

Congratulations, Fr. Ian



The child is the father of the man



25
years





His proud family surrounds Fr. Ian to celebrate his 25 years of priesthood



The wise matriarch



and the youngest niece



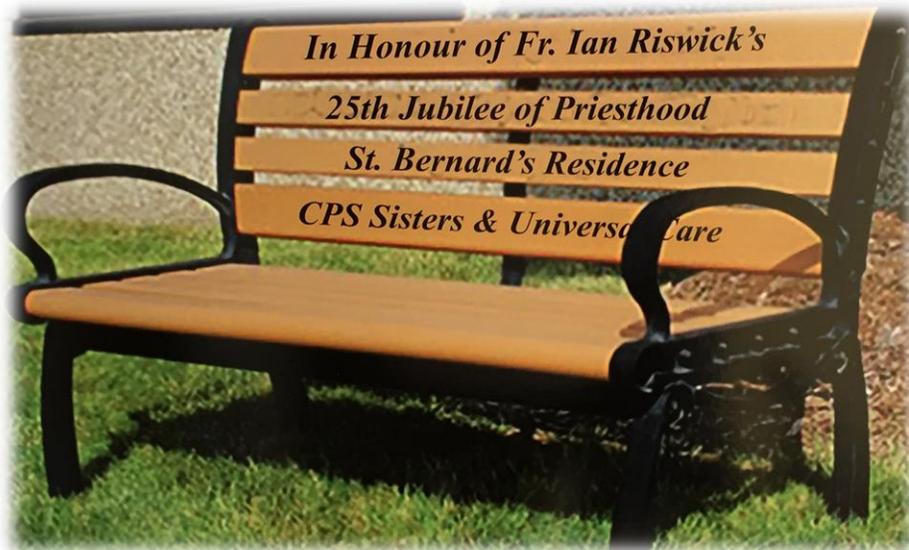
Family and friends rejoice and celebrate with Fr. Ian



is ready ... let the party begin!

Thank you, dear Fr. Ian, for your many years of loving, selfless service to us, the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood, and the residents of St. Bernard's and Mariann Home. You make the world a better place by being in it! We are abundantly blessed and grateful to you, our faithful and faith-filled Shepherd, for all you are and do, but mostly for inspiring us by your love for the Eucharist. God bless and keep you going strong.

*Dear Fr. Ian,
this bench is a small token of affection and gratitude
for the countless gifts of love and friendship you have bestowed on us.*



And now, here is the man of the hour, to share a few words.

I thank my family for all their love, prayers and support. Being the first Canadian born is something I have always been proud of. However I am also the 9th in the Riswick family to be ordained or take vows as a Religious.

I thank all my friends and family who are here and those who join us in prayer. I have been truly blessed to have friends who are more like family and who have shared so much of my priesthood with me. I thank all those who have made today so beautiful and meaningful. From the bottom of my heart I wish to thank you all for all your love and support.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift God has given us. And the fact that I am able to celebrate the Eucharist among such a caring and faith filled community is a joy and a true blessing.

God bless you all and thank you.

Fr. Ian Riswick

