

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The transformation of Camp Brookwood begins

BY MARY LEE PHILLIPS
There is a metamorphosis underway at our dear Camp Brookwood in Bristol. Last spring the kitchen was totally gutted and all new (to us) cupboards, cabinets and counters were installed along with a new industrial sink with drain tray, a hand washing sink, two refrigerators, two stoves and a wall oven. Then the kitchen was repainted and so was the floor in the hall. A First Aid station and comforting sickroom went in at the back of Howett Hall. Shelves for books, games and supplies and a new (to us) 32 inch television went in the mail hall. The laundry room came out of the hall and was put in off the staff washroom, to make more space. A staff room added to the back of King David and a craft hut topped off the pre-camp improvements.

This fall a new frost wall was installed under Howlett Hall and we put a roof on the chapel. Next spring we hope to build new steps to the back doors and side fire exit door and build a deck the length of the building to accommodate the washroom and entrance with a



wheel chair ramp. These projects are going to require donations and manpower from all points of the diocese. Rebuilding the staff washroom, installing a new hot water tank and landscaping around the hall will come next spring.

New Camp Brookwood Security Measures

- Visitor passes are essential and 24-hour notice is required.
- No over night visitors.
- Beneficial joint staff training with Camp Medley.
- Staff hiring preference goes high school graduate and university age personnel who have maturity, knowledge and a strong Christian background.

Parish of Richmond celebrates opening of brand new church

On Sunday, Nov. 9, the people of St. John's in the Parish of Richmond were thrilled and thankful to be able to celebrate their first service of Holy Communion in a brand new church. More than 100 people were on hand for the wonderful event. All their cars were accommodated in the parking lot, but those who arrived just in time for the service were challenged to find a "good seat" in a pew once they got inside. The children were pleased to be able to attend Sunday school in their own building, rather than in the nearby rec centre and everyone was delighted with the heating system that allowed for the removal of coats inside in November. "It was truly wonderful worship in a modern, energy-efficient, and warm building and to enjoy lunch in the Parish Centre following the service," says the Rev. Chris Hayes, rector of the parish. "God has blessed this area with this great facility. It's hard to imagine what he has in store for us next!"



Homecoming Sunday in Parish of Prince William a wonderful success

BY ELIZABETH TRACY
 It's wonderful to see old friends whether it is at a family reunion, at Come Home Week festivities in our community or even just a chance meeting at the mall. Such was the feeling recently for both past and present members of the Parish of Prince William.

On Sunday, September 28, the parish held a "Homecoming Sunday" at St. Clement's in Dumfries. This service had been planned for several months during which members of the congregation were encouraged to contact family, friends and former members of the parish

who had moved away or who just were lapsed attendees. The result was more than double attendance on that day. Everyone was delighted to renew acquaintances including that of a former rector, Fr. Bob Barry and his wife Marguerite. Fr. Bob delivered the sermon.

As is usual in this parish, a lunch was served following the service, but for this occasion the members outdid themselves and presented a grand buffet as a welcome to the guests. It gave everyone a great opportunity to catch up on news, renew friendships, meet new people

and get one of Marguerite Barry's warm hugs. Such an event reminds us that we are, indeed, a family. With such wonderful comments from the congregation it was felt that perhaps this might become an annual event. God bless this Parish!