



BIO GILLES

My name is Gilles Michaud. My wife, Leah and I make our home in Millvale PEI. We have three children (Diane deceased in year 1999) and 6 grandchildren, all living in Halifax NS. I have many fond memories of growing up in Sudbury Ontario in a family of 8 children and a loving Mom and Dad. In 1959 I enlisted into the RCAF and started a military career that would last for 28 years.

My career gave us the opportunity to live the nomadic life of a military family while making new friends in several provinces in Canada. Our final destination was Summerside PEI where I ended my military career in 1985. During the last phase of my military career I was invited and subsequently guided through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius (ANN 19). Shortly after, I attended a small faith community workshop in Guelph,

Ontario led by Fr. John English sj (deceased) and Jack Milan. This watershed experience gave me the thirst to start a small faith group in PEI. It was the genesis of what would eventually become CLC Ixthus group of PEI. In 1990, as President of CLC Canada, I was one of the delegates at the Guadalajara Mexico CLC World Assembly in 1990.

In 1998 Leah and I were mandated and became a member of the World CLC ExCo which meant that we had to move to the Secretariat in Rome, Italy. Our 5 years at the Secretariat was truly a privileged time serving the world community in the capacity of the CLC Executive Secretary. It also gave us the chance to visit CLC groups throughout all the continental regions of the world. When we came back to PEI Canada in 2003 we re-united with our CLC Ixthus group. Our discerned apostolic action has been in the frontier areas of, the Eradication of Poverty and working in solidarity with the Elimination of Hydraulic Fracturing PEI Coalition. Another part of my ministry is serving as a Spiritual Director at the Spirituality Centres in Summerside and Charlottetown. I presently serve as the Elder Representative on the CLC National General Council.