

## Note on Heather Peacock being awarded the Order of the Diocese

It is a pleasure to add this note to the Diocesan announcement of this year's appointees to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. The Order was created in 2008 and the first investiture was held at Christ Church Cathedral in 2009.

In early November, the 11<sup>th</sup> investiture for the Order will take place, in the Massey Theatre in New Westminster. At that event, Heather Peacock will be welcomed into the Order, our parish nominee for this important recognition of the invaluable contributions made to the parishes of the Diocese through lay ministries, like Heather's.

There is scarcely any ministry, familiar and less frequently explored, in which Heather Peacock has not served the parish of St. Catherine's Capilano.

In many ways she has grown up with the parish, since her baptism in the Chapel in April 1959. She wonderfully fits the description of "Cradle Anglican", and St. Catherine's has been her cradle, but more importantly, the place where she has centred her faith. She has lived her faith here in memorable and unforgettable ways.

An eager and tireless worker, Heather began her ministries in the 1990s as a member of the Altar Guild, on the Coffee Roster Committee and on Newcomers. She served for three years heading the Nursery Program as a Sunday School teacher, and then Superintendent of the Sunday School, between 1997 and 2007.

As her family grew up, and we moved into the twenty first century, Heather served three terms on Parish Council and one term as a warden. She was the envelope secretary for five years ending in April of 2021. Throughout the most recent decade and a half, Heather was a member of the Joyful Voice choral group, and one of the members of the Handbell Choir. She has also served as an intercessor and reader, and a eucharistic ministrant for several years.

For two decades up to the middle of 2021, Heather has given outstanding service to outreach, as a leader on the Outreach Committee, and as a leader and worker on such diverse projects as the Long Long Night of Hope, On Eagle's Wings, the Thanksgiving Dinner and for various fundraisers such as Sound of Music, the Vicar of Dibbley and activities to support Turning Point Recovery Society through five years.

Added to all this has been service as representative on the St. Catherine's Pre School board from 1997 to 2001 and then again from 2018 to the present. Her faith is demonstrated constantly through service to others, especially the less advantaged in the community.

Her lively personality adds an unforgettable dimension to her many contributions.

Heather, you have been a treasure to us all and we are delighted that you will receive this special recognition.

Appreciation by Robb Watt, Vicar's Warden, St. Catherine's, Warden of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster