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NOVEMBER 1981

We are happy to welcome Reverend Marty Holobow as pastor of St. Ansgar. There will be an Installation Service at at St. Ansgar on November 1, 1981 at 11 a.m. Pastor Arild Borch, assistant to the President will officiate.

Having served as the Base Chaplain Protestant at the Canadian Forces Base Montreal since the summer of 1972; Padre Holobow conducted his final worship service at St Hubert Protestant Chapel on Sunday August 2, 1981; his final date of retirement from the Forces will be on November 25th of this year. This latter date does not preclude his serving St. Ansgar Lutheran congregation having begun on Oct. 15th of this year. He conducted his first worship service at St. Ansgar on Thanksgiving Sunday. He reports that "it feels good to be serving a civilian congregation again." He still has a bit of a problem with the liturgy which he has not used for some 24 years, but that should clear up soon. In the meanwhile, he is grateful to Susan Smidt and Maren Nelson for leading the congregation in those parts of the liturgy where singing is necessary.

Pastor Marat Marion Holobow, better known by his nick name Marty, was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1925. He has always been active in team sports, having been a member of several championship teams; soccer in the Winnipeg Public School and basketball in the Winnipeg High School system. After joining the Royal Canadian Air Force in the spring of 1944 and having been selected for air crew training, he continued active participation in sports and was a member of the RCAF Bombers, Gray Cup finalists, 1944, Western Football Conference. In the spring of the following year, having completed his training at No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary, Alta., he graduated as a Wireless Air Gunner and received the King's Commission with the rank of Pilot Officer.

At the termination of World War II, Marty was discharged from the RCAF and enrolled as a student at Luther College, Regina, Sask. With the encouragement of many lay people along the way, it was his ambition and call to become a minister in the Lutheran Church. He received his Junior and Senior Matriculation and First Year of University at Luther College, Regina. He is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, and of the Lutheran Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask.

It was at Saskatoon that Marty Holobow met Sid Nelson, the previous pastor of St. Ansgar; as a matter of fact they played flag football against each other in those years. Sid was a member of one of two Lutheran Seminaries that happened to be established in Saskatoon at that time. Sid's Seminary was known to all the Seminarians as the "Norsk Seminary"; Marty's was known as the "Eighth Street Gang". It is interesting to note that at that early date, the two Seminaries were already exchanging students, professors, and facilities in order to attain a well rounded and practical curriculum.

One would not have dreamed some 33 years ago that Sid would be accepting a call to Lutheran Church at Medicine Hat, Alta., and that Marty would be in a position to accept the call to St. Ansgar Lutheran Church. Nor could one have known that Pastor Wilhelm and Mrs. Beck were to arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to serve a vital congregation there in the year 1925, the year that the present incumbent of St. Ansgar was born.

Pastor Marty Holobow, continued...

During his University and Seminary training, Marty Holobow was a member of the RCAF Reserves. He served with Number 406 Light Bomber Squadron, Edmonton, Alta., from January of 1949 to June of 1952. During this time, he also spent his summers flying with Number 111 Communications and Rescue Squadron out of Edmonton, Alta. In the summer of 1953 he was employed as the assistant Chaplain of RCAF Station, Rivers, Manitoba.

Prior to re-enrollment in the RCAF, Marty served the Mazenod - Mossbank, Saskatchewan Parish, and then Christ Lutheran Church, Regina, Sask. His Military charges were: RCAF Station MacDonald, Man; RCAF Station Mont Apica Quebec, and St. Sylvester; RCAF Station Chatham, New Brunswick, then overseas, No. 2 RCAF Fighter Wing, Grostenquin, France; No.3 RCAF Fighter Wing Zweibrucken, West Germany; Canadian Forces Base, Rivers, Man.; Canadian Forces Base St. Jean, Quebec; CFB Montreal, St. Hubert, Quebec.

In the year 1950, Marty Holobow was married to Marian Elizabeth Dressler. Their marriage was blessed with the birth of three children; Michael, Naomi and Daniel; all three are residing in the Montreal area.

Marty and Marian Holobow shall continue to reside at their present residence, 7895 Sartre in Brossard, Que., and Marian will continue her work with the Department of National Defence, Language School at CFB Montreal, St. Hubert, Quebec.

Marian is a graduate of the University of Alberta. In this present year she has completed the requirements for a Master's degree. She shall be receiving her MA at the fall convocation exercises, Concordia University.

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FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

MUSIC

To all members and friends of St. Ansgar.  
As your new pastor, you can understand that I would like to get to know everyone as soon as possible, but a goal is not always arrived at quickly. Please bear with me in this enterprise, forgive me if it takes a while. I have already started a program of visitation, and I hope to keep this up as much as possible before the weather becomes too cold and makes travel a bit more difficult.

The St. Ansgar choir has been quiet for a while but Marian Holobow is already working to get it singing again. More voices are needed.  
Practice before Sunday service.

Gita Nichol is busy taking organ lessons and rehearsing. We are pleased that Gita has agreed to be our new organist. Gerda England will relieve Gita once a month.

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CONSTITUTION

For those homes that I have already visited, thank you for your kindness and warm hospitality. I am heartened by your gracious Christian openness. May our good Lord assist us in our ministry to each other, and may he continue his blessing on you.

Amendments to St. Ansgar's Constitution to be discussed at a meeting Thursday, November 26th at 8 p.m. in room one.

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Yours,  
Marty Holobow

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