

## **VTMS XIV Annual General Meeting**

The VTMS XIV Annual General Meeting took place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov./03 at Holy Spirit Parish following Sunday Mass.

The present board of directors was returned to office:

- President: Mrs. Moira Garneau
- Vice President & Membership Chairman: Mrs. Ellie Raeder
- Recording Secretary: Mrs. Margy Mackey
- Treasurer: Mrs. Lynn Reid
- Social Director: Mrs. Mercia Hodges
- Communications Director: Mr. David Reid
- Director: Miss Kinga Dobozy
- Director: Mr. Ken Gauthier

## **Incorporation**

The VTMS was incorporated under the laws of British Columbia as a charitable organisation on 13<sup>th</sup> July/89. The purposes of the society are:

- To work towards the organic restoration of the Liturgy in conformity with its nature and the tradition of the Church.
- To ensure that the Roman Mass codified by St. Pius V is maintained as one of the forms of Eucharistic celebration which are recognized and honoured in universal liturgical life.
- To safeguard and restore the use of Latin Gregorian chant and sacred polyphony in the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church.
- To enable the members of the Society and, by the mission of their apostolate, all the faithful to better understand and more faithfully participate in the Catholic liturgy as sacred action.

## **Una Voce International**

The Vancouver Traditional Mass Society (VTMS) applied for and was accepted, as a member of the Foederatio Internationalis Una Voce, at the XII Statutory General Assembly held in Rome on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1995. This means that as of this date Canada was officially back in the Federation and the VTMS is the official representative of Una Voce International for Canada.

### **Short History**

The first Traditional Mass authorised by Archbishop James Carney was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June/89 at Holy Spirit Parish.

On 26<sup>th</sup> July/99 and again on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov./99 the VTMS petitioned His Grace Archbishop Adam Exner with the following requests:

- our community be provided full access to the liturgy of Holy Mother Church as set out in the pre-Vatican II liturgical books;
- our community be given access to full parish life with the establishment or the intention of establishing a 'quasi' parish for the Latin Mass Community; and
- a Priest from the fraternity of St. Peter be permitted to minister to our needs.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec./99 His Grace Archbishop Adam Exner met with the VTMS and gave his official response “All our requests were granted”.

On Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>/00 Fr. Ryan began his new assignment as Pastor for the Divine Mercy Quasi Parish and Chaplain for the Royal Columbian Hospital.

The Decree of Establishment of the Divine Mercy Quasi Parish was issued on fifth day of the month of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and one to be effective on January 7, 2001, the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the closing day of the Great Jubilee Year.