



New Church Update

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新聖堂追擊

The preliminary view



Baby room
幼兒室



View from Granville Avenue
向 Granville 街的外貌



Roof
屋頂



Corridor and its partition wall
走廊及間板

" OUR HISTORY IS IMPORTANT "



History, is so exciting, so depressing, so valuable for all to read, reflect on and, hopefully, select carefully our path through life.

So much depends first on our family; father and mother as a loving team with a clear vision of what their vocation demands as models and teachers for each child, for all their life.

Children do not learn everything the first time and meet confusing messages at school and at work as well as, lately, media shaped culture.

In our western hemisphere, the Judeo-Christian faith and culture establishes values for life - respect for the precious gift of life from God through our parents; respect for lifelong marriage, faithful, fruitful and educative, respect for the Ten Commandments, governing our relationship to God and all our neighbours

History records a modest progression of Christianity through Europe, with several saintly heroes in Italy, Turkey, France and Great Britain. Islam emerged from Arabia after the death of their prophet, in 632 in Mecca, and spread quickly to Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Iraq and, by 650, to present Pakistan, much like the Greek army under Alexander, because Islam was a military force blended onto a new faith identified with the Arabs of Mecca. By 750 North Africa, Malta and southern Spain were "accrued."

Our history courses at school and the lack of general interest in history outside our own nation have left us unaware of reality. Even from its beginning, the Shiite portion of members resort to the "sword" to gain control of any opposition. They exist in every country and they struggle to

emerge like Taliban did in Afghanistan.

A good part of our country's history was the recent papal visit to Toronto by John Paul II, who emerged from the aircraft and, in spite of physical disabilities, walked down the steps, met our Prime Minister, and gave his message of gratitude and faith in God and peace for all mankind.

We have the Faith - let us be proud of our Church. We should be keeping up our history by reading *B C Catholic* and other sources of history of relatives and friends who have gone ahead of us.

We should be proud of the teaching of our Faith and purchase reference books such as "The Catholic Catechism" and Biblical help like "The Dictionary of the Bible" by McKenzie, a Canadian Jesuit.

If we do not make the effort we could be unable to do our part in explaining our Faith to our children, or anyone whom we encounter. Buy books for your family library - phone your parish for a list of good books or visit a religious articles store - you will be glad with what you can make your own.

Our parish should be proud of the young French Jesuits of the mid - 1600's and their heroic zeal to share faith and give their lives as martyrs.

Parents, please take time to tell your children of your family of Faith, grandparents, uncles and aunts. It helps children to think well of themselves, able to cope with others where faith and virtue matter.

Our Holy Father inspired us to respond to be better - to live our Faith - reach out to all you meet - "be the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

