

INSTALLATION DE L'ÉVÊQUE ANGLICAN

DENNIS DRAINVILLE

Most Reverend Bruce Stavert, Anglican Archbishop Emeritus of Quebec,

Right Reverend Dennis Drainville, Anglican Bishop of Quebec,

Excellencies, Priests, Archdeacons, Deacons, Religious women and men, lay Faithful, Invitees, Dear Friends :

Je suis très honoré de prendre la parole en cette circonstance solennelle de l'installation du nouvel évêque anglican de Québec, Mgr Dennis Drainville, évêque coadjuteur depuis le 12 octobre 2007. Congratulations Bishop Dennis! Welcome to Quebec city ! Je vous souhaite la plus cordiale bienvenue comme l'ont fait mes prédécesseurs à l'égard de vos prédécesseurs.

Cet honneur qui m'échoit de vous accueillir s'inscrit dans une longue histoire de relations harmonieuses entre les deux cathédrales de la vieille capitale. Nous avons célébré le bi-centenaire de la cathédrale anglicane en 2004 et comme vous l'avez remarqué, j'occupe le trône qui est réservée depuis les origines à l'Archevêque catholique romain de Québec, successeur du premier évêque d'Amérique du nord, le Bienheureux François de Laval.

Ce geste de déférence à l'égard de l'Église catholique à une époque où l'œcuménisme n'était pas courant a contribué à développer les relations mutuelles au cours du temps, notamment par des rencontres de prière et de dialogue à l'échelle locale ou nationale.

When, in January 2003, I first came to Quebec City as Roman Catholic Archbishop, I had had the privilege to participate in the ARCIC Dialogue, the official dialogue between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church, during my two years as the Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The main topic of discussion and a very fruitful one at that, was then the figure of the Virgin Mary.

As we unveiled last night Archbishop Stavert's Coat of Arms, I was moved by the motto he has chosen : *Secundum Verbum tuum*, " According to your Word ", which is the response given by Mary to the Archangel Gabriel as he announced the coming of the Messiah.

I take this opportunity to greet wholeheartedly Archbishop Stavert and his wife Diana. I thank you both for the occasions we have had to come together as representatives of our communities. I congratulate you for eighteen years of service to the Anglican Diocese of Quebec. You deserve a peaceful rest in the company of your family and friends. Receive my gratitude and my best wishes.

I now turn to you Bishop Drainville and to your wife Cinthia. I wish to welcome you and offer my prayer and support for your ministry. I will not forget that your uncle Gérard Drainville was once my own Bishop in Amos, Northern Quebec, where I come from. May this human link and our good will as well as new initiatives of dialogue and fraternity, help us build a better future for Christianity in our Society.

It is not easy today to be a committed Roman Catholic, nor a committed Anglican, I guess, to say nothing of being a Bishop. Let us pray for each other as a sign of hope and commitment to our communities. On this day of Pentecost, may you be enlightened and strengthened in your episcopal ministry. Together, let us ask the Holy Spirit to pave the way to reconciliation and unity in the whole Church of God.

Secundum Verbum tuum. May the Word of God be our common ground to face together the challenges of our times, especially secularism. We may differ on Biblical Hermeneutics but we stand together under the Word of God, with Mary and all the Saints. May we grow in unity and radiate the joy of the faith.

I wish you a very fruitful ministry, Bishop Dennis, with the assurance of the ongoing and traditional cooperation from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Québec. Ad multos annos ! Thank you !

Marc Cardinal Ouellet

Archevêque de Québec et Primat du Canada

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