

VTMS XV Annual General Meeting 2004

The VTMS AGM took place on 21st November in Holy Spirit's Church hall. As has been our custom Allan Garneau chaired the meeting and Fr. Ryan opened with a prayer.

David Reid gave a combined President/Communications Director's report because the VTMS has been without a President since the death of Moira Garneau (in the interim the VP covered this position). The gist of this report was covered in 'Heroic Fighter Passes On' and consequently will not be repeated.

It was also explained that extensive efforts are being made to unite traditional Catholic groups from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard in affiliated Una Voce chapters. The main reasons for joining and supporting traditional organisations were reiterated:

It presents a united Canadian voice;

It brings together diverse groups where ideas, successes and failures can be shared;

It strengthens the voice of tradition for others in countries where there is no progress and it can help in preserving and protecting the Tridentine Mass unchanged.

In 2005 the VTMS will be formally petitioning Cardinal Hoyos for changes to the present status of access to the Traditional Mass and we will also be reviewing our charter written in 1989.

Lynn Reid presented the Treasurer's report.

Ellie Raeder presented the Membership report and we have shown a 5% increase in overall membership. Our goal for 2005 is to double the present membership and one simple way of accomplishing this is for every member to give a gift membership.

Mercia Hodges presented the Social report and noted the outstanding successes of our Gaudete Sunday potluck dinner, our parish picnic and our coffee Sundays.

Allan introduced our guest speaker Fr. Arnaud Devillers Superior General of the F.S.S.P. who spoke about the history of the FSSP and its worldwide growth.

The composition of the 2005 Board of Directors is as follows:

President & Communications Director: Mr. David Reid;

Vice President and Membership Chairman: Mrs. Ellie Raeder;

Treasurer: Mrs. Lynn Reid

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Margie Mackey;

Social Director: Mrs. Mercia Hodges;

Directors at Large: Mr. Ken Gauthier, Mr. Arnold Weigert and Mrs. Kinga Champion.

Our 2005 AGM will be on or about the 13th November.

The meeting ended with a prayer by Fr. Devillers and we take this opportunity to publicly thank Father for the effort he made to come to Vancouver to be our guest speaker.