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# Exploring Our Faith Together

## Year of St. Paul marked in Foundations journey

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

St. Paul's spiritual journey will be explored in a 10-part Foundations session being offered in the diocese of Saskatoon to mark the Year of St. Paul launched in June by Pope Benedict XVI.

Calling upon scripture, artwork and her own recent pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey "in the footsteps of St. Paul", Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU, paints a dynamic picture of Paul, the "Apostle to the Gentiles" and patron saint of the diocese.

In reflecting on the life of Paul, she also encourages her listeners to relate Paul's spiritual journey to their own faith experience.

People of all ages are welcome to attend individual sessions, or to take in the entire series, said Foundations coordinator Marci Deutscher. "Offering faith enrichment that spans more than one evening is something that we've wanted to do for a long time," she said of the 10-part program.

The Tuesday sessions take place once a month until June, held from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral hall (see *schedule, lower right*). Registration is not required – there will be an opportunity to make a free will offering at each session.

At the series launch Sept. 9, about 75 people gathered to hear Sr. Teresita describe Paul's background as a faithful and committed Jewish believer growing up in a Greek community. Smart, articulate and extremely religious, the young man called Saul was passionately devoted to his religion and very faithful, she described, noting his involvement in the persecution of the



**Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, reflects on St. Paul's spiritual journey during the 10-part series.**

early Christian community in Jerusalem. Then came the conversion experience on the road to Damascus that challenged his understanding of God.

"Paul experienced something of the heart. He encountered a personal Lord who loved him. This was brand new," Sr. Teresita said, likening it to life-changing events that create a "before and after" division in our own lives. "This shattered Paul's whole world," she said.

As a follow up to the session, Sr. Teresita encouraged participants to consider reflection questions in the weeks ahead, and perhaps share their insights with one or two others. (*The summary and questions can be found on the diocesan website: [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com)*)

Bishop Albert LeGatt will draw the Year of St. Paul to a close in a eucharistic celebration at St. Paul's Cathedral, 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2009.

### Upcoming sessions

**Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
**St. Paul's Cathedral hall**

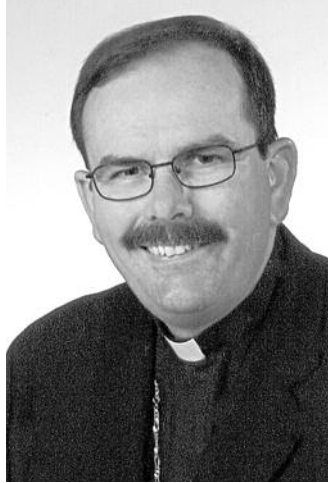
- Oct. 7** - Paul, Sin, and Community
- Nov. 4** - Paul, Women, and Community
- Dec. 9** - Paul, Success and Failure
- Jan. 6** - Paul and Conflict
- Feb. 3** - Paul and Christian Freedom
- Mar. 10** - Paul and Forgiveness
- April 7** - Paul the Mystic
- May 5** - Paul's Masterpiece
- June 9** - Paul's Senior Years

*Monday, June 29 - Celebration of  
Eucharist with Bishop Albert LeGatt.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter to you, it is a glorious fall day. We have indeed been blessed with very beautiful fall weather this year, and that's been good for farmers and gardeners alike. This season of the year is an invitation to reflect upon God's many blessings to us: the blessings of creation, but also the blessings of family and good friends; the blessings of our faith and our faith community; the blessing of God's incredible love for us, shown in so many ways.



In our diocese, this fall season is also the time for the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**, a way to give back in gratitude and stewardship a portion of the blessings we have received. Your Bishop's Annual Appeal gift is an offering both to God and to our Church. Your gift helps fund the many programs that assist us in growing together as a faith community in our diocese, as well as supporting many other services that build up a more just and caring society. I invite you to be generous as you consider God's goodness to us at this time of the year.

This fall in our diocese we are also very heavily engaged with spreading the news about our new Cathedral and Pastoral Centre campaign – our **Uniting in Faith** campaign. Along with the many efforts of our campaign team under the leadership of Don Gorsalitz, I am personally visiting all the parishes in the city of Saskatoon and reaching out to all the parishes of our rural area through ten town hall meetings (*see the schedule on Page 5*).

Once again the goal is to reflect together upon how God has blessed our diocese in the past with strong and visionary bishops, priests, religious and lay people, committed to building up a Church capable of reaching

out with God's love to all. Reflecting upon the strength of our diocese at present, but also considering the many needs yet to be fulfilled – in terms of adult faith formation and lay leadership, youth ministry and evangelization, sharing the faith with our children, vocations, efforts for justice and so many more areas within our Church's life – this project of a new Cathedral and especially a much-needed larger Pastoral Centre is really about strengthening the future of our diocese.

I invite you to become much more informed about this whole project as campaign teams are organized in each parish this fall. We will launch the campaign across the diocese in January and hope to be successful enough to begin construction in the autumn of 2009 or in the spring of 2010. These are challenging yet exciting times for our diocese!

This fall will also see our **Study Days** for pastors, Parish Life Directors and lay pastoral associates focus on adult faith formation and growing in our faith. A diocesan **Congress** of priests, Parish Life Directors, and the Diocesan Pastoral Council will focus on setting the vision and priorities for our diocese in the coming five years.

Another matter of note is the launch this year of our **Steps in Faith** program to ensure that our children, having been fully initiated through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, will continue to grow in learning about and living out their faith. This new program will begin to be phased in across the diocese for youth in Grades 6, 7 or 8, and will involve catechesis, prayer, service and a reaffirmation of faith ceremony.

So much is happening in our diocese and so much more needs to happen in the future to assure we are faithful to the mission Jesus Christ has given us of being messengers and instruments of the blessing of God's love to all. Let us indeed always be united in our faith, in our gratitude and in our commitment.

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Albert LeGat*

Most Rev. Albert LeGat  
Bishop of Saskatoon

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools present:

### ***Theology Uncorked!***

A time for adults to explore their faith in a relaxed and social setting.



**David Wells**, an entertaining and inspiring Catholic catechist and storyteller, will facilitate

the conversation: **“Stand tall – Rooted in Christ”** at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27

Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon

Admission: \$5 (*includes hors d'oeuvres*); Toonie bar

# Telling the story of the BAA

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

It's important to continue telling the story of the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) and all that it means within the diocesan faith community, BAA director Rev. Ken Beck told parish leaders from across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon at a Sept. 9 Administration Day held at St. Mary's parish.

"The more that people know about the Appeal, the more likely they are to support it," Beck said, noting that the BAA again exceeded its goal in 2007.

The 2008 goal of \$1,040,000 will go to 28 different initiatives, organizations and ministries within the diocese of Saskatoon, ranging from **ecumenism** to **support of life**, from **education of future priests** to **youth ministry**. This year's Appeal is now underway, with parish teams and volunteer visitors in the process of contacting parishioners across the diocese.

Even in this 25th year of the BAA, it is still necessary to clearly communicate what the Appeal supports, Beck said. "Some of the people we are talking to weren't even born when the Appeal began," he said, stressing the critical role of parish leaders and volunteers in explaining what the BAA is all about, and what ministries and projects are possible because of the ongoing support provided by the BAA.

Citing the example of **Rural Catechetics** – a diocesan ministry office funded almost entirely by the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Beck urged parish leaders to explain how Rural Catechetics helps rural parishes meet the challenge of catechizing children, specifically in areas without access to resources such as a publicly-funded Catholic education system. "I'm confident that if we explain the problems facing people in the rural parts of our diocese, the urban people are more than willing to help."



Fr. Ken Beck and Charlene Nijhawan of the BAA.



**Hospital chaplaincy** is another vital area that BAA is supporting, Beck said. "It's important to those in the rural parts of the diocese to know that there is a Catholic presence in our hospitals."

Pointing to a two-page report of **Justice and Peace** initiatives provided by

coordinator Tony Haynes, Beck noted that this is another ministry supported by the BAA. "It makes a person feel good and feel proud that we as a diocese are involved in these areas," Beck said.

**Lay Formation**, which has played a role in the faith development of hundreds of Catholic parishioners over the years, is also supported by the BAA. "What a significant difference this has made to the faith life and faith growth of people in the diocese," Beck observed, urging parish leaders to tell about such benefits when they tell the story of the BAA. "We've got a good story. We've got a successful story."

Organizations such as **L'Arche Saskatoon**, **Teen Aid**, **Friendship Inn**, **Catholic colleges**, and **Catholic Family Services** also receive financial support from the BAA, Beck pointed out.

"Twenty five years ago when we gathered to launch the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Bishop James Mahoney gathered with about 20 or 25 priests in the basement of the pastoral centre. I don't recall that there were any lay people present or involved," Beck said. "The Bishop's Annual Appeal has impacted significantly on who we are and what we're all about and it has made a difference in our ability to extend our ministries."

BAA administrator Charlene Nijhawan likened the busy start up of the Annual Appeal to the back to school season with its rush to get supplies, buy shoes, and pay fees.

"It can all seem pretty expensive and time consuming and yet as a parent, one is grateful that one's child has the opportunity to live such a full life. Similarly, we should all be grateful that this is a diocese that has a full life," she told the gathering of parish representatives. "We have a gold mine of resources, not the least of which is all of you."

Bishop Albert LeGatt described the encouragement he receives when he travels the diocese and hears about life in the parishes; news of initiatives and undertakings in areas such as catechetics or youth ministry; and connections built up between parishes and the diocese.

"It is mutually enriching," he said. "For me, that's what the BAA is — it is a family of faith, working together... ultimately it's about a life of faith being shared and strengthened together."

LeGatt also stressed the importance of prayer to the BAA effort. "This is about stewardship, it is about all that we have been gifted with, especially our faith, our Church, one another – as well as our material gifts."

## A workshop to help parishes and individual Christians engage in prison ministry:

### Restorative Ministry Gathering

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25

Queen's House of Retreats, 601 Taylor St. W. Saskatoon

*"... I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me..." Matthew 25:36*

This workshop is designed for individuals and parish communities interested in learning more about the challenging but rewarding area of Restorative Ministry, which reaches out to victims, the community, and inmates. The all-day program includes panel discussions, small group sessions, information about future opportunities to engage in restorative ministry, and ways to encourage parish involvement.

**Registration:** \$15 (includes lunch); deadline is Oct. 17.

For more information, or to register for the gathering, contact Dianne Anderson of the Restorative Ministry Office for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon at 242-1500 or by e-mail: [restorativeministry@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:restorativeministry@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

# Major donors step forward in campaign to build new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

A *Uniting in Faith* campaign for a new Catholic Pastoral Centre and Cathedral in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon has so far raised about \$9 million, including several major donations announced this spring.

The *Uniting in Faith* Campaign is now beginning the next phase – approaching the faithful in parishes across the diocese (see article next page).

Early in May, Bishop Albert LeGatt joined campaign co-chair Barry Frank at a media conference held to announce several large contributions to the project.

Donations of \$1.5 million from Joe and Marie Remai, \$ 1 million from Les and Irene Dubé, \$1 million from John and Sonya Remai, as well as one anonymous donation for \$1 million and two more for \$500,000 were announced. Later in May, another \$61,805 was raised at an annual Bishop's Dinner.

The large donations helped provide an excellent start to the *Uniting in Faith* campaign to build a new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre in conjunction with construction of a new Holy Family parish home in northeast Saskatoon, said Barry Frank, who co-chairs the diocesan campaign with his wife Giselle.

Holy Family parish has committed itself to raising \$16 million for construction of the building, while the diocesan-wide *Uniting in Faith* campaign has a \$12.5 million target.

"This project is about the future of our diocese and all that our diocese tries to be for the sake of the mission of living out the gospel in our world," said Bishop LeGatt.

"It will create a place to celebrate the unity of our diocesan family and serve as a destination and resource for the faithful. In short, this project will help assure and serve the future of the diocese in everything it means to be together as a diocese."

An understanding about the real need for the new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre lies behind these major gifts, Frank said, noting reasons donors cite for supporting the campaign.



**Left to right: Uniting in Faith campaign co-chair Barry Frank, donors Joe Remai, Les and Irene Dubé with Saskatoon Bishop Albert LeGatt during a recent press conference to announce a number of major gifts to the *Uniting in Faith* campaign to build a Cathedral and diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre.**

Joe Remai said that the impetus to donate \$1.5 million came with a realization that the Catholic diocese has simply outgrown the existing cathedral and Catholic Centre. "Construction costs have skyrocketed, and they're still going up, and we need a good number of people donating bigger sums. Fortunately, we are able to help," he said after the press conference.

"The church is very close to us and we are a spiritual family," said Les Dubé. "We have the ability to fund projects and our faith teaches us to be stewards."

John Remai said "this is a wonderful opportunity to further the heritage of faith that my parents brought with them when they immigrated to Canada, and which they instilled in their family."

Don Gorsalitz of the diocesan development office said that in his 15 years of fund-raising work in the city he has never seen such an extraordinary response to a fund-raising campaign.

"I've seen young couples with young children make extraordinary pledges," Gorsalitz said of the *Uniting in Faith* campaign that is also happening at the grassroots level at Holy Family parish in northeast Saskatoon and which will soon expand to all parishes in the diocese in preparation for an anticipated construction start in the fall of 2009 or early 2010.

"It's not only the million-dollar

donations and the half-million-dollar donations that are going to turn our dreams into reality," Frank said, reflecting on the Holy Family parish portion of the campaign, where every grassroots donation is a vital contribution to that parish's \$16 million share of the project.

Irene Dubé also stressed the importance of involvement from many people at many different levels of giving. "It's not only the \$1 million gift. It's the fives and the tens that add up incredibly. If a person gives \$5 a day and you do that over a year, it has a big impact."

Les Dubé added that the satisfaction of contributing is not dependent on the size of a donation. "We want everyone to experience the kind of joy we get out of doing this."

News of the major donations provided a boost to volunteers at Holy Family parish working on the *Uniting in Faith* campaign, said parish priest Rev. David Tumback.

"This gives a renewed energy and a renewed enthusiasm to all the people that are involved and are active in the process of the home visits, the solicitation of gifts and also just the overall positive image of the project," Tumback said. "I'm delighted and I'm very, very grateful for the faith-filled people who have stepped forward."

## Uniting in Faith campaign to begin in parishes across the diocese

A campaign to raise funds for a new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre will move into its next phase over the next few weeks – with parishioners across the diocese approached for their support.

“We will be asking people to consider an investment in their faith, and in the future growth and endeavours of our Church in this diocese,” said Don Gorsalitz of the diocesan development office.

Calling on local volunteers, and communicating the need through materials such as videos and fact sheets, the *Uniting in Faith* campaign is about more than one construction project, Gorsalitz stressed. It also has the potential to secure greater long-term financial commitment for all of our parish faith communities as the faithful are asked to examine their capacity to give, he said.

“I’m confident that as people examine what their faith has meant to them, and begin to envision what they would hope for the future, they will respond generously as so many already have,” Gorsalitz said.

As the campaign moves into the parish phase, Bishop Albert LeGatt and the *Uniting in Faith* team will be holding town hall meetings and visiting parish communities across the diocese to provide more information and answer questions (*see schedule at right*).

### Bishop explains project rationale

At recent meetings, town hall sessions, and deanery gatherings across the diocese, Bishop Albert LeGatt has been answering questions and providing an overview of the *Uniting in Faith* campaign and its history.

The opportunity to build a new Cathedral and Diocesan Pastoral Centre grew out of the immediate need for a new church home for Holy Family parish in the northeast part of Saskatoon.

“The worship space that Holy Family parish will eventually need is about 1,300 seats. That’s exactly what the diocese now needs in a cathedral, for our diocesan celebrations, such as the Chrism Mass or ordinations,” LeGatt said at a media conference in May. “It’s a very good match.”

Located next to St. Joseph Catholic High School on Attridge Drive, the new cathedral parish will exist in the centre of many growing neighbourhoods, the bishop said.

As the home of the diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre, the project “will also support existing and increased development and delivery of more diocesan programs and outreach ministries, expanding vital programs to people and parishes across the diocese,” he added.

The diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre will be home to over 40 programs and services, such as rural catechetics, youth ministry, adult faith formation, justice and peace, family life, scripture study, lay ministry development, vocation promotion and hospital ministry. It will also house the diocesan Resource Library and the chancery offices.

“These services and programs exist for one reason alone – to offer the parishes and people involved in ministry throughout the diocese the knowledge, resources, training and support needed to carry out the mission of the Church,” LeGatt said, describing how he is constantly reminded of the great richness of faith, people, service and generosity within the diocese of Saskatoon.

“The new diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre and Cathedral will be the core of our functioning spiritual faith community,” LeGatt said.

“Guiding us to live together as faithful followers of Christ and vibrant members of a Church called to be a sign of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God in central Saskatchewan, it will be a sign of what we share in faith, and a vital investment in the future, giving us what we need to grow and truly serve all.”



Uniting In Faith  
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SASKATOON

### Schedule of parish visits by Bishop Albert LeGatt (outside Saskatoon)

Date	Location
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7	Little Flower <b>Leader</b>
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9	St. Joseph <b>Kindersley</b>
11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 (Mass)	St. Peter <b>Unity</b>
9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 (Mass)	Assumption of Our Lady <b>Kerrobart</b>
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15	St. Theresa <b>Rosetown</b>
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16	St. Gabriel the Archangel <b>Biggar</b>
7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20	St. Mary <b>Wadena</b>
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21	St. Mary <b>Wynyard</b>
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6	Sacred Heart <b>Davidson</b>
7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24	St. Augustine <b>Humboldt</b>
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25	St. Bruno <b>Bruno</b>
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27	St. Ann <b>Watrous</b>
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2	Immaculate Heart of Mary <b>Martensville</b>
4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 (Mass)	St. Mary <b>Macklin</b>

### Saskatoon City Parishes Mass with Bishop Albert LeGatt

(Regular weekend Mass times unless otherwise indicated)

**Holy Family** - 3 p.m. Oct. 5 (50th anniversary)

**Holy Spirit** - Nov. 15-16

**Our Lady of Czestochowa** - Jan. 4

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** - Sunday, Dec. 14

**Our Lady of Lourdes** - Nov 23

**St. Anne** - Sept. 13-14

**St. Augustine** - Dec. 6-7

**St. Francis Xavier** - Nov. 8-9

**St. John Bosco** - Nov. 30

**St. Joseph** - Nov. 9

**Sts.-Martyrs-Canadiens** - Jan. 18

**St. Mary** - Dec. 13-14

**St. Michael** - Sept. 28

**St. Patrick** - Sept. 6-7

**St. Paul’s Cathedral** - Oct. 19

**St. Peter the Apostle** - Dec. 6-7

**St. Philip Neri** - Nov. 1-2

**St. Thomas More** - Oct. 5

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<b>Why the Beatitudes? (1)</b> Using the gospel of Matthew this session explores the meaning and significance of the Beatitudes in the daily life of a Christian; the gift Jesus gave us in the Sermon on the Mount.	Holy Family <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Monday Oct. 20	Eileen Materi 374-7981	Sr. Rosalyn Miller, OSU
<b>Dorothy Day and Oscar Romero: Saints for our Time? (1)</b> A look at the lives of Dorothy Day and Oscar Romero and their passion for social justice.	Holy Family <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Monday Nov. 17	Eileen Materi 374-7981	Michael Murphy
<b>Elder Care (1)</b> This session will look at how to help the elderly continue their life process — as opposed to simply waiting to die. Ideas will be given to help family and caregivers work through “elder driven” care.	Holy Spirit <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 21	Gladys Coombes 374-1425	Bernadette Heinz
<b>Who'd Ya Say is Speaking for Me? (1)</b> In our paternalistic, “caring” way we often forget to listen to our elderly. This session challenges you to give voice to our elderly, and meet not so much “our” needs as “theirs.”	Holy Spirit <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 25	Gladys Coombes 374-1425	Bernadette Heinz
<b>How did St. Nicholas get in my Chimney? (1)</b> In this session, Blake Sittler will discuss the historical roots and evolution of Saint Nicholas into Santa Claus. He will also lead a conversation around the varying practices and traditions of Advent and the Christmas Season. There will be time to share your family's memories, traditions, and recipes!	Holy Spirit <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 2	Gladys Coombes 374-1425	Blake Sittler
<b>Offering Support to Those who are Grieving (1)</b> When someone is grieving, how can you be the hands of Christ to bring them compassion?	Holy Spirit <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 20	Gladys Coombes 374-1425	Brian Zimmer
<b>Sound Spirituality: Key to Authentic Christian Life (2)</b> Spirituality from the perspective of one's experience is addressed in these two sessions. Talks will centre principally on ways to live out one's personal Christian life in order to be “stress-free” and avoid being overwhelmed by a busy world.	Our Lady of Lourdes <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 2 & 7 p.m. Monday Dec. 15	Sr. Juliana Heisler 343-0289	Fr. Ephraim Mensah
<b>Movies That Matter (1)</b> We as adults may never be able to truly understand what our kids are experiencing because we have never had access to the kind of technology that they have grown up with. This session looks at a number of wonderful movies that are being produced by people who are socially conscious. When you share a good movie with your kids, oftentimes, you can make real connections with them.	St. Anne <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 5	Dolores Crawford 931-4700	Barb Wotherspoon

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<b>The Spiritual Journey of St. Paul (1)</b> Pope Benedict has declared June 2008 to June 2009 as “The Year of St. Paul” to mark the 2000th anniversary of Paul’s birth. Participants will reflect on Paul’s experience of the risen Lord, his struggles and challenges, and his growth in faith, connecting these with their own faith journeys.	St. Anne <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 12	Dolores Crawford 931-4700	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
<b>Introduction to Christian Morality (1)</b> This presentation will explore the intricate relationship between the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.	St. Augustine <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 25	Sharon Powell 373-3453	Fr. George Smith, CSB
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<b>A Funny Thing Happened on My Way Through the Bible (1)</b> A search for the use of humour in the Old and New Testament and a discussion about the importance of making the Word relevant to people today.	St. Michael <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Thursday Nov. 27	Myrna Wolfe 242-5150	Blake Sittler
<b>Offering Support to Those who are Grieving (1)</b> When someone is grieving, how can you be the hands of Christ to bring them compassion?	St Paul Cathedral <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 21	Keith Buzinski 373-8479 or 652-0033	Brian Zimmer
<b>Making Your Religious Education Session More Relevant (1)</b> Learn how to involve an audience and make them more active learners.	St. Aloysius <b>Allan</b>	7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 23	Anne Moldenhauer 257-3578	Marcel D'Eon
<b>Many Shepherds in Youth Ministry (1)</b> This session will explore ways to be shepherds in the lives of teenagers. The evening will include hands on, practical activities including role-playing and mixed media. Participants will leave committed to action — and to celebrating youth.	St. Theresa <b>Asquith</b>	7:30 p.m. Monday Nov. 17	Louise Brecht 329-4705	Shannon Granger
<b>Women in the Old Testament (1)</b> A discussion on women in the Old Testament.	Sacred Heart <b>Eston</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 4	Karen Serfas 962-4906	Sr. Val Leibel, SSND

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<b>Evangelization: What is it? What is my role and how do I do it? (1):</b> What does the Church teach on evangelization and what is the responsibility and role of a baptized Christian in regards to evangelization? This session would also look at practical ways to simply and clearly share our faith.	Christ the King <b>Foam Lake</b>	7:30 p.m. Thursday Nov. 6	Anne Reynolds / Royann Halyk 272-4320 / 272-3307	Christy Gaudet
<b>The Theology of Johnny Cash (1)</b> Visiting different aspects of Catholic theology using the lyrics of Johnny Cash.	Assumption of Our Lady <b>Kerrobot</b>	7 p.m. Monday Nov. 17	Wendy Tuchscherer 834-2979	Blake Sittler
<b>The Spiritual Journey of St. Paul (1)</b> Pope Benedict has declared June 2008 to June 2009 as "The Year of St. Paul" to mark the 2000th anniversary of Paul's birth. Participants will reflect on Paul's experience of the risen Lord, his struggles and challenges, and his growth in faith, connecting these with their own faith journeys.	Holy Trinity <b>Pilger</b>	7:30 p.m. Monday Oct. 27	Madeline Schmitz 367-4931	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
<b>The Spiritual Journey of St. Paul (1)</b> Pope Benedict has declared June 2008 to June 2009 as "The Year of St. Paul" to mark the 2000th anniversary of Paul's birth. Participants will reflect on Paul's experience of the risen Lord, his struggles and challenges, and his growth in faith, connecting these with their own faith journeys.	St. Mary <b>Richmound</b>	7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 23	Carey Hellman 669-2131	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
<b>Stories for the Journey (1)</b> Reflections on living our faith in modern society.	St. Francis Xavier <b>Vanscoy</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 18	Sylvie Francoeur 668-2141	Margaret George
<b>Many Shepherds in Youth Ministry (1)</b> This session will explore ways to be shepherds in the lives of teenagers. The evening will include hands on, practical activities including role-playing and mixed media. Participants will leave committed to action — and to celebrating youth.	St. Alphonse <b>Viscount</b>	7:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 29	Cindy Binsfeld 944-4573	Shannon Granger

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

#### AT LOCAL PARISHES:

**St. Patrick Parish**

7 - 9 p.m., Sunday evenings

Jan. 4 to March 15, 2009

3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon

Contact: Ron Frehlich, 384-1100

**St. Philip Neri Parish**

12:45 - 2:30 p.m., nine Sundays

beginning Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009

1904 Munroe Ave., Saskatoon

Contact: Simone Swayze, 343-0325

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

*A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is an opportunity for a married couple to take time to rediscover one another and focus on their relationship in a loving encounter.*

**Friday, Oct. 24 to Sunday, Oct. 26**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
St. Michael's Retreat Centre, Lumsden

**Friday, Feb. 6 to Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Ramada Hotel, Saskatoon

**Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3, 2009**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
St Peter's Abbey, Muenster

Contact: Marc and Anita Loiselle  
Phone: 306-258-2192  
E-mail: [loiselle@baudoux.ca](mailto:loiselle@baudoux.ca)  
Web: [www.wmcanada.org](http://www.wmcanada.org)



# Advent retreat offers something for all ages Sunday, Nov. 30 in Macklin

An all-day advent retreat with sessions for all ages will be held Sunday, Nov. 30 at St. Mary's Church Hall in Macklin.

Participants will gather at 9 a.m. for coffee, juice and muffins before the retreat begins at 9:30 a.m. with opening prayer. Sessions will be held throughout the day for each age group (*see chart, right*).

During the morning, children aged 4 to 5 years will begin with a craft session and puppet play about the true meaning of Jesus' birthday, before taking part in a baby shower for Jesus in which donated items will be prepared and donated to Real Choices Pregnancy Centre. Meanwhile, children in grades 1 to 3 will have a morning session creating an advent wreath, before learning more about giving in a story session entitled "What Can I give?" In the afternoon, the Cat Chat performers will present a concert to all the children Grade 3 and younger, featuring lively songs and teaching about Jesus and the Church.

Students in Grades 4 to 6 will have a morning session with speaker Blake Sittler about the traditions of Advent and Christmas, including how St. Nicholas evolved into Santa Claus; before creating a Jesse tree to learn the stories of the people from the Old Testament who are part of Jesus' family tree of faith. After lunch, the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team will present a session to Grades 4 to 6.

Grades 7 to 12 will participate in Diocesan Youth Retreat Team sessions in the morning, and will alternate between two sessions in the afternoon: Blake Sittler speaking about the traditions of Advent and Christmas, and singer-songwriter Jennifer Jade Kerr.

Meanwhile, retreat sessions for adults will include "Awaken to God's Promise" in which Lucie Leduc discusses this year's advent scriptures; a session with Blake Sittler exploring the traditions and practices of the Advent and Christmas season; Sr. Teresita Kambeitz,

	Session A 10:00-11:00	Session B 11:00-12:00	Session C 1:30-2:30	Session D 2:30-3:30
4 - 5 years	Ringing in Jesus' birthday	Baby Shower for Jesus	Cat Chat	
Grades 1, 2, 3	Advent Wreath	What Can I Give?		
Grades 4, 5, 6	Blake Sittler	Jesse Tree	Diocesan Youth Retreat Team	
Grades 7, 8	Diocesan Youth Retreat Team		Jennifer Jade Kerr	Blake Sittler
Grades 9 to 12			Blake Sittler	Jennifer Jade Kerr
Adults	Lucie Leduc	Blake Sittler	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU	Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI

OSU, reflecting on the letters from St. Paul featured in advent; and Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI, breaking open the "Emmanuel theme" of the gospel of Matthew.

Bishop Albert LeGatt will preside at Mass at 4 p.m., followed by socializing, with supper and an evening program at the Communiplex.

**Registration deadline is Nov. 15**, with a fee of \$25 per person (includes lunch, supper and evening program) with children six and under free. For more information contact Karen Stang 306-753-2833, Deb Gulka 306-753-2278, Gerry Scheck 306-372-4950, Michelle Sieben 306-358-2057, or Fr. Marvin Lishchynsky 306-753-2063.

*Please join the diocesan family as we gather to celebrate with*

## Bishop Albert LeGatt

on the occasion of his  
**25th Anniversary of Ordination  
to the Priesthood**



Wednesday, Oct. 29,  
St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon  
Mass at 7 p.m., Social to follow  
*Please consider your presence your gift.*

**Attention: All those involved in Music Ministry:**  
National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NAPM) convention:  
**"Sing to the Lord!"**  
Chicago, Illinois, July 6-10, 2009

Speakers include Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI  
Anyone interested in joining a group from the diocese,  
please leave a message for Fr. Ralph Kleiter, Ministry to Tourism,  
306-244-3747; or email: kleiter@shaw.ca in order that details  
may be forwarded to you once they are available early in 2009.

## An evening of choral singing 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17

St. Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon

Music directors, cantors, and choir members are welcome to attend this **free choral reading session**. It will offer participants the opportunity to sing through some great new music, as well as treasures from the past. Music for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, as well as for Ordinary Time will be featured. Participants will sing traditional and contemporary music for two-, three-, and four- part choirs. Participants will also receive a free packet of music from World Library Publications (WLP) of Chicago, a leading publisher of Catholic liturgical music in North America. Dr. Jerry Galipeau, associate publisher of WLP, will be the leader of this session.



**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**

**Register before Oct. 5** by calling: Karen Schreiner at 931-4700 (work) or 934-6544 (home) or email: karenfs@sasktel.net or Ken Neitz at 955-0341; email: kenneitz@hotmail.com

# MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT FALL 2008

Topic	Presenter(s)	Registration
<p><b>Parish Pastoral Council Workshop</b></p> <p>This workshop will give all members of Parish Pastoral Councils (including the pastor) an opportunity to reflect on how they can more effectively implement the pastoral model of parish councils that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon has been promoting in recent years.</p>	<p><b>Ron Cork</b> - is the author of <i>Making Your Pastoral Council Work</i> (Novalis 2207). He has been the Diocesan Director of Renew (London, ON.), Diocesan Director of Evangelization and Program Resource Manager. Ron is also the resource person on Parish Pastoral Councils for the Lay Ministry Program of the Archdiocese of Regina.</p>	<p><i>Kerrobert, Saskatoon Rural, Saskatoon Urban, and Humboldt Deaneries: session was held Saturday, Oct. 4 at St. Joseph Parish in Saskatoon</i></p> <p>Eatonia, Outlook, Kerrobert Deaneries:  <b>Little Flower Parish</b>, Leader, SK.  <b>Saturday, Nov. 1</b>                      8:30 a.m. registration                      9 a.m. to 4 p.m. workshop</p> <p>\$25/person or \$100/parish (includes lunch)                      For more information or to register, call Marci Deutscher at 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. 222</p> <p><b>Registration deadline: Oct. 17</b></p>
<p><b>God's Love in New Words: A Preaching Program</b></p> <p>This is the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon's official program for training lay people to preach in their parishes. Participants will be formed in the purpose of homiletic reflections and the concrete "how to" of writing and researching their reflections. These can then be used for Sunday liturgies of the Word, funeral vigils, or school / parish / hospital prayer services.</p>	<p><b>Agnes Pelletier</b> has worked with lay preaching through Lay Formation and for the pilot year of God's Love in New Words. She recently began work as the bishop's assistant.</p> <p><b>Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers</b> is the author of <i>Finding the Truth Within: A Woman's Journey into Preaching</i> and <i>Catholic Women in Ministry</i>. She presently works as a pastoral associate at the parish in Humboldt.</p> <p><b>Fr. Ron Beechinor</b> is chaplain of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board and priest moderator at St. John Bosco parish in Saskatoon.</p> <p><b>Fr. Paul Facht, OMI</b> is presently spiritual direction coordinator and chaplain at Queen's House of Retreats in Saskatoon</p> <p><b>Fr. Ephraim Mensah</b> is originally from Ghana, and presently serves as pastor at Wynyard, Wishart and Foam Lake</p> <p><b>Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB</b>, of St. Peter's Abbey, will commission the group.</p>	<p>Humboldt, Wadena and Saskatoon Rural Deaneries:</p> <p><b>St. Peter's Abbey</b>                      Muenster, SK.</p> <p><b>Four weekend sessions:</b>                      Oct. 24 to 25, 2008                      Nov. 21 to 22, 2008                      Jan. 16-17, 2009                      March 27-28, 2009</p> <p>\$200/person (includes all meals and accommodations)</p> <p>For more information or to register, call Marci Deutscher at 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. 222</p> <p><b>Registration deadline: Oct. 17</b></p>
<p><b>Parish Pastoral Planning Using the Liturgical Year and Scripture</b></p> <p>This workshop is aimed at parish teams working in nearly any area: music, liturgy, RCIA, children, youth, pastoral care and outreach. It is an opportunity for parish teams to discuss how the liturgical year and the weekly readings can help guide the pastoral planning for your parish. There will be much time provided for small group discussions.</p>	<p><b>Sr. Anna Aulie</b> is the coordinator of the Office of Scripture Resources and Small Christian Communities for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. She is also the Parish Life Director of the parish in Martensville. Sr. Anna spent last summer studying in Jerusalem.</p> <p><b>Sr. Donna Purdy</b> grew up in Meacham, lived in Jerusalem from 1974 to 2000, before moving to Montreal. She is now in Saskatoon. Sr. Donna has extensive experience in scripture, inter-faith work and teaching.</p>	<p>Diocese of Saskatoon                      Queen's House of Retreats, Saskatoon</p> <p><b>Saturday, Oct. 18</b>                      9 a.m. registration/muffins                      9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. workshop</p> <p>\$100/per parish team (includes lunch)</p> <p>For more information or to register, call Marci Deutscher at 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. 222</p> <p><b>Registration deadline: Oct. 10</b></p>

# MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT FALL 2008

Topic	Presenter(s)	Registration
<p><b>RCIA: Recharge your RCIA process: Apprenticeship is the Key!</b></p> <p>This workshop will help participants examine their current approach to Christian initiation and will explore practical ways to bring the RCIA in line with the Church's vision of the catechumenate. If you are interested in new and exciting approaches to how we form catechumens and candidates in the Catholic way of life, this workshop is for you! Learn to transform your RCIA process into a real school of discipleship with the vision of apprenticeship at the very center.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Jerry Galipeau</b> is associate publisher at World Library Publications, the music and liturgy division of J.S. Paluch Company, in Franklin Park, Illinois. Before coming to World Library, he served for 15 years as director of liturgy and music at parishes in Florida and Illinois. Jerry presents keynotes and workshops in the U.S. and Canada on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, liturgical spirituality, ritual music, evangelization, and adult spiritual formation. He is a frequent team member for North American Forum on the Catechumenate institutes. Jerry is the author of numerous magazine articles, and has written several books on the RCIA which are published by World Library Publications. His latest is <i>Apprenticed to Christ: Activities for Practicing the Catholic Way of Life</i>.</p>	<p>RCIA Saskatoon Diocesan Committee: <b>St. Anne Parish, Saskatoon</b> 217 Lenore Drive</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 18, 2008</b> 9 a.m. registration 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. workshop Cost: \$40.00 (includes lunch)</p> <p>For more information or to register, contact Dolores Crawford at 931-4700 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:crawford.d@sasktel.net">crawford.d@sasktel.net</a></p> <p><b>Registration deadline:</b> Oct. 10</p>
<p><b>Preparation for a Second Marriage</b></p> <p>The diocesan office of Marriage and Family Life is piloting opportunities in rural areas to come and experience the two special sessions designed for couples entering a second marriage. The topics are: <i>Instant Families - Just Add Water</i>; and <i>Deciding to Love Again</i>. Couples will hear a brief presentation and then will be given time to write their reflections and share them with their fiancée. <i>Please also feel free to attend if you are already in your second marriage.</i></p>	<p><b>Gail and Pat Fitzpatrick</b> were the keynote speakers at the 2008 Marriage Appreciation Banquet in the diocese of Saskatoon, addressing the topic of second marriages.</p> <p><b>Yvonne and Russ Powell</b> have been married for 25 years and have two sons in high school. They are involved in marriage preparation programs at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and at their home parish.</p>	<p>Outlook, Eatonia, Kerrobert and Saskatoon Rural Deaneries: <b>St. Theresa Parish Hall,</b> Rosetown, SK.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Oct. 21</b> 5 p.m. introductions, 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. presentations \$50/couple</p> <p>For more information, please contact Blake Sittler: 242-1500, or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. 229.</p> <p><b>Registration deadline:</b> Oct. 10</p>
<p><b>Retrouvaille: A ministry of Hope for Troubled Marriages</b></p> <p>Retrouvaille is a program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage and may even be considering divorce. The process begins with a weekend retreat and continues with workshops for six weeks.</p>	<p>Presenters vary.</p>	<p>Diocese of Saskatoon Archdiocese of Regina</p> <p>For more information or to register, please contact Ken or Rita at 306-652-7155 or by e-mail" <a href="mailto:retrouvaille@sasktel.net">retrouvaille@sasktel.net</a></p>
<p><b>Transitions</b></p> <p>This is a ministry of healing to people who are divorced. This 16-week gathering is an opportunity for the divorced to share their experiences with others so they can move on – transition – into the next stage of their life.</p>	<p>Presenters vary.</p>	<p>Sessions are presently taking place in Saskatoon.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Blake Sittler: 242-1500, or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. 229.</p>
<p><b>Helping Those Who Mourn - A Grief Ministry Workshop</b></p> <p>A 16-session series introducing participants to current insights about grieving and pastoral ministry.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Brian Chartier, PhD</b>, a clinical psychologist and associate professor of psychology at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon.</p>	<p>Sessions are presently taking place in Kerrobert, SK.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Blake Sittler: 242-1500, or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. 229.</p>

## St. Therese School of Faith and Mission welcomes second group of students

BY JIM ANDERSON

DIRECTOR OF ST. THERESE SCHOOL OF FAITH AND MISSION

With great joy 13 students were welcomed as the second year class to St. Therese School of Faith and Mission, Sept. 7.

Fr. Ephraim Mensah celebrated the first mass of the new formation year at the St. Therese School in Bruno.

Christian Catholic Outreach (CCO) was at St. Therese for their annual fall retreat. St. Therese students joined with 120 young men and women from across western Canada in "going deeper into our life with God." Ken Yasinski of Face to Face Ministries offered two days of reflection on "Life in the Holy Spirit."

St. Therese School hosts public events throughout the year and all are welcome to join. The Christian Culture Series began this year with a Sept. 25 lecture entitled *Monkey Business: Reconciling the Creation account in Genesis with the Discoveries of Modern Science* with Fr. Terry Donahue, a member of the Companions of the Cross, and a graduate of M.I.T.

Later in the year, Catholic evangelist Jim Murphy, from Michigan, USA will lead a week long advent retreat that is open to the public. St. Therese School will also be staging a major theatrical production to be performed at the school and on tour in centers throughout western Canada.

For details on upcoming events, visit the website, [www.sttherese.ca](http://www.sttherese.ca), sign up for an e-mail list, or contact us at (306)369-2555 for more information.



A commissioning celebration was held in June for this inaugural class of St. Therese School at Bruno. A new class began a program of formation in September.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** distributed from the Catholic Pastoral Centre can now be found on the website: [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/weekly\\_bulletin/index.cfm](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/weekly_bulletin/index.cfm)

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For more information contact:  
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 Tel 659-7003 • Fax 659-2013

### Catholic Family Services

To register for any of these programs:

PHONE: 244-7773 or E-MAIL:

[staff@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca](mailto:staff@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca)

**"When Parents Separate or Divorce"** This group is designed to support children as they explore their feelings around separation or divorce of their parents. Parents are expected to attend concurrent group sessions.  
 Ages: 7 - 12 years  
 4 - 5 p.m. Wednesdays  
 Oct. 22 to Dec. 10

behaviour and/or relational difficulties. *There is no fee for this program.*  
 7 - 9 p.m., Thursdays  
 Oct. 9 to Dec. 11

**"Raising Boys - Building Heroes"** A group for boys to help them become heroes in their own life by focusing on their unique strengths and talents to develop self-esteem, social skills, problem solving, anger management, empathy building and friendship skills. Parents attend a concurrent session called "Raising Boys."

Ages: 8 - 12 years  
 4 - 5 p.m., Tuesdays  
 Oct. 7 to Dec. 2

**"Bridging the Gap - a group for Parents of Out-of-Control Teens"** For information contact Terry Lowe at 244-7773. To register call Ken Wynes at 933-5109. *There is no fee for this program.*  
 7 - 9 p.m., Thursdays  
 Jan. 3 to March 27 (ongoing group)

**Family - to - Family Ties:** Family to Family Ties is a family support and mentoring program dedicated to strengthening family life and promoting self-sufficiency by building community through family partnerships. Volunteer families always needed. Please call Catholic Family Services at 244-7773 for more information.

**"The Perfection Trap"**

For those interested in exploring the impact perfectionism has on life and how to make some healthy changes..  
 7 - 9 p.m. Wednesdays  
 Oct. 15 to Nov. 5

**Teen-Parent / Early Childhood Centre:** Contact Gaye Schwanbeck at 659-7802.

**"Blended Families: Yours, Mine and Ours"** This one-day workshop is designed to explore strategies that encourage harmonious relationships in blended / step families..

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,  
 Saturday, Nov. 8

#### OTHER OFFERINGS:

Individual, couple, & family counselling / Employee & Family Assistance Programs / event speakers, workshop presentations / volunteer opportunities

Fees are based on a sliding fee scale, unless otherwise stated. Services are available to anyone in the community regardless of religious affiliation.

**"Reaching Out: When Teens Go Beyond the Limits"** One of several groups for parents whose adolescent is having severe

**Catholic Family Services** is supported by the **Bishop's Annual Appeal.**

## Diocesan Youth Retreat Team welcomes new members to Oct. 25 training day

The Diocesan Youth Retreat Team (DYRT) is seeking new members.

The DYRT is a group of faith-filled, energetic youth and young adults who are available to facilitate retreats around the diocese. A training day will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 for youth and young adults interested in joining this team.

Members of DYRT are trained annually in giving talks, leading small and large group activities, prayer, games, music, drama and more. The team is also provided with additional opportunities for faith formation, team building and fellowship throughout the year.

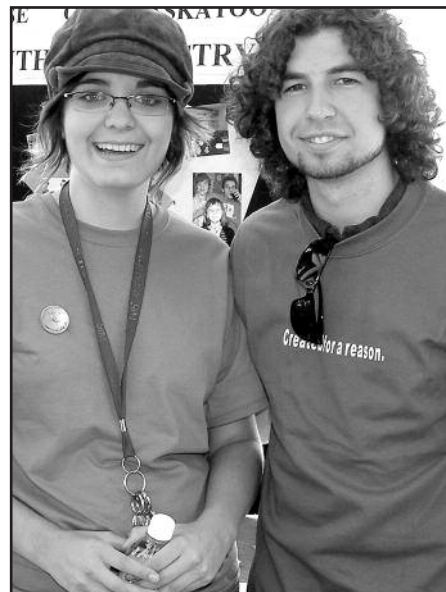
Ministry led by young people for other young people can have great results, says Sarah Farthing of the Youth Ministries office for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. DYRT members also find that

their own faith is inspired and deepened as they share Christ with their peers during the retreats, she noted.

Team members must be 15 years of age or older and must belong to a parish within the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. The retreat team welcomes members from both rural and urban parishes.

Team members must attend the retreat team training day 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. (Location to be announced). They must also make a commitment to help lead at least one of 10-15 retreats offered during retreat season, which runs from February to June.

For more information contact Retreat Team Coordinator, Jonathan Courchene, 242-1500; toll free: 1-877-661-5005; or e-mail: [dyrt@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:dyrt@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)



Sarah Farthing, diocesan Youth Ministries coordinator, and retreat team coordinator Jonathan Courchene at Rock the Mount Catholic youth rally.

## Ventes d'artisanats au profit de famille au Rwanda

par Dorothée Gaudet-Cousin

Pendant la dernière année, la Paroisse Sts-Martyrs-Canadiens a accueilli plusieurs nouveaux arrivants provenant de l'Afrique et de l'Amérique du Sud. Yvonne Muhabwampundu et sa famille du Rwanda ont travaillé de très près avec le comité du Justice sociale de la paroisse afin de venir en aide aux femmes de son pays qui se sont regroupées en coopératives dans le but de pourvoir aux besoins essentiels de leurs familles. Yvonne a vendu plusieurs articles artisanaux faits au Rwanda pour leur venir en aide (cartes, bols, paniers). Elle leur a déjà fait parvenir un premier versement des fonds prélevés cet effet. Si vous désirez vous procurer de ces articles tout en aidant les femmes Rwandaises et leurs familles, vous pourrez rencontrer Yvonne son kiosque au Farmers' Market ici Saskatoon, tous les samedis de 8h - 14h. La seule paroisse francophone de Saskatoon est très heureuse d'accueillir toutes les personnes qui désirent se joindre cette communauté chrétienne.



Julie Vermette et Yvonne Muhabwampundu

During the past year, Sts-Martyrs-Canadiens parish has welcomed newcomers from Africa and South America. Yvonne Muhabwampundu and her family from Rwanda have worked closely with the parish Social Justice Committee to assist women in her country who have formed a cooperative to help their families meet basic needs. She sells crafts that are made by the members of the cooperative at her kiosk in the Saskatoon Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings. Purchasing these high quality crafts helps a worthy cause.

**Financial assistance is available for adult faith education to offset the cost of courses, conferences, workshops, retreats, and other educational opportunities! The Adult Education Opportunities Committee:**

For more information, contact: Leah Perrault: 242-1500; toll free 1-877-661-5005.

### Diocesan Youth Events:

**Couch Rally - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, St. Michael Parish, 18-33 St. E., Saskatoon (grades 9-12). Call Matthew Courchene at St. Peter the Apostle parish, 306-382-5503.**

**Retreat Team Training Day - Saturday, Oct. 25** for members of the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team. Young people from parishes across the diocese who are age 15 years or older are invited to join this team. Application deadline: Oct. 18. For more information call Diocesan Youth Retreat Team coordinator, Jonathan Courchene, 242-1500; toll free: 1-877-661-5005; e-mail: [dyrt@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:dyrt@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

**Advent Retreat youth track Sunday, Nov. 30** at St. Mary's Church in Macklin, SK. from 10 a.m. to evening (for all ages). Call Karen Stang 306-753-2833. Register before Nov. 15. (See article Page 9)

**Dec. 12 - Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe** parish followed by a "Guitar Hero Showdown" (grades 9-12). Call Sarah Farthing, Youth Ministries coordinator, 242-1500 or toll free 1-877-661-5005. e-mail: [youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

## Parish Nurse Ministry provides vital outreach at St. Mary's

SUBMITTED BY ST. MARY'S PARISH

Parish nurse ministry is an invaluable and much needed outreach in the core neighbourhood served by St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish.

The fifth annual auction in support of parish nurse ministry will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, starting at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Hall, located on the corner of Avenue O and 20th Street West in Saskatoon.

Benefits of the parish nurse program spread far beyond the parishioners of St. Mary's to include the vulnerable and marginalized in the area.

For generations, St. Mary's has been the spiritual home for countless families. Today, besides being a functioning parish with its own needs, St. Mary's is surrounded by many needs in the heart of the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood – from addictions issues and poverty, to mental and physical health concerns. Having a registered nurse on staff helps the parish respond to many of those concerns.

### WHAT IS PARISH NURSE MINISTRY?

Rooted in the vision of Christ as healer, this ministry grows out of the belief that the faith community is a place of healing. Parish nurse ministry reflects a gospel understanding of healing, which emphasizes the wholeness of mind, body and spirit. The parish nurse is an RN who ministers to individuals and families as a knowledgeable health care provider, while bringing the love, care and prayer of the faith community to one who is suffering.

### WHAT DOES A PARISH NURSE DO?

Sr. Carol Borreson, SGM, is a registered nurse employed by St. Mary's Parish. She addresses and assists with health issues for those with low incomes in Pleasant Hill, and supports and refers families from the neighbourhood to appropriate government, medical and social agencies. She deals with health

issues related to addictions, mental health, aging, and chronic illness. Sr. Carol responds to some emergency medical concerns and provides preventative intervention.

Parish nursing treats more than just the ailment; providing a holistic approach which cares the entire person – body, mind and spirit.

"The core of my ministry is being present to families or individuals seeking assistance, support, spiritual support, information or guidance in working through health issues," says Sr. Carol.

Those issues might include changes in health or a health crisis; understanding medication; terminal illness; death, dying, grief or bereavement. It might involve single parents or newcomers to Canada seeking support with maternity and childbirth, or issues of parenting.

As a parish nurse Sr. Carol also assists families in assessing the level of care needed by family members and then seeking appropriate housing options. She also serves as a resource to individuals and families requiring support or direction to access specialized care such as palliative care, mental health, rehabilitation, or addiction services.

### ANNUAL AUCTION OCT. 18 SUPPORTS CAUSE

Organizers point out that by supporting the auction Oct. 18, the community at large is supporting a worthy cause in one of Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods.

"As Catholic Christians, we are called to care for the sick, the suffering and the marginalized, just as Christ himself did. The parish nurse program of St. Mary's takes its inspiration from Christ's mission, and cares for just such people in Pleasant Hill today," says St. Mary's associate pastor Fr. Tony Bidgood, CSsR.

"Spiritual and material support of our Parish Nurse Auction not only helps keep this vital ministry alive, but involves each of us in the very mission of Christ to which we are all called."

## St. Augustine's in Humboldt reaches out through Oblate Parish Mission

BY MARIE-LOUISE TERNIER-GOMMERS

Who is our neighbour?

This is the lead question preparing parishioners of St. Augustine's Parish in Humboldt for the Oblate Parish Mission experience in March 2009. With some 1,400 families on parish records, the preparations are extensive and require the commitment of several hundred parishioners even before the Oblate Mission Team arrives to do their part.

"We don't necessarily know who lives in our neighbourhoods anymore," says Cecile Buehler, pointing to the large numbers of new families having moved to Humboldt in the past decade.

Buehler is part of the committee organizing the parish list into zones, geographical groupings of about 35 to 40 families with a Catholic connection. Fifty-five zones have been identified within city limits, and another six zones in the surrounding rural areas. Each zone will identify a home to host small Christian community gatherings, called Listening Centres, during the mission.

Other parishioners have been working on the publicity end of the mission preparations, including development of a logo, banners, posters and brochures. The logo, an image of the



church steeple, was extensively discussed, reflected and prayed about by both the publicity committee and the entire Mission Core Team of 25 people who have been working together for the past six months. "The steeple invites us to gather under one roof in order to grow more fully into the faith community which Jesus Christ calls us to," describes one parishioner.

Fr. Emile April, parish priest at St. Augustine's, first suggested to parish council that the Oblate Mission Team be invited to Humboldt.

"I have great hopes for this mission," he says. "From my years of ministering in Brazil I know the power of working with committed laity in local groups. I hope this mission will renew our faith community, will equip ordinary parishioners to grow in faith and confidence, and will become the basis for a new way of being parish."

A special effort will be made to reach out to inactive Catholics. "Whether you go to church

every Sunday or whether you haven't been to church for many years, we want to include you," says a letter from Fr. April which will be delivered by parishioners in a personal visit to every home with a Catholic connection. The mission experience will equip parishioners to become missionaries to their own people in their own backyard.

## Catholic health convention explores healing communities

BY TRISH HOLST, CHAS

The City of Bridges will host the *Bridging Healing Communities* 65th Annual Convention of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan Oct. 24 to 26 at the Delta Bessborough in Saskatoon.

This convention will strive to highlight and connect organizations that share a similar mission of continuing the healing ministry of Jesus.

The format of the 2008 gathering will see changes, with the convention held on a weekend this year, to allow greater participation.

Another change is the introduction of four concurrent workshop sessions entitled *Healing Communities of Practice*.

These sessions will introduce convention participants to organizations and ministries in Saskatchewan serving to bring wholeness to the body, mind and spirit of individuals in need. Presenters represent the Bridge on 20th, L'Arche Saskatoon, Catholic Family Services and Parish Nursing.

Patrick Lenon, a national representative of L'Arche will kick-off the convention with his presentation 7 p.m. Friday Oct. 24 focusing on building community through relationships. This public session is a free event, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The convention keynote speaker is Megan McKenna, an internationally-known author, storyteller and lecturer. McKenna will be speaking on making the link between the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbour.

Serge LeClerc will speak on Sunday, sharing his personal story of recovery and healing. This presentation will be followed by celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI, of Keewatin-LePas as celebrant and homilist.

The celebration will close with an anointing of the sick ceremony.

For more information, visit the website at [www.chassk.ca](http://www.chassk.ca) or contact CHAS at 306-655-5330 or by e-mail at [cath.health@sasktel.net](mailto:cath.health@sasktel.net)



### Administration Day

At a diocesan Administration Day Sept. 9 in Saskatoon, Bishop Albert LeGatt introduced several of the new priests and Parish Life Directors (PLDs) serving across the diocese. *Back row, l-r:* Fr. Joseph Gyim-Austin, hospital chaplain at Royal University Hospital and assistant pastor at St. Paul's Cathedral; Fr. David Louch, CSsR, pastor at St. Mary's in Saskatoon; Bernard Hamoline, co-PLD at St. Denis, Prud'homme and Vonda; Fr. Alphonsus Ozoemene, OP, assistant pastor at Humboldt; and Bishop LeGatt. *Front row, l-r:* Louise Bussiere, co-PLD at St. Denis, Prud'homme and Vonda; Sr. Estelle Lavigne, PM, Parish Life Director at St. John Bosco, Saskatoon; Rose-Anne Kielo, co-PLD at Delisle; Fr. Anthony Bidgood, CSsR, associate pastor at St. Mary's in Saskatoon; Louise Brecht, PLD at Asquith; and Fr. Iheanyi Enwerem, OP, pastor at Watson, Englefeld and St. Gregor.

## Journeys to Biblical lands offered for Year of St. Paul

Pope Benedict XVI has designated June 29, 2008 to June 2009 a jubilee year honouring the 2000th birthday of St. Paul. By focusing attention on the ministry and writings of the apostle Paul, Christians are encouraged to re-examine Paul's role in Christian history, while deepening their Christian faith and understanding. In the coming year many local churches will be emphasizing the writings of St. Paul and conducting Pauline scripture studies.

Rev. Ralph Kleiter, Director of Ministry to Tourism in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, recently announced opportunities for people of various faith experiences to join a pilgrim journey in the footsteps of St. Paul in April/May 2009. He will be assisted by Gisele Bauche, director of Queen's House of Retreats as a special guest facilitator. Bauche has extensive retreat experience and a scriptural background, which she obtained at the Hebrew University and Ecole Biblique et Archeologique in Jerusalem.

Three pilgrim journeys are being offered. The first is exclusively to the Holy Land, the second underlines Paul's mission in Turkey, Greece and Rome. The third will give participants an opportunity to conclude and

integrate the comprehensive program by sailing to such Pauline ports as Corinth, Athens and Ephesus.

In leading over 15 groups to biblical lands, Kleiter said that he has discovered "people's single greatest comment in evaluating their experience is: 'you'll never be the same'."

Visitors to these biblical lands, the cradle of the great faiths, often begin by looking forward to a wonderful and exciting vacation, but they invariably single out spiritual transformation and general enrichment as the most memorable and significant part of the journey, he added. "This is true even if they are not particularly religious people. They all come home a little changed in their spirit and thinking".

When asked whether it is safe to travel to the Middle East, Kleiter points out that millions of people visit these biblical lands every year and return safe, fulfilled and inspired. He noted that over half of the spaces on this "Year of Paul" offering are already taken.

For more information contact: Ministry to Tourism: telephone: 306-244-3747, email: [kleiter@shaw.ca](mailto:kleiter@shaw.ca) or for a detailed itinerary visit: [www.pilgrimjourneys.ca](http://www.pilgrimjourneys.ca)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Time Out for Moms

Sept. 24 to Nov. 26, 2008

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave, Saskatoon**

Each week mothers gather for a morning of Catholic faith enrichment, discussion, friendship and fun, with childcare provided by dedicated volunteers. Contact: Danielle Clatney at 244-2714.

### Federal election, Tuesday, Oct. 14

Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops (CCCB) has released a document about voting in this election, available on the diocesan website: [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news\\_articles/news\\_articles.cfm](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm)

### Fund-raising auction for Parish Nurse Ministry

10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18

**St. Mary's Hall, 20th Street West, between Ave O and P**

Giant auction will be held in support of Parish Nurse Ministry at St. Mary's Parish. For more information call 244-2983.

### Nuclear Energy Forum

7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20

**Third Avenue United Church, 304-3rd Ave. N, Saskatoon**

Speakers from both sides of the nuclear energy debate will speak at this public event. Jeremy Whitlock, a reactor physicist at Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd's Chalk River Laboratories and a Fellow of the Canadian Nuclear Society, will speak in favour of nuclear energy. Gordon Edwards, a mathematics professor at Vanier College and a founder and current president of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, will speak against it.

### CHAS convention: free public event

7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, Delta Bessborough

The public is welcome to attend this free presentation by Patrick Lenon of L'Arche, entitled "Relationship: At the Heart of Everything" which kicks off the 65th annual convention of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS).

### St. Joseph Parish 80th Anniversary Dinner and Dance

Friday, Oct. 24: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m. dance

**St. Joseph Hall, Broadway Ave. and 8th St, Saskatoon**

Join Bishop Albert LeGat for the St. Joseph Parish 80th Anniversary Dinner and Dance Friday, Oct. 24 at St. Joseph Parish Hall. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., dance at 9 p.m. featuring the Frank Ball Orchestra. There will also be a late lunch and cash bar. Free babysitting will be available in the lower hall. Tickets: adults \$20 / seniors (60+) \$15 / children (6-12) \$10 / children five years and under - free. Call 244-1556 for tickets; deadline is Monday, Oct. 20.

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Healing After Abortion

Friday, Oct. 24 - Sunday, Oct. 26

**St. Therese Healing Centre, Bruno, SK.**

If you are suffering from the effects of an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on Oct. 24-26 at St. Therese Healing Centre in Bruno, SK. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact: Bonnie Cameron at [bacameron@sasktel.net](mailto:bacameron@sasktel.net) or call 445-3158 (evenings). The cost is \$200 for meals, private room, and all retreat materials. If this would be a financial burden, assistance is available. For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### Live-In Discernment Weekend

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 to noon, Sunday, Oct. 26

**Discernment House, 851 University Drive, Saskatoon**

A weekend for young, single Catholic men and women (19 years and

older) to reflect on God's presence in one's life and discover how to best respond. *Live-in Discernment Weekend I: Personal History* is offered by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. To register or for more info contact: Sr. Lucie Hamel / Sr. Evelyn Nedelec at 244-0726; email: [discernmenthouse@lycos.com](mailto:discernmenthouse@lycos.com)

### Working Together for Life

Friday, Oct. 31 to Saturday, Nov. 1

**Communiplex, Macklin**

Macklin Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and Macklin-Denzil Pro-Life are joining together to host a large combined event for life that will include the Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association annual convention, the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Draw banquet and dance, the Northwest Teen Aid banquet and calendar draw, and a youth evening at Macklin Communiplex. Games for children ages two to 12 years will be offered at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, with youth activities for ages 13 to 18 beginning at 8 p.m. The Saskatchewan Pro-life Association convention Saturday, Nov. 1 will begin at 8 a.m. in the Communiplex, featuring speakers Jim Hughes, Stephanie Gray, Shawna Sparrow, Anita Sonntag, Bonnie Cameron and Val Witzaney. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, followed by the jointly-hosted banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Communiplex. Convention fees are \$60/person; \$15/youth; or \$100/family (including banquet) if registering before Oct. 15. An adult banquet-only ticket is \$20 before Oct. 15 and \$25 after that date. Contact Colette Stang at 306-753-2647 or SPLA Convention registrar: Michele Kohlman at 306-753-2664.

### Celebration marking 50th anniversary of Vatican II

3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, McClure United, 4025 Taylor St. E

The concluding celebration for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25), will include recognition of the 50th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's call for Vatican II, the 50th anniversary of Fr. Bernard de Margerie's ecumenical journey, and the 25th anniversary of the ecumenism centre in Saskatoon. For more information contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism 653-1633.

### Face to Face Retreat, Fox Valley

March 28 and 29, 2009

For more information contact Joanne Hudec at 306-666-2146, e-mail: [pnjhudec@sasktel.net](mailto:pnjhudec@sasktel.net)

### "In the Steps of Marie Rivier" pilgrimage for young women

August 2009, France

Young women ages 18-35 years are invited to join an international pilgrimage in August 2009 featuring stops at Lourdes, Bourg, St. Andeol, Taize and other sites in France, as a way to experience the spirit and mission of Marie Rivier, the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. Experience will include preparing with others for the event: nourishing faith and a relationship with the Lord, listening to the Word of God, living in communion with young women from around the world, and learning more about the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. For more information please contact Sr. Chantelle Bonk, PM, at 306-244-0726; email: [chantelle.bonk@gmail.com](mailto:chantelle.bonk@gmail.com) or visit the website: <http://www.pvanglais.presentationdemarie-castelgandolfo.org>

### National Theology of the Body Conference

June 5-7, 2009, St. Patrick Parish Centre, Saskatoon

Speakers will include Dr. Janet Smith, consultant to the Pontifical Council on the Family; Christopher West, internationally-renowned presenter from the Theology of the Body Institute; Dr. Michael Waldstein, of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and Dr. Mary Martin, Natural Family Planning physician. Watch for more information.