



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Vancouver Island

1st Annual Retreat, 2009

The Bethlehem Retreat Centre
May 22-24, 2009
Retreat Master



Fr. Dean is the University of Victoria/Camosun College Chaplain and an assistant priest at St. Andrew's Cathedral where he offers ministry of counseling, evangelization, marriage preparation, and family baptism formation. Fr. Henderson came into full communion with the Catholic Church in the summer of 1999 at Christ the King parish in Courtenay after a decade of ordained ministry on Vancouver Island with the Anglican Church. As a former member of the Anglican clergy, Dean and his wife Linda and their five children made a significant transition from his parish of Nanoose Bay to Courtenay, and then after three years of full time lay ministry primarily with youth, the family headed to Victoria to continue a process of discernment about ordination to the Catholic priesthood. For five years, he worked as a lay Pastoral Care coordinator for Mount St. Mary hospital, and served part time at St. Andrew's Cathedral. With five children in school, Linda took a nursing refresher course and began working part time in Long Term Care. Having received the permission of Pope John Paul II, Bishop Richard Gagnon ordained Dean to the priesthood on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2007. With two ministry positions, and children at home ranging from 21 to 8 years of age, he has an abundance of everything but sleep.

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