

Daniel Bogue Bio

St. Mary's College 1959-1964

Following graduation at St. Mary's in 1964, I entered Novitiate at Keswick, temporary vows in '65, then on to Holy Redeemer College in Windsor. Our class was quickly abandoned by the "diaspora" of September '65, leaving 10 of us in that grand place.

December '67 left the Order, half way into 3rd Year Philosophy. Having the odd recurring dream finding myself still situated within the Order, obviously a piece of the Order never left me.

Completed B.A. at University of Windsor in '68.

May '70, graduated with a Masters in Social Work from University of Windsor.

Married from '69 to '74 to Patricia Plante, former theology student. One daughter from this union, Sarah, who is very special to both of us. Raised Sarah from the age of 12 as a sole parent. Certainly grew me up in many ways. Following a series of relationships, settled down with Ruth, the woman I have shared my life with for the last 15 years; a wonderful soul mate, a social work colleague, a bright Jewish woman with a big heart.

Career wise, I have worked as a social worker with children and families in the mental health field for the last 30 years. I have lived and worked in Windsor, London, Kingston and finally in Toronto since '78. I am currently the Director of the Prevention & Early Intervention Service and a faculty member of the Family Therapy Training Program at the George Hull Centre (Children's Mental Health Centre) in Toronto. Over the last 15 years I have been instrumental in developing an early years service for children and families considered to be 'at risk' (a social work jargon close in meaning to 'the most abandoned souls').

Presently, two of my passions are:

- developing the Toronto Family Group Conferencing Project (an imported New Zealand Maori approach to engaging the extended/kinship family in decision making regarding their children)
- § and partnering with the Native Child and Family Services of Toronto in developing innovative approaches to working with families which bridges western thinking with First Nation beliefs and traditional healing (sometimes it means undoing some of our ancestors' missionary work)