Parish Councils Celebrating Anniversaries**

**75 years**

St. Dunstan, Fredericton, New Brunswick

**50 years**

Corpus Christi, Calgary, Alberta

Sacred Heart, Wetaskiwin, Alberta

St. Anthony, Glen Levit, New Brunswick

St. Anthony, Storthoaks, Saskatchewan

St. Anthony Daniel, Sydney, Nova Scotia

St. Henry, Melville, Saskatchewan

**25 years**

St. Michael, Oakville, Ontario

Should your council wish to be listed as having celebrated a significant anniversary, please send your request in writing to national office. Notices will be placed in the issue directly following the anniversary date.