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St. John Bosco Parish support for Good Food Junction

The parish community of St. John Bosco decided to donate this year's Christmas collection to the campaign to build and equip the Good Food Cooperative Grocery Store at Station 20 West, which will provide residents in the core neighbourhoods of the city with a source of nutritious, affordable food. St. John Bosco's \$10,887.25 donation was one of many responses to an Advent fund-raising campaign launched by Christian churches in Saskatoon for the Good Food Junction project. St. John Bosco parish representatives recently gathered to present the donation to Station 20 West project coordinator Christine Smilie (*adults, left to right*): Blair Weimer, Kay Vaughn, Christine Smilie, Walter Katelnikoff, Janine Katelnikoff, Wylma Orosz, George Blanchette, Georgiana Chartier, Shirley Blanchette, Don Cote, and Parish Life Director Theresa Winterhalt; and children (*at front*): Hope and Dominic Thebeau.

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

By Bishop Donald Bolen

March 9 we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, and begin the holy season of Lent. The word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon '*lencthen*,' originally referring to the lengthening of days, the coming of spring. But it is also helpful to remember that in Italian, as in Latin, the word '*lente*' means '*slowly*.' Here in Saskatchewan, spring does indeed come slowly, and usually the conversion and the growth towards spiritual maturity that Lent calls forth from us also comes slowly.

Lent begins with the sign of ashes on the forehead, and with abrupt words which would be considered rude in other contexts: *Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return*. The alternative formula is no less direct: *Repent - that is, change your ways - and be faithful to the Gospel*. This is reminiscent of a Chinese saying which is a favourite of mine: *if you do not change directions, you are likely to end up where you are heading*. The ashes are a sign of death, a blunt reminder of our own mortality, for we are not made of immortal stuff. In Genesis, we hear how God forms a human being from the dust, and breathes into his nostrils the breath of life. And at death, when we breathe our last, to the earth we return, as the casket is lowered into the ground: *Earth to earth, ashes to ashes and dust to dust*.

Why do we begin Lent by being marked with the sign of death? We do so in order that 40 days later we can be marked, not only on our foreheads but in every fibre of our being – in our minds, our hearts, our bodies – with the ultimate sign of the power of life over death. When Jesus was asked for a sign, he said the only sign he would give his generation was the sign of Jonah, who spent three days in the belly of a whale. The sign of Jonah is the sign of the Lord's death and resurrection. We are marked by death in order to join our lives to the Lord's dying and rising, so that we too might experience God's transforming work in the messy and broken parts of our lives.

Lent is a season of transformation. It is not meant to be a dismal season, an endurance test; it is a season of grace and reconciliation, of renewing ourselves in the ultimate foundation of our joy and our hope. In the pages of this mini-newsletter, you can read about a wide variety of events, programs and talks – pertaining to the scriptures and the liturgical seasons; to spirituality and prayer; to forgiveness and healing; directed towards justice, towards youth, towards people of all ages and a wide variety of interests – which could all be of assistance in welcoming and living deeply this season of Lent. I encourage you to find appropriate ways to give priority during Lent to your spiritual life, perhaps taking in one of the programs offered within the diocese. Let us welcome anew the Lord of Life into our lives.



Bishop speaks about the Mass at youth event

Some 80 youth from throughout the area attended a Dec. 3 gathering organized by St. Philip Neri parish youth coordinator Jonathan Phang, for youth to meet Bishop Donald Bolen and hear him talk about the Mass, before celebration of the Eucharist.

Diocesan Congress held in three locations

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Bishop Donald Bolen and staff from the Catholic Pastoral Centre gathered with deanery representatives, parish pastoral council members, and hundreds of ordinary Catholics from across the diocese for a Congress Day held this year in three centres.

Congress Day with the Bishop was held Jan. 15 in Kindersley and Feb. 12 in Saskatoon. It is also scheduled for Feb. 26 in Humboldt.

This is the second consecutive year that the annual Diocesan Congress consultative and visioning process has included both a one-day large diocesan gathering in Saskatoon in November, followed by a second day of local gatherings in different parts of the diocese in the New Year.

The Saturday morning sessions began with information and feedback about the upcoming new English translation of prayers for the Mass, soon to be released, along with the revision of the General Instruction for the Roman Missal (GIRM).



Congress Day in Kindersley.



Saskatoon Rural, Saskatoon City and Outlook deaneries attended Congress Feb. 12.

At the Saskatoon gathering, speaker Marci Deutscher of the Catholic Pastoral Centre explained the history of the liturgy translation and described how all English-speaking countries in the world will use the same new word-for-word translation from the Latin original. Unity in the celebration of the liturgy around the world is the goal of the new translation, and is also the value to be protected in introducing and implementing the changes, she said.

"Change always opens up the possibility of division," Deutscher said, reporting some of the controversy and myths that surround the issue.

The Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops (CCCB) is waiting approval of the final version before proceeding with plans to implement the new translation and GIRM, which may not happen until 2012, the Congress gatherings heard.

Participants discussed what would be needed to best introduce the changes at a personal, parish and diocesan level. "We are committed to doing this in a well-prepared way," said Bishop Donald Bolen. "We are trying to walk very carefully through the changes."

Another portion of the Congress Day introduced the diocesan policy for the protection of children, youth and other vulnerable persons from all kinds of abuse: sexual, physical, emotional, financial. The policy has existed in the diocese for nearly 20



Parishioners from the Kerrobert and Eatonian deaneries gathered at St. Joseph parish in Kindersley for the Congress Day Jan. 15.

years, and has undergone ongoing revision.

Among the measures outlined in the policy is a requirement that all employees and volunteers who work with vulnerable persons must have a police record check. A number of other recommendations – such as working in pairs, and being aware of behaviour that might constitute "grooming" of a potential victim – were also examined.

During the Congress Day afternoon sessions, Bishop Donald Bolen led a reflection on the call to evangelize, centred on the scripture passage from 1 Peter: 3:15: "Always be ready to give an account of the hope that is within you."

The bishop said that discussion at the three Congress Days will assist him in preparing a pastoral letter about the call to evangelization.

In small group discussions, participants shared numerous signs of hope they saw in the diocese, articulated the challenges that prevent us from sharing faith and the gospel, and identified some of the fundamental human and faith experiences that give them hope. They also brainstormed practical ideas that might help believers more effectively share their faith with others, in a world where believing is sometimes difficult.

Ultimately our hope comes from what we experience of the life of Jesus, Bolen said.

"There is a power of God at work, a power which tells us that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than hatred," he said. "Hope is something which has to stand up precisely in the areas of darkness or of struggle."

The Congress Days each concluded with celebration of the Eucharist.

Bishop will join World Youth Day travellers on trip to Spain

By Anne-Marie Hughes

World Youth Day pilgrims from the diocese of Saskatoon are not only looking forward to celebrating with Pope Benedict XVI in Spain, but also to experiencing the event side-by-side with their own local bishop.

"It has been in the works for a while, but it has now been finalized that Bishop Donald Bolen will be joining us on our pilgrimage to Spain," announced diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator Colm Leyne, noting it will be a great chance for participants to get to know the bishop on a personal level.

Bishop Bolen has never been to a World Youth Day before, and he said that he is looking forward to participating in the 26th WYD in Spain this August with young pilgrims from his own diocese. The theme for the international youth gathering is *'Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith'* (cf. Col 2:7), which is reminiscent of the "Rooted in Christ" vision statement of the diocese of Saskatoon, the bishop noted.

Youth will start their journey in Rome before WYD begins. They will see the Vatican and experience the city for two days before heading to Assisi to reflect on the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Although the bishop's schedule does not permit him to be in Rome with the diocesan group, his knowledge of the city is

assisting with planning. "He has already given us some great tips and contacts on where to go in Rome and what is really worth our time when we get there," Leyne said. From Italy the pilgrims will travel to Spain to participate in "*Days in the Dioceses*" in which Spanish dioceses will open their doors to WYD pilgrims. The group will then meet up with Bolen in Spain.

"It will be great to experience together the great pilgrimage destination of Santiago de Compostela, and then to join the Holy Father and hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world in a celebration of our faith in Madrid," said the bishop.

A total of 26 young pilgrims will be attending WYD in the diocesan delegation. Leyne stresses that the trip is more than a vacation. Pilgrims who experience World Youth Day bring back new wisdom and faith experiences to their home parishes, he said. Also pilgrims are encouraged to take prayer requests with them from individuals in the diocese.

"WYD is a prayer and community experience," said Leyne. "It has changed me each time I have gone."

Upcoming Youth Events:

DIG: WhyTune?! "Dig Into God" is a monthly event for high school students sponsored by the Youth Ministry office of the diocese in conjunction with youth ministry leaders from a number of parishes. This year's theme is **WhyTune?!** - an exploration of moral issues through contemporary culture.

• **Saturday, March 19 DIG** - Ski trip to Table Mountain. See the website or ask your parish youth minister for a permission form.

• **7 p.m., Friday, April 15 DIG** - "*I Kissed a Squirrel and I Liked it*" - What our faith (not Katie Perry) says about human sexuality. Hosted by Holy Spirit, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon.

• **7 p.m., Friday, May 13 DIG** - "*Papa Don't Preach*" - will include the annual Couch Rally, hosted by St. Anne parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon.

For more information about DIG, contact Colm Leyne at 242-1500, Ext. 225; toll free: 1-877-661-5005; or e-mail: youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Steps in Faith Retreats for Grade 8-9 youth preparing to reaffirm their faith this spring:

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, March 12** at St. Paul's Cathedral, or
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, March 26** at Holy Spirit Parish

For more information, contact Diocesan Retreat Team leader Myron Rogal at 242-1500, Ext. 242 toll free: 1-877-661-5005; or e-mail: vocations@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

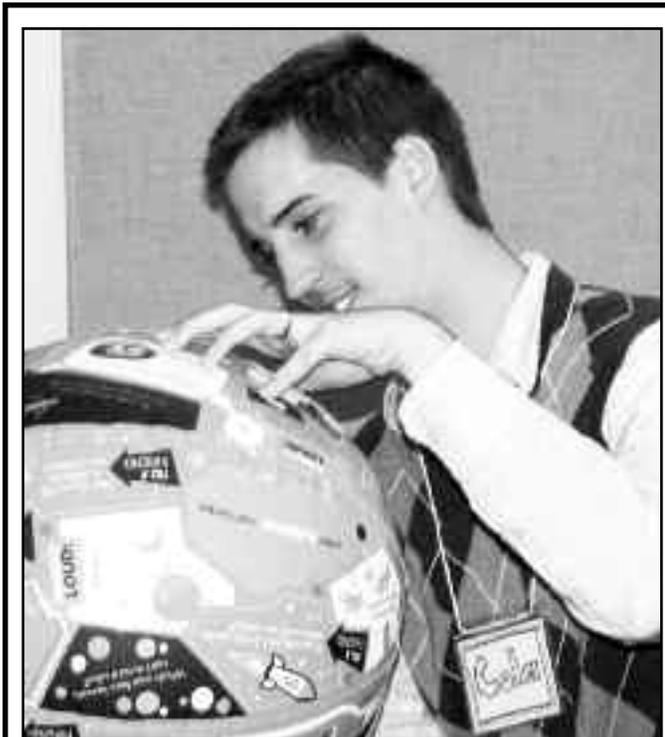
Momentum- "Don't Stop Believing"

Diocesan Youth Rally for Grades 6 to 8
Saturday, April 30 at Holy Spirit Parish

Contact your own parish Youth Ministry coordinator or e-mail: youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Theology On Tap offers faith discussion in a relaxed social setting for young adults, 19-35 years, at Lydia's Pub on Broadway:

- Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI, Queen's House - **7 p.m. Monday, March 14** (held in conjunction with "Catholic Students Week" March 12-20).
- Zar Gomes, Development and Peace representative from the Philippines - **7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.**



Youth leader training series

Diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator Colm Leyne tries out one of the prayer resources introduced at a local training night for youth leaders held recently in Saskatoon. The SaskCath Youth Ministry Training Series continues Saturday, April 9 for all those involved in Youth Ministry, including volunteers. For more information, contact Colm Leyne at 242-1500, Ext. 225; toll free: 1-877-661-5005 or e-mail: youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com (Youth Ministry is supported by the BAA.)



DIG monthly youth events

Tobogganing was part of the first diocesan "Dig Into God" youth event of the New Year. About 50 youth from Grades 8 to 12 attended the Jan. 14 DIG hosted by St. Francis parish in Saskatoon. "I will Follow You Into the Dark" was the focus, with speakers, prayer, reflections and discussion about spiritual darkness and clinical depression. A DIG event Feb. 11 was hosted by Holy Family parish, exploring the theme "I Wanna be a Rockstar." It included a video testimony and discussion, as well as a chance to play "Rockband." A DIG ski trip to Table Mountain is planned for Saturday, March 19: for information contact youth coordinator Colm Leyne at 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

Kids for Christ now offered at St. Anne

A monthly program of faith, learning and fun for children is happening at St. Anne parish.

Inspired by the *Kids for Christ* program developed by Shawn and Janine Baier at St. Augustine parish in Saskatoon, St. Anne has launched its own *Kids for Christ* program for children ages 4 to Grade 3, reports organizer Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU. Older children and youth are also involved, acting as helpers.

"We have a tremendous core group of parents who help me plan and organize our gatherings. My music group leading the children in action songs is tremendous," she says.

Meeting for the first time in Advent, *Kids for Christ* is usually held at St. Anne parish on the last Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. Each session includes a teaching segment about scripture using power point or drama, a family activity, songs and actions to explore the monthly theme, explained Sehn.

The St. Anne Knights of Columbus council purchased *Kids for Christ* t-shirts for participants, as well as a cross necklace, which children are invited to wear to each session and to Mass on Sunday. At every *Kids for Christ* session, the children receive an attendance bead to add to their cross necklace. "The participants love these sessions and the children look forward to our next gathering together."

STEPS IN FAITH
Youth Ministry and the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team are supported by the BAA.

Retreats offered to Grade 8 students who are preparing to reaffirm their faith

The **Steps in Faith** process is part of the call for ongoing faith formation after baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist – which is a life-long journey for people of all ages!

Parishes across the diocese are phasing in **Steps in Faith**, which invites youth in Grades 6 to 8 to deepen their Catholic faith at an important stage in their life.

Steps in Faith includes learning more about the Creed, as well as retreat and prayer experiences, a service project and an invitation for young people to reaffirm their faith publicly at a parish celebration.

To assist parishes participating in **Steps in Faith**, the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team has designed a **Steps in Faith Retreat** for those youth in Grades 8 and 9 who are preparing to reaffirm their faith this spring.

For more information check with your local parish or contact the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon: 242-1500, Ext. 242, or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

Two **Steps in Faith Retreat** dates have been set: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., either Saturday, March 12 at St. Paul's Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres, Saskatoon; or Saturday, March 26 at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon.

The **Steps in Faith Retreat** will explore what it means to be Catholic, the call to live an active faith, and ways to deepen a personal relationship with Christ. There is no cost, lunch and snacks are provided, and the retreat will be hosted by the young adults of the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team.

For more information or to register for either retreat, contact your parish youth ministry coordinator or contact Diocesan Youth Retreat Team Coordinator Myron Rogal at 242 -1500, Ext. 242; toll free: 1-877-661-5005; or e-mail: vocations@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT:

Lay Presided Sunday Celebration of the Word

Facilitators: Kathy and Ivan Hitchings

When a local pastor is unable to celebrate the Mass with a particular community, lay presided liturgies on Sunday provide parishes with an alternative to not gathering at all. This workshop will discuss the role of these liturgies, as outlined in the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) text, *The Sunday Celebration of the Word*, used in our diocese. The workshop will include a morning celebration that will model the ritual and will give participants hands-on presiding practice.

Facilitators are Kathy and Ivan Hitchings, members of the diocesan Lay Formation team and parishioners at St. Theresa in Asquith.

Ministry Development is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

DATES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THIS WORKSHOP:

Wadena Deanery workshop:
St. Mary Church
 54-3rd Street NE, **Wadena**

Saturday, March 19

9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$20/person to a maximum of \$100/parish
(includes noon lunch)

Contact Lynda at (306) 338-3502
 or e-mail: c.l.statchuk@sasktel.net

Registration deadline is Friday, March 11

Humboldt Deanery workshop:
St. Augustine Church
 809-10th Street, **Humboldt**

Saturday, March 26

9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$20/person to a maximum of \$100/parish
(includes noon lunch)

Contact Marie-Louise at (306) 682-2106
 or e-mail: staug.marlou@sasktel.net

Registration deadline is Friday, March 18

Catholic Family Services

Professional Development Workshops for professionals such as social workers, youth workers, counsellors, family educators, psychologists, school counsellors, teachers, education assistants, parent aides, police, correction workers, child care workers, health professionals, church leaders, coaches, and all who work with children/ youth.

When Teens are out of Control: Working with Their Parents - April 14 & 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

When Children are Exposed to Violence: Making Their World a Safer Place - March 24 & 25 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES
 200 - 506 25th St. East
 Saskatoon SK S7K 4A7
 Phone: (306) 244-7773
 Email: staff@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca
 Web: www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca

DIOCESAN FOUNDATIONS "EXPLORING OUR FAITH" SERIES:

Our Salvation History: a look at the scriptures of the Easter Vigil
 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 14 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 11 at St. Paul's Cathedral (Bishop Mahoney Hall) with speaker Deb Rolfes. No registration - free will offering.

LAY FORMATION is an invitation for

TRANSFORMATION!

Come and join us in September 2011

The Lay Formation Program is for YOU to take stock of your life and your relationship with God. Through prayer, learning more about your Catholic faith, and growing in community, you will deepen your relationship with God and others. It's a gift for your faith journey to **open** to the Beauty of life, to **live** the Beauty of life, and to **be** the Beauty of life for the world. Are you ready for this faith experience?

Come and be part of the Lay Formation Process!

Contact the Catholic Centre: 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005
 Kathy Hitchings / Mona Goodman
 E-mail: layform@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Website: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/lay_formation/lay_formation.cfm

Cathedral's unique stained glass will combine beauty and solar energy collection

Editor's note: Plans for the new cathedral will include striking solar-energy collecting stained glass in the building spire. The unique design element will meet some of the building's energy requirements, collecting up to as much energy as five households use in a year. The \$675,000 cost of design, fabrication and installation will be covered by special donations over and above funds raised for the building in the *Uniting in Faith* campaign.

By Jim Nakoneshny, Building Committee Chair

Throughout its history, the Catholic Church has worked with artists in commissioning contemporary works of art for its churches and cathedrals. The Church viewed the inclusion of the visual arts as vital in celebrating the glory of God and the wonder of creation. This can be seen in countless examples of magnificent paintings, sculptures and other artworks which continue to enrich our lives.

Stained glass windows are an especially important element of many of the world's great churches since they are so tightly integrated into the basic fabric of the building itself. In the planning of Saskatoon's new Cathedral of the Holy Family, we began the search for a stained glass artist very early in the design process. The committee chose to work with Canadian glass artist Sarah Hall, whose work has won awards and acclamation in architectural and artistic circles throughout North America.

At the same time, we were also searching for a way to showcase the environmental sustainability of the new cathedral. This was of special importance to many in the church, in particular the youth of the diocese. This message was further reinforced by Pope Benedict's call for Catholics to be better stewards of God's creation. The difficulty lay in the fact that many of the building's "green" features were hidden inside walls and ceilings.

During our talks with Sarah Hall, we learned of her recent award-winning "*Lux Nova*" project at the University of British Columbia's graduate school of theology, Regent College. This project incorporated a mix of art glass and photovoltaic cells.

It soon became apparent that this unique stained glass was perfectly suited to the large expanse of south-facing glass high atop the front facade of the new cathedral. As a signature element in the design of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, the great south windows would showcase both art and science. Not only would the glass help to generate electricity for the building, but it would do so in a way that celebrated the glory of God and



Solar-collecting stained glass will be installed in the new diocesan cathedral under construction on Attridge Drive in Saskatoon. The Cathedral of the Holy Family will include a worship space for 1,200 that can open up to seat 2,000; a hall with kitchen facilities; programming areas for children and youth; meeting facilities; and a residence for the Holy Family pastor; as well as Catholic Pastoral Centre and chancery offices, a diocesan Resource Library and archives. So far, construction is on schedule, with a projected completion date of Advent 2011. Permission has been granted to name the existing St. Paul Cathedral as Co-Cathedral, and it will continue to serve parishioners in downtown Saskatoon.

the beauty of His creation through colour and light.

Elsewhere in the cathedral, stained glass panels can be fitted inside of existing windows at a future date. With the solar glass, this was not an option. Due to the extensive scaffolding requirements needed to reach the highest points of the structure, along with the fact that the photovoltaic glass needed to be part of the exterior envelope of the building, it was determined that the only way to make this work was to install these windows during the initial phase of construction.

The 54 large glass panels were fabricated this past summer. They are now in the process of being shipped from the factory in Germany. Installation is expected to occur in April 2011, when our cathedral will become the first in the world to incorporate solar energy collection into its stained glass.

For more about the solar stained glass windows see the slide show at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/cathedral/



Life vigil

Bishop Donald Bolen presided at a Gospel of Life prayer service on the eve of Advent at St. Paul's Cathedral in Saskatoon. It was one of many services around the world held at the invitation of Pope Benedict XVI, who also celebrated a prayer vigil at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome Nov. 27. The Saskatoon celebration included scripture readings illustrated by youth holding a cloth; a reflection by the bishop; prayers; Eucharistic adoration and benediction. For more about the celebration see: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm

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<p>What's So Special About The Gospel of Matthew? (1)</p> <p>Placed at the beginning of the New Testament, this gospel has been the favorite gospel of the Church. Let's find out why.</p>	Holy Family Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday March 15	Eileen Materi 652-1289	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
<p>Take Time to Forgive (1)</p> <p>The process of forgiveness can teach us much about ourselves, relationships and God. We will consider the stages of forgiveness and the lessons at each stage.</p>	Holy Spirit Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday March 22	Shirley Hyshka 374-1425	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
<p>Some Women Amaze Us (1)</p> <p>The stories of some truly amazing women – Sarah, Mary Magdalene, Photina – and how they still amaze both women and men today.</p>	Our Lady of Guadalupe Saskatoon	7 p.m. Friday March 11	Mary Jacobi 653-4945	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
<p>Evangelization: What is it? What is my role? (1)</p> <p>What does the Church teach on evangelization and what is our responsibility and role as a baptized Christian in regards to evangelization? This session would also look at practical ways that we can simply and clearly share our faith.</p>	Our Lady of Lourdes Saskatoon	7:45 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 22 <i>(After 7 p.m. Mass)</i>	Sr. Juliana Heisler, NDS 343-0289	Christy Dupuis
<p>Human Trafficking (1)</p> <p>Canada is a country of destination as well as a source and transit country in human trafficking. Thousands of vulnerable women, men, boys, and girls from very poor countries or poor regions within Canada are prey to sexual, agricultural, shipping, domestic, and organ exploitation. Canada has legislation in place, but does not have the personnel or finances to prosecute the exploiters. We must ask our Members of Parliament to address this issue.</p>	St. Anne Saskatoon	7 p.m. Thursday March 24	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU 931-4700	Constable Hal Lam
<p>Prayer Forms (1)</p> <p>Personality influences our prayer. This session looks at why you prefer one type of prayer over another.</p>	St. Augustine Saskatoon	7 p.m. Monday Feb. 28	Sharon Powell 373-3453	Sr. Cecile Fahl, SMS
<p>Living Our Paschal Story (1)</p> <p>The Paschal Mystery as the central Christian Story, is deeply connected with our identity as humans and as Christians. It is the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus which most shapes who we are in daily life. We will reflect on the life of Jesus, his temptations, waiting in the passion, and the resurrection, especially as it changes lives today.</p>	St. Augustine Saskatoon	7 p.m. Monday March 28	Sharon Powell 373-3453	Gisele Bauche
<p>Applying the Psalms to Our Lives (1)</p> <p>As Christians we are invited to pray the psalms which were the prayers of Jesus. This session will focus on a psalm and explore how its message relates to our daily lives.</p>	St. Francis Xavier Saskatoon	9:30 a.m. Saturday April 2	Irene LeGatt 933-1108	Arlene Boulanger

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<p>Spirituality vs Religion (1) Contemporary society is making the distinction between spirituality and religion. As Roman Catholics, we share in a religion with a rich spirituality. How can we understand this shift in popular thought? What can we learn from it? What do we have to say to it? A discussion.</p>	St. Francis Xavier Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday April 5	Irene LeGatt 933-1108	Fr. Tony Bidgood, CSsR
<p>Lent, Triduum Easter (1) A look at the 90 days of the season, the nature of each of the aspects of this time, with concentration on the Triduum, the heart of our faith.</p>	St. Francis Xavier Saskatoon	7 p.m. Thursday April 14	Irene LeGatt 933-1108	Sr. Cecile Fahl, SMS
<p>Zombie Jesus or Risen Christ. What does Resurrection mean? (1) Every Sunday we proclaim that we believe in the resurrection of the dead but do we really understand what the resurrection is? Blake Sittler will investigate the scriptural, theological, historical and practical aspects of our hoped for glorification.</p>	St. Joseph Saskatoon	7 p.m. Monday March 21	Yvonne Armstrong 978-1953	Blake Sittler
<p>Living the Gospel Message (1) Connecting with people and groups in your community and beyond in working for the coming of His Kingdom. The "Whys" and the "Hows".</p>	St. Joseph Saskatoon	7 p.m. Monday March 28	Yvonne Armstrong 978-1953	Tony Haynes
<p>Lent, Triduum Easter (1) A look at the 90 days of the season, the nature of each of the aspects of this time, with concentration on the Triduum, the heart of our faith.</p>	St. Joseph Saskatoon	7 p.m. Monday April 4	Yvonne Armstrong 978-1953	Sr. Cecile Fahl, SMS
<p>Building Parish Community and Hospitality: "A Christian Way of Life" (1) We will explore how hospitality fulfills the command of Jesus: <i>"Love one another – as I have loved you."</i> Our baptism calls us to Christian/Parish community. How might we live that?</p>	St. Michael Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 8	Myrna Wolfe 242-5150	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU
<p>Finding Spirituality in Our Work (1)) Spirituality is more than just religion. This session will examine ways of viewing our work to bring our entire selves to our everyday life.</p>	St. Michael Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday March 29	Myrna Wolfe 242-5150	Marci Deutscher
<p>Theology of Johnny Cash (1) Visiting different aspects of Catholic theology using the lyrics of Johnny Cash.</p>	Sacred Heart Eston	1:30 p.m. Saturday March 19	Angeline Fleischfresser 962-4382	Blake Sittler

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Note: Anyone is welcome to attend sessions – it is not necessary to be a member of the parish organizing the event.

Pre-registration with the contact person is required.

Course	Parish	Dates	Contact	Speaker
<p>Centering Prayer (1)</p> <p>Centering Prayer is a method of prayer that emerges from the Christian contemplative tradition. Its source is the indwelling Trinity and it is rooted in sacred Scripture. Its purpose is to draw us into a more intimate relationship with God by surrendering to God's presence and action within. Centering Prayer is both a discipline that prepares the faculties to receive the pure Gift of God's presence in Contemplation as well as relationship with God.</p>	St. Joseph Kindersley	9 a.m. Saturday April 16	Sr. Mary Ann Uhrmann, OSU 463-1984	Fr. Kevin McGee
<p>Lighting a Fire: Unpacking our Catholic Treasures of Faith (1)</p> <p>In this pluralistic world, and as the largest member of the Christian family of churches, what makes us uniquely Catholic? With a contemporary hunger for "soul-food" in society at large and the challenge to evangelize through attraction, we need to learn to articulate the tenets of our Catholic faith with clarity and joy. This talk will take a look at seven "pillars" of our Catholic faith, which shape our very being and which respond to universal human longings.</p>	St. Joseph Kindersley	7 p.m. Friday March 11	Sr. Mary Ann Uhrmann, OSU 463-1984	Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers
<p>Lent, Triduum Easter (1)</p> <p>A look at the 90 days of the season, the nature of each of the aspects of this time, with concentration on the Triduum, the heart of our faith.</p>	Immaculate Heart of Mary Outlook	1:30 p.m. Saturday April 9	Maxine Prentice 243-4308	Sr. Cecile Fahl, SMS
<p>The Seven Last Statements of Jesus (1)</p> <p>A meditation of Jesus' words from the cross leads us into the mystery of "letting go" and finding new life.</p>	St. Therese Rosetown	7 p.m. Wednesday March 23	Fr. Pius Schroh 882-2340	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
<p>The Book of Revelations (2)</p> <p>The Book of Revelation offers us hope and encouragement with the dawn of a new era, calling forth the Spirit within us to cry, "Come, Lord Jesus." This workshop will explore the deep symbolism, fertile images, and mystery of God in the Book of Revelation. This book is a mirror in which we can see ourselves, our church and our constant temptation to accept the value of our culture as being identical to the value of the gospel.</p>	Christ the King Rose Valley	10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday March 12	Marion Sigstad 383-2910	Gisele Bauche

Theology Uncorked: Discussing faith and life in a relaxed setting.

Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU, reflects on *Meeting God in 'The Shack'*

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31 at The Ivy, Ontario Ave. and 24th St., Saskatoon

Food and Drink available for purchase. Everyone welcome. No registration.

Presented by the Foundations: "Exploring Our Faith" office, Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon





Miscarriage ministry

One in four pregnancies ends with a miscarriage. A new committee in the diocese is compiling the best resources in terms of pastoral care and liturgies, which will eventually be posted online. The group will also work to educate pastors, parishioners and chaplains about how to provide pastoral care for women and couples who have lost a child. (Back, l-r): Russ and Shirley Hannan, Carole Kostiuik, Blake Sittler; (Front, l-r) Shannon and baby Alexis Granger, Deb Bauche and Elan Ehresman.

SERENA: Natural Family Planning

SERENA is a not-for-profit volunteer organization that provides couple-to-couple instruction in the Sympto-Thermal method of Natural Family Planning with a focus on achieving or postponing a pregnancy.

Serena members also:

- train and certify couples to teach user couples,
- give group presentations (marriage preparation, high schools),
- teach fertility awareness to young women in a manner that is age appropriate,
- provide displays at conferences, Welcome Wagon Baby Showers, etc.,
- help with chart interpretation,
- distribute resources regarding fertility, breastfeeding, menopause and infertility,
- send out a *Coverline* newsletter three times per year.

This method of Natural Family Planning is highly effective, natural, inexpensive and free of health risks.

To find out more or to learn the SERENA method contact:

SERENA Saskatchewan, Box 7375, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 4J3

Phone: 306-934-8223, 1-800-667-1637

E-mail: sask@serena.ca Website: www.serena.ca

An invitation to all married couples who are interested in enriching their relationship:

Get Connected



You are invited to experience the rewards and benefits of a

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be held:

April 8-10

at St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, SK.

For more information contact Marc and Anita Loiselle at (306) 258-2192 or loiselle@baudoux.ca

A weekend of discovery ... a lifetime of love



Presenting the 9th Annual

Marriage Appreciation Banquet and Dance

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Keynote address by Jim and Sue Dosman

"Love Lessons

From the First Fifty Years"

St. Patrick Parish Centre, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon

Mass 5 p.m. with Bishop Donald Bolen presiding

Cocktails 6 p.m. / Supper 7 p.m. / Dance from 8:30 -11 p.m.

Tickets: \$40 per couple

Everyone is welcome!

Note: this banquet is free to those involved in marriage preparation or enrichment in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

Contact your parish to register for free tickets.

For tickets or information call the Catholic Pastoral Centre:

(306) 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005

MARRIAGE PREPARATION / ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT LOCAL PARISHES:

Holy Spirit Parish

114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon

Sunday afternoons from

Sunday, March 13 to

Sunday, April 17

(Couples from outside parish boundaries are welcome to attend.)

Contact: Parish office at 374-1425 or Arch and Lois McKay at 373-0993

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES:

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

Friday, March 25 - Saturday, March 26

Friday, April 15 - Saturday, April 16

Friday May 6 - Saturday, May 7

Contact: 306-244-7773

E-mail: staff@cfsaskatoon.sk.ca

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Engaged Encounter Weekends are designed to give couples planning marriage the opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their

future lives together. Engaged Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich your relationship with one another, God, the Church and the World. *More info:* www.ceewest.com

Catholic Engaged Encounter is held at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster:

Friday, March 18 to Sunday, March 20 or Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1

Register online at www.ceewest.com or for more information contact: Heather & Craig Stomp at (306) 682-3326



Céline Hudon, Hospital Chaplaincy

Céline Hudon is new diocesan coordinator of Catholic chaplaincy at two Saskatoon hospitals

The diocese of Saskatoon recently welcomed Céline Hudon as the new Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy

Hudon brings a wide range of experience to the position, which was established to promote, nurture and provide Catholic pastoral care at Royal University and Saskatoon City hospitals.

She has a Bachelor of Theology from the College of Emmanuel/St. Chad in Saskatoon, and served as the Director of Spiritual Care at Mont St. Joseph Home in Prince Albert for eight years.

The diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy position involves working with the priest chaplains and volunteers from parishes to coordinate and provide much-needed pastoral care to patients and families who come from across the region.

More volunteers are always needed, and those who apply receive training and support.

Anyone interested in applying to serve as a volunteer at either hospital can reach Céline Hudon at (306) 292-5531 or e-mail: hospitalchaplaincy@gmail.com

Hurting from separation or divorce? Transitions is an 11-week support group offered in the diocese. Please call Elan for more information: 242-1500

Widow and widower support group meets Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. at the Edwards Center 333-4th Ave. N. Saskatoon. Drop-ins welcome. Call Elan for more info at 242-1500.

International Eucharistic Congress
June 10-17, 2012, Dublin, Ireland
Fr. Ralph Kleiter, Ministry to Tourism, has been appointed the Diocesan Delegate to the International Eucharistic Congress by Bishop Don Bolen. In coming months (registration begins in June 2011) he will assist people in the diocese to register and attend the Congress. An opportunity to visit the "Emerald Isle" will be offered by Ministry to Tourism before and/or after the Congress events. If you wish to receive advance information visit www.iec2012.ie and contact Fr. Kleiter at Ministry to Tourism: (306) 244-3747 at: kleiter@shaw.ca

Visit the new Hospital and Foundation website: www.stpaulshospital.org
Through the website our family of employees share St. Paul's offerings, achievements, and initiatives to better serve the community with excellence in compassionate care. Support community health care by donating online through St. Paul's Hospital Foundation: www.sphfoundation.org

• Is your marriage hurting?
• Are you thinking about separation or divorce?
There is hope for your relationship!



Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples rediscover love, trust and healthy communication.

The next weekend is being held April 29-May 1

For more information contact Ken & Rita Wolfe
Telephone: 306.652.7155
E-mail: retrouvaille@sasktel.net
www.helpourmarriage.com

Hospital Home Lottery aids patient care
St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation and Royal University Hospital Foundation present the 26th annual Hospital Home Lottery to raise much-needed funds for health care priorities in the Saskatoon Health Region. Since 1985, the Hospital Home Lottery has raised more than \$14 million to ensure the best possible patient care.
In 2011, proceeds from the Hospital Home Lottery will support St. Paul's Hospital Foundation with the purchase of patient comfort care items, leading edge medical equipment and assistance for family and patient support programs. Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation will designate the funds to advance diagnosis, treatment and clinical care of patients with MS through the Saskatchewan MS Clinical Research Campaign, and Royal University Hospital Foundation will use proceeds from the Hospital Home Lottery to assist in the purchase of the newest generation of vital sign monitors.
Support Saskatoon's Hospitals and have a chance to win over 2,055 prizes worth over \$2.1 million through the Hospital Home Lottery. There are 1 in 20 chances to win. **Early Bird Deadline is March 31, and Final Deadline is April 14.**
Purchase tickets at the Saskatoon Hospital Foundation offices: 955-8200; toll free: 1-866-957-0777 or online at HospitalHomeLottery.org

Elan Ehresman will coordinate Ministry Development for diocese

Elan Ehresman is coordinating the diocesan office of Ministry Development, replacing Blake Sittler, who is serving as Acting Director of Pastoral Services for the next year (*see item below*).

Born and raised in Richmond, SK., Ehresman farmed in the Richmond area with her husband, and continued to farm on her own after his death, raising their four children. Then five years ago, she made the decision to quit farming.

"In the midst of all that, my parish priest encouraged me to go to Lay Formation," she recalls. "I was adamant that there was no way that I was going to do that." However, her pastor convinced her to give it a try, and it turned out that she loved all that the diocesan program of adult faith formation had to offer.

She became particularly committed to adult faith education, taking courses through St. Francis Xavier University's distance

education program. She also fulfilled a childhood dream to serve in Africa, traveling to Ghana in 2009 and 2010 – an experience that broadened her understanding and appreciation of life and ministry.

Hearing about the opportunity opening up at the Catholic Pastoral Centre Ehresman decided to apply for the position of Ministry Development coordinator. "I am so honoured to be part of this group, and to share this vision for the diocese."

The essence of Ministry Development is being connected, says Ehresman. "It's about bringing people together, and having them realize what is available to them."

Created in 1999 as a response to emerging needs in an expanded diocese of Saskatoon, the office works to call forth and strengthen the gifts of all the baptized, to coordinate and develop ministry training and leadership development, and to lay groundwork for support networks.

In practical terms, that means working with parishes and deaneries to organize programs and courses – covering everything from grief ministry to Parish Pastoral Council operations, from how to preside at



Elan Ehresman, Ministry Development

lay-led liturgies to understanding the sacrament of reconciliation as adults.

For information contact Elan Ehresman at the Ministry Development Office, Catholic Pastoral Centre, (306) 242-1500; Extension 229; toll free 1-877-661-5005 or mindevel@saskatoonrcdiocese.com



Pastoral Services Director
With Leah Perrault starting a one-year maternity leave from her position as diocesan Director of Pastoral Services, Blake Sittler has been appointed as Acting Director. Before this appointment, Sittler coordinated diocesan offices of Ministry Development and Marriage and Family Life. Elan Ehresman has been hired to take over many of those responsibilities (*above*) while Sittler fills his new role.

Diocese welcomes new librarian

Norlayne Scott-Gaare is the new librarian at the diocesan Resource Library in the Catholic Pastoral Centre.

Scott-Gaare was born in Wadena and has lived most of her life in Saskatoon, since moving here at the age of seven. With a BA from the University of Saskatchewan she earned her Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario in London, ON.

Her previous experience includes working for the Saskatoon Public Library, and in recent years, at a number of specialized libraries. The diocesan Resource Library also fills a unique niche for parishes, for those involved in ministry and for ordinary Catholics, providing faith-based materials not available in more general library collections.

Scott-Gaare says she is looking forward to the diocesan library having a higher profile in the new Catholic Pastoral Centre, presently under construction in northeast Saskatoon, and she is working on updating and expanding the collection (searchable online at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com).



Norlayne Scott-Gaare, Resource Library

The library is located at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 100-5th Ave. N, in Saskatoon, and is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist at the library, and are especially needed on Fridays. Anyone interested can contact Scott-Gaare at (306) 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005 or by e-mail at: library@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

World Day of Prayer at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 1202 Ave. O South, Saskatoon, 2 p.m. Friday, March 4. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer each year. For more information please contact Kay Vaughn at: (306) 382-2223, cell: 260-7125, fax 382-2284 or e-mail: dcfmv@aim.com

Introduction to Centering Prayer 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 5 at St. Peter the Apostle parish, Saskatoon (with soup lunch) followed by six follow-up Saturday morning sessions 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. March 12 and 26, April 2, 9, 16 and 23 - Discover a way to grow into greater intimacy with God. Centering Prayer is a simple method of Christ-centered silent prayer, a renewal of an ancient Christian contemplative practice, updated for our time. It can lead to a deeper prayer life, personal healing, spiritual transformation, and closer union with God. Marge Copeland will lead the introductory series. To register, call St. Peter the Apostle parish office at (306) 382-5503. Cost is \$25.

Pondering the Mystery of the Mass, a presentation by Fr. Michael Koch, diocesan director for Christian Initiation (RCIA) will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 7 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Bishop Mahoney Hall. This is for all involved in Christian Initiation in the diocese: parish coordinators, catechists, sponsors, catechumens and candidates. Others are also welcome. Refreshments will be provided. There is no fee. Bishop Donald Bolen will be present to make some remarks to the catechumens and candidates. Please **preregister by Tuesday, March 1**, by contacting Fr. Michael Koch, Phone: (306) 373-0404, e-mail: mjkrca@shaw.ca or Fax: 374-4613.

40 Hours For Life prayer walk in front of Saskatoon City Hospital will begin Ash Wednesday, March 9 and end Palm Sunday, April 17. The hour of prayer goes from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. every day. Signs are provided. For more information or to sign up for a specific day of the week, please call Denise at (306) 249-2764

The University of Saskatchewan Students for Life (USSL) is hosting a semi-formal banquet fundraiser at the Heritage Inn Saturday, March 12. Guest speaker, Dr. Clement Persaud, former professor of medical microbiology, will speak on "The Science and Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research." Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by contacting (306) 842-1256 or (306) 716-4959. Contact Students for Life for more information: uofssl@gmail.com

Events at St. Therese Institute for Faith and Mission in Bruno, SK. contact: (306) 369-2555 or see: www.StTherese.ca

April 3: Family Retreat & Concert with Christopher West and singer/songwriter Mike Mangione.

April 4-8: "Into the Heart - An Introduction and Journey through the Theology of the Body" with Christopher West - Join the students of St. Therese School of Faith and Mission for a week-long session on Theology of the Body with renowned Catholic speaker and author, Christopher West.

April 11-15: "Ignatian Discernment I - An Introduction to Ignatian Discernment" with Fr. Terry Donahue, Companions of the Cross.

April 17-19: "In His Image" - Holy Week Icon Writing Retreat with Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon.

April 26-29: "Ignatian Discernment II - Practical Applications of Ignatian Discernment" with Donna Kristian, St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission.

May 2-6: "Called for a Purpose - A Theology of the Laity."

May 9-13, 2011: "Being Apostles of Hope (1Peter 3:15) - Apologetics and Ecumenism in the New Evangelization" - Jim Anderson, St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission.

May 16-20: "You Shall Be My Witnesses - A Theology of Evangelization" with Fr. Scott McCaig, Companions of the Cross.

May 6-7: Time with Thérèse Silent Retreat Series - "Mary: Icon of Tenderness" a two-day guided silent retreat series, focused around the spirituality of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, with opportunity for guided reflection and silence (runs from 7 p.m. Friday, May 6 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rite of Election: part of the process of Christian Initiation will be held 3 p.m. on the First Sunday of Lent, March 13, at St. Anne parish in Saskatoon. Fr. Bernard de Margerie will preside. Fr. Michael Koch, director of Christian Initiation in the diocese, will be MC. He will approach parishes ahead of time to ask for names of catechumens and candidates. For more information contact Fr. Michael Koch (306) 373-0404 or e-mail: mjkrca@shaw.ca or Fax: 374-4613.

An Intimate Irish Evening with Eileen Lavery will be held Thursday, March 17: come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at St. Patrick's parish in Saskatoon. The evening begins with a Mass in honour of the parish patron saint at 5 p.m. The hall will open at 5:30 p.m. There will be a delicious Irish meal followed by some real Irish entertainment provided by Saskatoon's own Eileen Lavery. Eileen Lavery was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland and moved to Saskatoon when she was six years old. She grew up in Saskatoon, went back to Ireland to complete her teacher's training and returned to Saskatoon to teach high school. Over the years she has established herself as an international singer/songwriter and has produced two albums: *Ground beneath My Feet* and *Dancing with Angels*. She has toured with Kenny Rogers, Mary Black, John McDermott and Tom Cochrane. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$15 students and \$5 for children 12 and under. There will be a cash bar. For tickets call: (306) 384-1100.

Healing the Pain of Abortion: a weekend retreat by Rachel's Vineyard April 1-3 offers a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion. Please e-mail: r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net or phone: (306) 480-8911 for confidential registration information. The weekend begins on Friday evening, April 1 and concludes late Sunday afternoon, April 3. The registration fee is \$200 which includes lodging for two nights, meals and materials. For those needing financial assistance, sponsorship is available. *One participant said: "It was the best weekend of my life. I was able to share my grief, my guilt, my anger. I was able to mourn the loss of my baby. But most important, I was able to believe that she now lives with Jesus. For a short time I could almost touch her and hold her and see her. For this, I will always be grateful."*

Campaign Life Coalition Sask. Provincial Conference will be held Saturday, April 9 at Holy Spirit parish hall in Saskatoon. The day begins with an AGM at 9 a.m. and ends with a banquet with guest speaker, Jim Hughes, national president of CLC. Cost for the day is \$50; or banquet only \$25. Send fee to 358 Brock Cres. Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 4N5. Come and learn more about what is happening in the pro-life movement across Canada and in Saskatchewan, get involved, and become part of the solution. For more information contact Denise at (306) 249-2764.

Knights of Columbus Men's Spiritual Weekend Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5

St. Patrick's Parish Centre, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon

"Am I my brother's keeper?"

Open to all men 17 years and over

Friday, March 4, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. (reception to follow)
Speaker; Bishop Albert Thevenot of Prince Albert

Saturday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Bishop Bryan Bayda, Eparch of Saskatoon:
"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"
- Ken Miller, Former Coach of the Saskatchewan Roughriders:
Topic: Leadership and Teamwork
- Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie, New Haven, Conn.:
"The Culture of Life"
- Mark Mallett: Spiritual Enrichment

Cost: \$30 (includes snacks and lunch)
Send registrations to State Treasurer Denis Carignan as directed on the State website at www.kofcsask.com

Face to Face Family Retreat will be held April 9 and 10 at St. Theresa parish, Rosetown. This family retreat has something for everyone; begins noon Saturday, April 9 and ends 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10. Overnight accommodations available, meals included, reconciliation offered, as well as adoration. This is a spiritually uplifting retreat given by Ken Yasinski and his team. Cost is \$25/person or \$60/family. Contact Barb Charpentier at (306) 882-3398 to register or for details.

The Oblate Parish Mission team returns to St. Augustine Parish in Humboldt April 10 to 12 - All are welcome! For more information watch the parish website: humboldt.saskatooncatholic.ca

"Networking For Life" 2011 Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association Provincial Convention will be held April 15-16 at St. Augustine parish hall, Humboldt, SK. Hosted by the Carlton Trail Pro-Life Association, the provincial convention includes a Saturday banquet with speaker Michael Coren. Cost of full convention and banquet is \$50 (\$65 after April 1); cost of banquet or convention only: \$35; students: half price. Contact Betty Possberg at (306) 682-5168 or flo_betty@hotmail.com

Ecological Justice is the theme of the 2011 Development and Peace Regional Assembly April 29 - May 1 at Arlington Beach Camp and Conference Centre in Cymric, SK. This gathering will bring together people from four dioceses (Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Keewatin-Le Pas) to learn about ecological justice within the context of Development and Peace's work. To participate, contact Judy Corkery at (306) 543-2914.

March For Life on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. The walk begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. followed by refreshments and a short presentation. March For Life Saskatoon happens in front of the Royal University Hospital along College Drive. Signs are provided: the walk takes place rain or shine. For information contact Denise at (306) 249-2764.

Swing Into Spring Fashion Show and Dinner will be held Wednesday, May 11 at TCU Place. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation Inc. invites you to this enjoyable evening that includes a buffet dinner, draws for door prizes including diamond jewellery, over 100 other draws and the latest in ladies' and men's fashions modeled by employees of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. Early Bird tickets are \$60. until Feb. 28. Beginning March 1, tickets are \$70. Call the Foundation office at (306) 659-2003 or see: scs.sk.ca/foundation/

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule in Saskatoon

Would you be willing to spend an hour to sit quietly and just "be" in the presence of God waiting for you in silence?

WEEKLY

Holy Spirit - Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
St. Philip Neri - Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
St. Peter The Apostle - Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (*not first Tuesday*)
Our Lady of Lourdes - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
St. Augustine, Saskatoon - Thursday, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Holy Spirit - Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

MONTHLY

St. Michael - every Thursday preceding first Friday at 9 p.m. to first Friday 5 p.m. Call Edna Evans, coordinator, 382-1680.
St. Philip Neri - every second Thursday following 8:15 a.m. mass to 10 p.m. Call Renatta Lozinski, coordinator, 373-8321.
St. John Bosco - every third Wednesday 7 p.m. to Thursday 7 p.m. (*24 hours of adoration*). Call Doreen Swityk, coordinator, 382-8388.
Queen's House - every fourth Monday 12 noon to Tuesday 12 noon (*24 hours of adoration*). Call Sally Danchak, coordinator, 373-2621.

FIRST FRIDAY

Sts. Martyrs Canadiens, 1007 Windsor Street - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY

St. Mary, Saskatoon - following the 9 a.m. mass to 12 noon. Call Emily Hatcheson, coordinator, 244-7442.
Our Lady of Czestochowa - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. ends with benediction.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March for Life to the Saskatchewan Legislature will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2011 in Regina. Watch for posters.

Western Conference for the Catechumenate will be held Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28 at Holy Spirit parish in Saskatoon. The 21st annual conference will explore "Liturgical Catechesis" with resource person Diana Macalintal from the diocese of San Jose, California. She comes highly recommended by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and is co-founder with Nick Wagner of the website TeamRCIA.com. For information, contact Fr. Michael Koch, Ph: (306) 373-0404, e-mail: mjkrca@shaw.ca

A Breath of Care 2011 Saskatchewan Palliative Care Conference will be held June 2 - 3 at the Saskatoon Inn. This is an opportunity for caregivers, volunteers and the medial community to share thought-provoking concepts, new treatments and alternative therapies. Contact Meredith Wild (306) 655-5868 or Karen Conway (306) 229-9966.

Summer Ecumenical Institute 2011 organized by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism July 6-9 at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, 114 Seminary Crescent, Saskatoon. Begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 6 with worship (open to the public); includes workshop sessions July 7 to 9, a banquet 6 p.m. July 7; and a public event 7 p.m. Friday, July 8: "The Future of Canadian Ecumenism" For more information contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, (306) 384-1349 or e-mail pce@ecumenism.net or visit the website: www.ecumenism.net

The Summer School in Liturgical Studies will be offered in Saskatoon this summer. Registration for the first week is Sunday, July 17 with class beginning Monday, July 18; the second week registration is Sunday, July 24, class beginning Monday, July 25, 2011. Participants can complete the certificate requirements in three summers or simply take a class out of interest. For more information, please visit the website at: www.wcl-ssls.ca or e-mail: karenfs@sasktel.net (*Please note: contact the Director of Pastoral Services at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 242-1500 or 1-877-661-5005 to inquire about funding available to those involved in ministry in our diocese to help offset the cost of such adult education opportunities.*)

Rock the Mount free Catholic youth rally will be held Saturday, Sept. 3. at Mount Carmel Shrine west of Humboldt. This year's theme is "*Let it be done according to Thy Word.*" Speakers, reconciliation, Mass, Christian bands, activities, music and adoration at a stunning setting are part of this inspiring youth and family faith event.

Ministry to Tourism journeys: Discovering Crossroads on Earth

Ministry to Tourism is taking advantage of Crystal Cruises' recent fare reductions. Two different cruises will support the 2011 theme, "Crossroads on Earth":

- 1) **Voyages to Byzantium and Beyond** - 11 days Nov. 5-16, 2011: Istanbul (overnight), Kusadasi/Ephesus, Mykonos, Athens, Santorini, Kotor, Dubrovnik, Venice (overnight).
- 2) **Voyage into Italian Splendor** - 11 Days Nov. 16 -27, 2011 - Venice (overnight), Dubrovnik, Tripoli, Catania (Sicily), Naples, Rome, Florence, Barcelona (overnight).

These cruise programs are attractive to seasoned travelers and also to those who might find land tours too strenuous.

Holy Land programs in May and October 2011 are presently sold out but people are welcome to join a short wait list. For details on these early winter escapes in November please visit: www.pilgrimjourneys.ca or contact Ministry to Tourism (306) 244-3747; or Kleiter@shaw.ca

First K of C council in diocese celebrates 100th anniversary

By Tim Yaworski

Some 265 Knights of Columbus members, wives, families, and special guests gathered Nov. 6 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Saskatoon Knights of Columbus Council #1517, the first in the city and diocese of Saskatoon. The council received its charter Oct. 31, 1910 with 49 founding members and remained the city's only council for over 50 years.

The anniversary celebration included a reception at Bishop Mahoney Hall at St. Paul's Cathedral, which included displays about the council's history; and celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Donald Bolen and Bishop Bryan Bayda.

In his homily, Bolen expressed appreciation for all that the Knights of Columbus have contributed to the Church and the community over the past 100 years, reflecting on how much the men's organization and the Catholic Women's League have enriched our parishes. "We rejoice with thanksgiving, with hearts full of gratitude, for all that has been done, and continues to be done: for the witness that continues to be given by the Knights of Columbus, in this council and



Saskatoon Council 1517 Grand Knight William Mazurkewich (left) and Deputy Grand Knight Ed Wess (right) watch as Mary Mazurkewich blows out the candle at the 100 anniversary celebration.

throughout the diocese and the province."

"It is something that gets lived out not just in the grand gestures and the big actions," he said. "It gets lived out on a daily basis." He recalled his own father, who was a Knight. "What I remember from him is receiving love, receiving a sense of stability, a sense of confidence, a sense of trust, a sense of the Church as my

home, a deep sense of family," he said, suggesting this is a metaphor for the greatest contributions that members of the Knights of Columbus make in the world.

"The greatest gift is one that's hidden. It's imbedded in the life of faith of all who have been a part of this community, it's imbedded in the sense of stability, confidence, faith, trust, love, that they have helped shape and form these past 100 years."

At the banquet that followed, greetings were brought by the bishops, State Deputy Ed Gibney, Saskatoon Mayor Don Atchison and MLA Rob Norris, as well as from CWL representative Kelly Donald and Gary Nolan from the Supreme Council in New Haven.

Guest speaker Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB, challenged the Knights to continue to focus on Pope John Paul II's 2001 apostolic letter for the New Millennium. In that encyclical, the Pope outlined seven pastoral priorities for the Church: holiness of life, prayer, Sunday Eucharist, the sacrament of reconciliation, a focus on the primacy of grace, scripture and evangelization.



The first Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Women's League Executive in 1961: (l-r): Isabelle Buhs, Agnes Breker, Mary Wilger, Marianne Steiner, Margaret Nieman, and Marie Herriges.

Holy Guardian Angels CWL council in Englefeld will mark 50th anniversary in May 2011

By Marie ven der Buhs

A celebration May 14, 2011 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Holy Guardian Angels Council of the Catholic Women's League in Englefeld, SK.

Englefeld pioneer women had a large and strong Christian Mothers Group when the parish was part of St. Peter's Abbey. When Fr. Alphonse Ludwig, OSB, came to Englefeld, he encouraged the women to form a CWL council and helped organize the first meeting with Diocesan Convenors.

The charter council saw 93 members sign up in 1961. Today the council has 62 members from a small village and surrounding farming community.

The first president was Marie Herriges, and the first executive laid the foundation for a strong and vibrant council. Many members from the local council went on to serve on diocesan and provincial executives. In 1999 the area became part of the diocese of Saskatoon. The many miles covering this diocese present new challenges for participating in diocesan gatherings.

For more information about the 50th anniversary celebration, contact the local CWL president: (306) 287-3138.

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