



SHHHHHHH. Don't tell anybody, but we're having a party. We're afraid if everyone finds out just how much fun this will be, just how spiritually uplifting the events will be, just how faith building the various gatherings will be, everyone will want to be part of it. Now we can't have that can we, that just wouldn't be Anglican!

The fact that the Anglican Diocese of Huron is 150 years old in 2007 isn't something that we should brag about it is. It seems kind of unimportant to give it the name "Sesquicentennial" and think that this will attract Anglicans from Port Stanley to Tobermorey and Windsor to Waterloo to set aside time to participate in a wide array of social events, worship services, exciting gatherings and other such things.

Now if we were to list the things that are planned and make some comment about them, we certainly wouldn't want you to get all excited and spread the news amongst all the people of Huron. We would be afraid that all Anglicans might stampede to one spot at one time and create a party that would attract attention from all corners of the community. But – we'll take that risk!

A committee, co-chaired by The Rev. Canon Christopher Pratt and Madam Justice Mary Marshman is diligently at work creating a year long celebration to show Anglicans and in fact the entire community just how important we are to the fabric of life in this area. Here are just a few samples of the many things that will make up our Sesqui year.

Beginning December 3rd of 2006, a Cross from St. Paul's Cathedral will make a pilgrimage throughout our Diocese, spending time in each congregation. At Diocesan Council on December 8th of this year, a major DVD presentation, Huron Our Story, will be released and a copy provided to each congregation. This dramatic DVD is

steeped full of history and the story of this wonderful thing we call the church.

January 1st of 2007 will feature three “New Years Levee’s” with the Bishops of the Diocese in London, Cambridge and Windsor. At Synod 2007 it is expected that a painting, commission by the Sesqui Committee and featuring the election of Bishop Cronyn, our first Bishop; will be unveiled.

The highlight event of our Sesqui will take place on October 28th 2007 as we invite all Anglicans in the Diocese to join us in filling the John Labatt Centre in London for a service of worship – come by bus, come by car, be nostalgic and come by horse and buggy, but join us for this magnificent service. The Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada will be in attendance and they’d like about 10 thousand of their closest friends to join them. But don’t tell anybody – what would we do if 20 thousand showed up!!!!!!

There are many more things planned as we celebrate 150 years of Light and Life in Huron, and you can get in on the act by planning something in your congregation to go along with all these Diocesan events we’re not telling anyone about!