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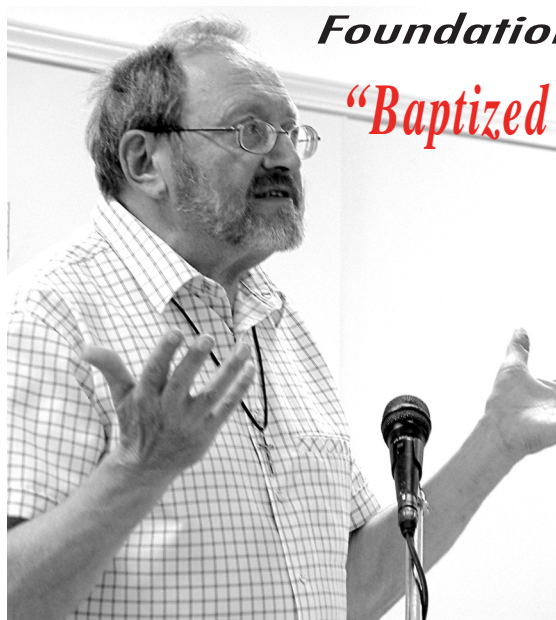
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# Exploring Our Faith Together

## Foundations Special Series:

### "Baptized into the Death of Jesus"



In a special Foundations series this fall in the diocese of Saskatoon, Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI, discusses the four gospel accounts of the crucifixion, exploring the richness and challenge of St. Paul's teaching in Romans 6 about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sessions will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 pm **Oct. 19, Nov. 9** and **Dec. 7** at St. Paul's Cathedral lower hall. Registration is not required – come to one or all of the Monday evening talks. There is a free will offering at the door.

## Rev. Ron Beechinor elected Diocesan Administrator until bishop appointed

Fr. Ron Beechinor will serve as Diocesan Administrator for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon until a new bishop is appointed.

"While we regret the loss of Bishop Albert LeGatt, the workings of the diocese continue and we will still strive for the ideal that Bishop LeGatt provided for us, calling us to be *United in Faith*," he said.

Beechinor was elected administrator Sept. 23 by the Diocesan Consultors, an advisory body that in addition to Fr. Beechinor, includes Rev. Ken Beck, Rev. Rhéal Bussière, Rev. Paul Donlevy, Rev. Michael Koch, Abbot Peter Novocosky, OSB, and Rev. David Tumback.

Canon law provides for the election of a diocesan administrator by the college of consultors when the bishop's office is vacant.

Most Rev. Albert LeGatt was installed as archbishop of St. Boniface on Sept. 21, 2009,

leaving the office of bishop vacant in the diocese of Saskatoon.

Beechinor was also Diocesan Administrator in 2000-2001, after Bishop James Weisgerber was installed as the Archbishop of Winnipeg in summer of 2000, until the installation of Bishop Albert LeGatt in October 2001.

Born and raised in Saskatoon, Beechinor was ordained June 1, 1963.

In addition to his role as Vicar General, he also serves as Priest Moderator of St. John Bosco Parish in Saskatoon, and as pastoral services associate for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

In a memo to parish and diocesan leadership and the diocesan faithful about the election, Beechinor asked for prayers as he takes on the role of Diocesan Administrator, pledging to work cooperatively with all concerned.

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# Bishop's Annual Appeal provides vital support to wide range of needed ministries and programs

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

The 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA), which annually funds a wide range of ministries, outreach and community groups, was launched at a

diocesan Administration Day Sept. 9.

At the annual gathering of parish leaders BAA administrator Charlene Nijhawan introduced this year's appeal,

which takes its theme from the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40: *"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."*

This year's goal is \$1,158,000, an increase of about \$100,000 over last year, funds needed to fund some 28 ministries and programs, including the education of future priests, Justice and Peace, Rural Catechetics, Catholic Deaf Ministry, the Lay Formation program, Youth Ministry, Vocations, support for pro-life groups, native ministry, campus ministry, hospital spiritual and pastoral care, L'Arche, Friendship Inn, and Catholic Family Services.

This year's appeal was launched just as Bishop Albert LeGatt was leaving the diocese, to be installed Archbishop of St. Boniface Sept. 21.

"Although the appeal is made each year in the name of the bishop, it does not reflect the needs of any particular bishop, but rather encompasses and reflects what we as a diocese do, how we minister and whom we serve," said Nijhawan.

At its heart, the Bishop's Annual Appeal is about relationships. "And what really matters is one particular relationship through baptism as a member of the family of God, a disciple of Jesus," Nijhawan said. "The question is: how do

we respond in love and in relationship to our brothers and sisters?"

Rev. Ron Beechinor described the BAA's importance in providing much-needed ministries and programs that in some cases have no other source of funding. "All of the money collected in the appeal goes to ministry. It doesn't go into bricks and mortar, it doesn't go into buildings. It goes into ministries that are identified in the appeal brochure," Beechinor said.

"When you look at the list of ministries – they are very, very significant ministries in our diocese. And the only way we have those ministries is through the funding of the appeal."

Once a parish exceeds its guideline, 75 percent of everything earned above that goes back to the parish in a Parish Sharing Incentive Program. Last year, \$266,063 went back to parishes.

BAA chairs from two parishes that have consistently exceeded their guideline, spoke about their efforts during Administration Day: Merlin McFarlane of Christ the King Parish at Rose Valley in the Wadena deanery, and Loretta Simonot, chair of the BAA for Holy Spirit Parish in Saskatoon.

Nijhawan expressed appreciation for the contribution of dedicated volunteers who year after year take on the organization and implementation of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. "They are the cornerstone of the appeal's success."

Outgoing Bishop LeGatt wrote a letter congratulating the diocese for 25 successful appeals since Bishop James Mahoney first implemented the BAA in 1984.

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## "Rooted in Christ" – A Diocesan Vision

**Evangelization** and **ongoing faith formation** are among the six priorities in a Diocesan Vision unveiled recently in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

A wide variety of events and programs publicized in this edition of *Exploring Our Faith* reflect efforts across the diocese to live out these priorities. This mini-newsletter contains information about Foundations enrichment sessions, youth events, Ministry Development training, social justice activities, speakers, retreats, conferences, workshops and resources.

***How are you being called to grow in your faith?***

## Gladys McElwee hired to coordinate diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy office

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Bringing a listening, prayerful heart to those who are suffering, worried, ill or grieving is the essence of pastoral care, says Gladys McElwee.

"It can be emotionally draining to just be present and to listen to all the grief and the pain that people are experiencing," she said. "But I try to deeply understand what they're going through. I watch for cues, listen with compassion, and advocate when necessary."

McElwee is coordinating the diocesan office of Hospital Chaplaincy this year while Nancy Buttinger is on maternity leave.

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

She began her ministry as a volunteer at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, prompted by her experience with her grandmother's death in 1987, which brought home to her the need for pastoral care for patients and families at moments of crisis.

When the director of spiritual care at Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert resigned, McElwee was asked to take on the position as the facility was preparing to close in 1997, an emotional and stressful time.

She also embarked on Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training.

The long term and palliative care provided by Holy Family Hospital at that time struck a chord with McElwee, who decided she wanted to do her CPE residency in that sort of facility. She eventually was able to do so at Riverview Health Centre in Winnipeg. McElwee is now certified as a Pastoral Care Specialist by CAPPE (Canadian Association of Pastoral Practice and Education).

A move to Regina when her husband Albert was offered a job eventually led McElwee to a part-time position in spiritual care at Regina General Hospital. Then this summer the mother of two



Gladys McElwee

grown sons returned to Saskatoon to take on the diocesan position for a year.

The diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy position involves working with the priest chaplains and volunteers from parishes to provide much-needed pastoral care at two large Saskatoon hospitals. She also gives one-on-one pastoral care to patients and families who come from across the region.

"The need is very great," she said of the huge challenge of trying to connect with every Catholic patient, and respond to requests for pastoral visits. More volunteers are needed, and those who apply receive training and support.

"There are moments when you realize that this is holy ground," she says of the rewards of providing pastoral care.

She recalls the words of a distraught elderly patient she once cared for, telling her in Ukrainian that what every human soul needs most is someone to listen. "People are so impacted by what we do and when they express that in such a sacred way, it is powerful," says McElwee.

*Anyone feeling called to volunteer in a hospital setting is invited to contact Gladys McElwee for more information: 306-292-5531.*

## St. Mary's celebrates 90 years

Celebrations to mark 90 years of parish and community life at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Saskatoon are underway.

The parish is exploring the anniversary theme "*I am with you always*" leading up to a 90th birthday celebration **Saturday, Nov. 14**. Mass will be held at 7 p.m. followed by a reception in St. Mary's parish hall, which has been a centre of community life over many decades.

All past and present members of St. Mary's, as well as those who have served the parish over the years are invited and welcome to attend the celebration, says committee chair Jim Penna, describing it as a homecoming for the extended St. Mary's parish family.

Deacon Bob Williston has written an anniversary song that parishioners are learning during the anniversary year. In addition, the parish is exploring the theme of Christ's continuing presence in the sacraments, said Penna.

Plans are also in place for a parish "Crib, Cross and Altar" advent retreat Dec. 13 to 15, led by the Redemptorist Mission Team. Twinning with another Redemptorist parish in the developing world is also being considered as an anniversary project, Penna noted.

Established in 1919 as the second parish in Saskatoon, St. Mary's was served first by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate before the Congregation of the most Holy Redeemer – the Redemptorists – were asked by Bishop Gerald Murray in 1934 to provide parish ministry.



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## Myron Rogal delighted with three areas of ministry: vocations, youth retreat team and scripture resources

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Myron Rogal is the new coordinator of Vocation Promotion in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon – a position that has been expanded to include both the coordination of the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team (DYRT) and the work of the former part-time office of Scripture Resources and Small Christian Communities.

The three hats go well together, Rogal said during an interview from his office in St. Paul's Cathedral rectory, which currently houses overflow staff from the adjacent Catholic Pastoral Centre.

"Any ministry done well is vocation ministry," says Rogal, quoting the words of a Redemptorist priest who has been part of his own faith journey.

He said he sees vocation promotion as the heart of the three areas he is coordinating. "After all, vocation is rooted in scripture," he said. "And vocation also ties in very well with the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team."

The Diocesan Youth Retreat Team (or DYRT as it is known to the young people involved in the program) plans and provides youth retreats at schools and parishes throughout the diocese, but it is also a faith formation program for the youth and young adults serving on the team, he notes. DYRT is open to any young adult 14 years of age or older who belongs to a parish in the diocese of Saskatoon.

Bringing vocation themes into every diocesan retreat is really a natural fit – and a "dream come true opportunity to work on building a culture of vocations," says Rogal, who recently organized an Oct. 3 training session for the team.

Born in Saskatoon, Rogal grew up as a member of St. Mary's parish, ministered to by members of the Redemptorist order who provide pastoral leadership and community outreach in the core neighbourhood. Since graduating from high school, Rogal has worked in



Myron Rogal

construction, undertaken political studies and fallen in love with philosophy. He also seriously discerned whether he might be called to the priesthood, attending St. Peter's Seminary in London, ON. for one year, before realizing that was not his vocation. Rogal then worked for L'Arche in Edmonton before returning to Saskatoon to serve as the youth minister at St. Mary's.

His personal experience discerning his own vocation, and in coordinating youth ministry are now enriching his new role in the diocese.

And although coordinating Scripture Resources and Small Christian Communities is a whole new area of ministry for Rogal, he said he is quickly learning about the many resources that are available for deepening understanding and personal holiness through an encounter with God's Word.

Rogal will continue posting small group reflections about the upcoming Sunday readings each week on the diocesan website (*address in box below*).

This well-established weekly resource features reflections, discussion questions and prayer, and over the past several years

has become one of the website's most popular offerings. Rogal also responds to requests from small groups for materials, and will provide suggestions during special seasons such as Advent and Lent.

In his new position coordinating vocations promotion, Rogal works closely with the diocesan Vocation Commission, which includes married, single, religious and ordained representatives from across the diocese.

The mandate of the commission is to promote vocations broadly, stresses Rogal. "The Vocation Commission strives to inspire and assist the people of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon in fulfilling their mission of fostering the vocation of all the baptized. Our special attention is placed on vocations to the ministerial priesthood and religious life."

Vocation discernment happens in the diocese in such settings as regular weekend retreats at Discernment House, run by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary near the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon, and at "Come and See" weekends organized by Fr. Marc Mireau for young men seeking greater understanding about the priesthood. The commission also keeps in close contact with the 10 seminarians who are presently studying and discerning a call to ordination.

Rogal enthusiastically describes some new ideas for vocation promotion, such as a traveling vocations "tuck shop" with t-shirts, buttons and other items for sale. It would accompany speakers when they are giving testimony at schools or parishes.

Another idea is to organize an hour of Eucharistic adoration in parishes to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A pilot project establishing parish vocation committees in will also be expanded this year.

Reflecting on his experience since beginning the job in June, Rogal says he is delighted with his new role in the diocese, and happy to be working with people of all ages and all vocations. He is also grateful to have already experienced some "dream ministry moments" when someone has just stopped by to talk over their own personal faith journey, their discernment, or their experience with scripture. "It feels like home."

**Small Christian Community / small group  
faith sharing guides about the Sunday scriptures  
will continue to be posted on the diocesan website:**

[www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/scc/small\\_christian\\_communities.cfm](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/scc/small_christian_communities.cfm)

## Youth ministry vital to the 'here and now' of the Church says Colm Leyne

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Colm Leyne's involvement in youth ministry has brought him to Saskatoon, where he began work this summer as the coordinator of the diocesan Youth Ministry office.

It's a journey that really started with his own participation in youth programs, as a Grade 8 student in Calgary, and later as the youth minister for St. Bonaventure parish in that Alberta city. Leyne continued in youth ministry even when he attended university to study economics for a time.

"All the way growing up, youth ministry was a constant in my life. Whether I was sad or happy, whatever was happening, I could look back and say that's the one thing that's been there. It always kept me grounded," he said.

He eventually decided economics wasn't for him, and after prayer and discernment, decided to pursue a career in



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**Colm Leyne**

youth ministry.

"I figured that since I do have a heart of service for youth and it's what I liked doing, then that's where I should be," he said. He began to seek out his certificate in youth ministry, and began a position last year as coordinator of the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team in the diocese of Calgary.

With a desire to continue working in ministry, and with his marriage this summer to Sharon, Leyne applied for the diocese of Saskatoon position after learning that Sarah Farthing was leaving the job.

"You never know what God wants when he opens a door," he observed, saying he's excited about getting to know the diocese, and happy to be working in what he considers to be a crucial area for the church – crucial not just for its future but for the here and now.

"Any parish that I've been in where there has been a strong youth ministry, and a strong family ministry, where the kids are connected and recognized, you can just see how active that parish is. There is life there," he said. "If you say you have no youth in

your church, it's likely you won't have a church for very long. And often the youth really are there in the community, although maybe they're not in the pews."

Leyne described how youth ministry goes beyond a Friday night gathering for teens in the parish hall, and must extend into the community, schools and families.

"It is youth ministry to help parents go through an advent calendar with their kids or pray the Stations of the Cross with them," said Leyne, stressing the importance of the family as the domestic church. "We're meant to support and encourage the faith formation that happens in families," he said, adding that he grew up experiencing the benefits and the evangelizing power of that kind of ministry.

Support for parents, pastoral leaders and parish youth ministers across the diocese in their outreach and evangelization of youth is a large part of Leyne's mandate as diocesan coordinator. The job actually doesn't involve much one-on-one contact with youth themselves, noted Leyne.

"The primary goal is to minister and to equip leaders – both paid youth ministers and volunteers or parents – who are reaching out to youth," he said.

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

### Cornerstone:

**7:30 p.m., Thursday Oct. 22**

**7:30 p.m., Thursday Nov. 26**

**Held @ Holy Spirit Parish Hall**

This is a monthly event put on by Catholic Christian Outreach and Face to Face Ministries. The event involves fun, music, talks, insights, new friends, big laughs! For ages 16 and up. For more info check our **Facebook** group "**Cornerstone in Saskatoon**" or [christy.gaudet@cco.ca](mailto:christy.gaudet@cco.ca)

### Youth Coordinators Meeting

**1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5**

**1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3**

The diocesan Youth Ministry Office invites all workers/volunteer leaders of youth ministry in the diocese to meet the first Thursday of each month to network, share, brainstorm, ask questions and be fed in order to more effectively grow their ministry. Contact Colm to

RSVP or for more info: 242-1500 ext 225 or [youthmin@saskatoonrccdioocese.com](mailto:youthmin@saskatoonrccdioocese.com)

### DIG the Word

**Nov. 21 Prince Albert Diocesan Youth Rally in North Battleford**

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## Youth ministry nurtured by diocesan coordinator

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"Anyone in the community or parish who tries to help kids with their faith is a youth minister," says Colm Leyne, the new diocesan coordinator of Youth Ministry. But many don't recognize that call – or the gifts that they have to offer.

"Sometimes people think you have to be a certain type of person to work with youth: that you have to be able to play the guitar, and play games, and be really funny to get the kids to love you. But anyone with a heart for youth can minister to them," Leyne said, noting that one of the best youth ministers he ever had was a stay-at-home mom with a knack for organizing other parents to help. "Really, parents are the greatest single resource for youth in parishes of any size. If they band together, they can do great things."

Part of his role as diocesan youth ministry coordinator is also to help Catholic youth recognize they are part of a bigger, broader church than they might see at a youth gathering of 10 or 12 at their local parish.

Rallies, conferences, or events such as Rock the Mount (held in the diocese every summer), can help youth feel connected, and send them back to their parish renewed and energized, he said.

Leyne is working with youth ministers from across the diocese to continue offering monthly diocesan youth gatherings, recently renamed "**Dig Into God**" or **DIG**. The first event of this season was recently held at Pike Lake. Other DIG events include "Rocktober" Oct. 16, featuring a chance to play *Rockband*, as well as a discussion about prayer, including the rosary. The event Nov. 21 will be a roadtrip to a youth rally in

North Battleford hosted by the diocese of Prince Albert.

Leyne is also helping to promote the monthly "**Cornerstone**" young adult gatherings for those who are 16 years and up. The Cornerstone events are organized by Catholic Christian Outreach and Face-to-Face Ministries as a follow up to the CCO Impact mission held in the diocese this summer.

Leyne will also continue the long-established collaboration with St. Thomas More campus ministry and the Eparchy of Saskatoon youth ministry office to provide **Theology on Tap** for young adults ages 19 to 35 years, featuring faith discussions in an informal pub setting.

Helping youth ministers connect and support each other is another priority for Leyne, who is coordinating monthly youth leader gatherings to network, brainstorm and plan, as well as to share challenges and blessings of youth ministry. "Whether it's the ministry meetings, our website, or weekly e-mails, it's important for people to know they're not forgotten, they're not alone in this."

He will also be collaborating closely with other diocesan offices, such as Rural Catechetics, which is helping parishes implement the new **Steps in Faith** Grade 8 faith exploration and faith reaffirmation program being launched across the diocese.

Leyne also works with Myron Rogal, who coordinates the diocesan Vocations Office, as well as running the **Diocesan Youth Retreat Team**, which involves youth ministering to other youth, in parishes or schools. Involvement in DYRT is a faith formation experience for the young people who are serving as retreat leaders, Leyne noted.

"Youth need to belong, to become, and to be sent off to transform the world. We have another opportunity here (with DYRT) to guide youth, nurture them as leaders, and bring them into the mission of the Church," he said. "That's what all youth ministry is ultimately about."

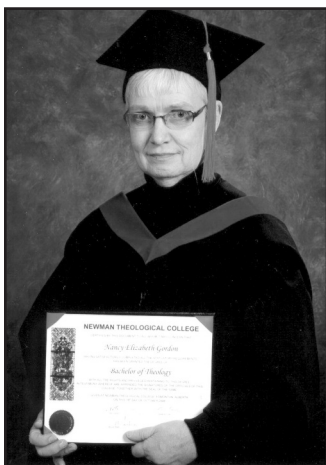
## Humboldt resident earns theology degree

Nancy Elizabeth Gordon, currently living in Humboldt, completed a Bachelor of Theology degree from Newman Theological College in Edmonton, AB, Oct. 18, 2008.

Gordon first attended the Summer School in Liturgical Studies at Newman Theological College while she was living in northern British Columbia in the Prince George diocese. She completed the certificate in Theological Studies on the Internet in 2001.

She and her husband moved to Saskatchewan in the summer of 2000. Gordon became a Benedictine Oblate in October 2000, and served at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, primarily in elder care.

Gordon participated in the diocese of Saskatoon Lay



**Nancy Gordon**

*Photo: Reflections by Richard*  
Formation program in 2003-2005, with the help of a bursary from the diocese.

Since September 2001, Gordon has traveled with Rev. Bernard Stauber, OSB, from the abbey to his parishes at Pilger and Middle Lake, getting first-hand experience with rural farming communities, attending diocesan events, and working as a pastoral assistant.

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## First reconciliation set before confirmation and first Eucharist

By Agnes Rolheiser, Rural Catechetics

The initial implementation of the "Restored Order of Initiation Sacraments" has now been completed in our diocese.

All children now celebrate confirmation at the Mass of their first communion at Grade 2 or Grade 3.

Celebration of the sacrament of first reconciliation has been in transition



Reconciliation and confirmation are celebrated before first Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

### Find out more about The Restored Order of Initiation Sacraments:

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during the years of gradual implementation of a Restored Order of Initiation.

Bishop Albert LeGatt, before leaving the diocese to be installed as Archbishop of St. Boniface in September, directed that beginning immediately, all parishes will celebrate the sacrament of first reconciliation *before* children are confirmed and receive first communion.

All three sacraments could be celebrated in Grade 2 or, if parishes decide it is more appropriate, children could receive their preparation and celebrate first reconciliation in Grade 2 and prepare for and celebrate confirmation and first communion in Grade 3.

Details about celebration of confirmation this year in the absence of a bishop, will be addressed in the near future by the newly-elected Diocesan Administrator, Rev. Ron Beechinor.

For more information about the Restored Order of the Initiation Sacraments (which restores confirmation to its original place before first communion) and reasons why dioceses

are moving in this direction, check the diocesan website.

Information about the Grade 8 ongoing faith formation and faith affirmation program Steps in Faith is also available on the website.

If you have questions, contact your local parish or call the diocesan Rural Catechetics office at the Catholic Centre: 242-1500, toll free: 1-877-661-5005, e-mail: [ruralcat@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:ruralcat@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

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# STEPS IN FAITH

## Youth invited to reaffirm their faith

Between now and 2011, parishes are phasing in a **Steps in Faith** program in the diocese of Saskatoon. **Steps in Faith** includes teaching on the Creed, as well as retreat and prayer experiences, a service project and an invitation for young people to re-affirm their faith publicly at a parish celebration. Aimed at youth in about Grade 8, the **Steps in Faith** program is part of the call for ongoing faith formation after baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist – a life-long journey for people of all ages!

*For more information check with your local parish, or contact Agnes Rolheiser, diocesan Rural Catechetics office, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon: 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.*

## FOUNDATIONS: EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

**Fall 2009**

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<b>Exploring Scripture Through Art (1)</b> The session will begin with scripture and then, through drawing/painting, will seek new insights as participants explore the images evoked. No artistic experience required.	Holy Family <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Monday <b>Oct. 26</b>	Eileen Materi <b>652-1289</b> or <b>374-7981</b>	Sr. Felicitas Drobig, OSU
<b>The Story of Africa's Vocation Boom (1)</b> Reflecting on the sudden explosion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the African Church, a retired Irish pioneer missionary to Africa described the phenomenon as "the miracle of the century." How did this happen and in so short a time? Through the revelations of one African country's socio-political history, Fr. Iheanyi Enwerem will stress the spiritual angle in looking at the reasons behind the vocation boom in the contemporary African Church. It is hoped that the discussion will prompt and inspire us to be active agents in the promotion of vocations in our local Church.	Holy Family <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>Nov. 17</b>	Eileen Materi <b>652-1289</b> or <b>374-7981</b>	Fr. Iheanyi Enwerem, OP
<b>And God Saw It Was Good (1)</b> As a priestly people transformed by baptism how are we called to transform the rest of creation?	Holy Spirit <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>Nov. 3</b>	Shirley Hyshka <b>374-1425</b>	Fr. Lawrence DeMong, OSB
<b>Centering Prayer (1)</b> 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 a relationship with God.	St. Anne <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Thursday <b>Oct. 29</b>	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU <b>931-4700</b>	Fr. Kevin McGee
<b>Eucharist and Reconciliation (1)</b> This presentation will explore the intricate relationship between the sacraments of the Eucharist and reconciliation.	St. Augustine <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>Nov. 17</b>	Sharon Powell <b>373-3453</b>	Fr. George Smith, CSB
<b>The Story of Abraham (1)</b> Three faiths claim Abraham as patriarch. Looking at his story, Debbie Rolfes will explore what was so new about the faith that Abram was called to and how his choices have brought us to our faith. The session will also provide information about the Abraham Path Initiative.	St. Francis Xavier <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>Nov. 3</b>	Irene LeGatt <b>933-1108</b>	Debbie Rolfes
<b>What Happens in the Old Testament? (1)</b> We all know stories from the Old Testament, but most of us don't know the whole story. This session will cover the history of the Jewish people as told in the Old Testament, helping to place the Sunday readings into context.	St. Francis Xavier <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>Nov. 10</b>	Irene LeGatt <b>933-1108</b>	Debbie Rolfes

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<b>Images of God (1)</b> A look at the images of God as presented historically and in scripture, that may either inhibit or expand our growth in faith, hope and love.	St. Michael <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>Oct. 20</b>	Myrna Wolfe <b>242-5150</b>	Lucie Leduc
<b>Theology of Johnny Cash (1)</b> Visiting different aspects of Catholic theology using the lyrics of Johnny Cash.	St. Theresa <b>Asquith</b>	7:30 p.m. Monday <b>Nov. 16</b>	Louise Brecht <b>329-4705</b>	Blake Sittler
<b>Prayer: Intimate Conversation Between Friends (1)</b> St. Therese of Lisieux said: "Prayer is just a conversation between friends." What does that mean and how can we begin to cultivate a friendship with God through prayer?	Christ the King <b>Foam Lake</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>Nov. 24</b>	Candace Ruetz <b>272-4734</b>	Christy Gaudet
<b>Women in the New Testament (1)</b> A discussion of women in the New Testament, focusing on Mary Magdalene.	St. Mary <b>Fox Valley</b>	7:30 p.m. Wednesday <b>Oct. 28</b>	Shirley Greenwald <b>666-4405</b>	Sr. Val Leibel, SSND
<b>Eucharist and the Saskatchewan Soul (1)</b> A reflection on ways in which our "Saskatchewan experience" (environment, way of life) offers a unique appreciation of the Eucharist as the Body of Christ.	Holy Trinity <b>Pilger</b>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday <b>Nov. 3</b>	Madeline Schmitz <b>367-4931</b>	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
<b>Exploring Your Relationship with God Through Art (1)</b> You don't have to be artistic to explore your relationship to God through art. Simple creative exercises will help you on your spiritual journey.	St. Mary <b>Richmond</b>	7 p.m. Thursday <b>Nov. 19</b>	Carey Hellman <b>669-2131</b>	Sr. Felicitas Drobig, OSU
<b>Religion and Politics (1)</b> What has politics got to do with religion and vice versa? On a more specific note, can and should Christian politicians or those in public service divorce their faith from their politics or from their ministry as public servants? Using an interactive approach, this session will address these questions. The objective is to explore the reality of the connection and interaction between our faith and our politics — the two sides of the same coin, so to speak, of who we are as human beings.	St. Theresa <b>Rosetown</b>	7 p.m. Wednesday <b>Nov. 25</b>	Fr. Pius Schroh <b>882-2340</b>	Fr. Iheanyi Enwerem, OP
<b>Theology of Johnny Cash (1)</b> Visiting different aspects of Catholic theology using the lyrics of Johnny Cash.	St. Donatus <b>St. Donatus</b>	After Mass Saturday <b>Nov. 7</b>	Gerry Scheck <b>372-4950</b>	Blake Sittler

# Ministry Development office organizes grief workshop

By Blake Sittler, Ministry Development

Over the last three years, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon has seen a surge in a desire for training in the area of grief ministry.

In response, the diocese has repeatedly offered a grief ministry course coordinated by the office of Ministry Development.

Dr. Brian Chartier, the facilitator of the course, is a clinical psychologist in Saskatoon. He is also an Associate Professor of Psychology at St. Thomas More College. Chartier has been offering this particular program for the last five years.

The 11-week program covers a variety of issues. Participants are introduced to the basic concept of grief but the group also spends several sessions on particular topics, such as "Pain", "Depression and Suicide" and "Death of a Baby".

One evening also allows people to discuss how separation, divorce and other life transitions can be times of incredible anguish. Chartier walks the group through how these other experiences are similar to a death.

Chartier also takes the class on a one-of-a-kind field trip to a funeral home. During this visit, participants learn about the practical events that take place over the course of planning for a funeral, as well as some of the ministry offered to families who are in the earliest stages of mourning.

In fall 2008, over 50 people participated when the grief ministry program was offered in Kerrobert.

Bev Murphy, a Parish Life Director at Assumption of Our Lady in Kerrobert, said that this particular workshop was one of the most interesting and informative sessions she has ever attended.

**Reaching out to those who are grieving:**  
11-week training program begins Nov. 5 in Saskatoon with Dr. Brian Chartier, PhD.  
Call 242-1500 to register.

"One of the most enjoyable aspects was listening to the diversity of ideas and experiences that each participant brought with them and shared," said Murphy. "I feel blessed and very thankful to the diocese for sponsoring this program in a rural setting where those of us who could not easily travel out of our communities were given the opportunity to participate."

Participant Marlene Chotowetz highlighted that this type of training is important formation for those ministering to those in grief.

"People are very vulnerable when they experience a serious loss," Chotowetz explained. "If you use the wrong approach, you could [compound] someone's grief process".

Michelle Sieben, diocesan rural catechetics coordinator for the Kerrobert Deanery, also found the course practical and necessary. "I would recommend this workshop to others because... understanding [grief] more fully helps us to deal with it in a healthy and positive way."

This 11-week grief ministry course is being offered again in the diocese, running from Nov. 5 through Feb. 4 in Saskatoon. The venue for the sessions is the W. A. Edwards Family Centre at 338-4th Ave. North. Register by calling Marci Deutscher at 242-1500, ext 222, or toll free: 1-877-661-5005. (*Please note: the deadline for registration is Oct. 26.*)

## MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT FALL 2009

TOPIC AND FACILITATOR	DATES AND REGISTRATION
<b>Parish Pastoral Council Workshop</b> <b>Facilitator: Blake Sittler, MDiv</b> This workshop will give all members of Parish Pastoral Councils, including the pastor, the opportunity to reflect on how they can more effectively model the pastoral model of parish councils that the diocese of Saskatoon has been promoting for many years.	<b>Saskatoon Deanery</b> <b>St. John Bosco, 1202 Ave. O South</b> <b>Sunday, Oct. 18</b> 10:15 a.m. - registration 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - workshop \$25 per person or \$150 per parish ( <i>includes lunch</i> ); Registration: Marci Deutscher, 242-1500, ext 222
<b>Grief Ministry: Helping Others Mourn</b> <b>Facilitator: Dr. Brian Chartier, PhD</b> An 11-week introduction to current insights about the psychological, social and theological aspects of grieving, related to providing pastoral ministry. Intended for lay or ordained, for volunteers or professionals, this course provides tools and insights that will assist all who care for those who mourn.	<b>Saskatoon Deanery</b> <b>W.A. Edwards Centre, 338-4th Ave. N.</b> <b>Nov. 5 to Feb. 4</b> , Thursdays 7-9:30 p.m. \$75 per person For more information or to register ( <i>deadline Oct. 26</i> ) call: Marci Deutscher at 242-1500, ext 222
<b>Pastoral Care Workshop</b> <b>Facilitator: Deacon Bob Williston, CSsR</b> This workshop, facilitated by the mission educator for the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS), will introduce the basic concept of parish-based pastoral care. The session will review the place of prayer in care, and the difference between a pastoral visit and a social visit. The early stages of grief and how to minister to those who are mourning will also be discussed.	<b>Humboldt Deanery</b> <b>St. Augustine, 809-10th St., Humboldt</b> <b>Saturday, Nov. 7</b> 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$15 per person or \$100 per parish ( <i>includes lunch</i> ) For more information call Blake Sittler or Marci Deutscher at 242-1500; or toll free: 1-877-661-5005

# A Time For Hope:

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## National conference celebrates hopeful vision of marriage

The diocesan Task Force on Marriage is collaborating with a number of local groups and agencies to offer a hope-filled national conference about marriage March 19 to 20 at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon.

Speakers will include sociologist Reginald Bibby; historian Stephanie Coontz; Kathy and Neil Heskin, who have been involved in marriage and family ministry for 31 years; and Richard Gaillardetz, author of *A Daring Promise: A spirituality of Christian Marriage*.

The program includes a Friday night wine and cheese reception, and a Saturday night Marriage Appreciation Banquet.

"Those interested in this great opportunity for marriage enrichment are encouraged to register as soon as possible," said Blake Sittler of the diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life. "If you register before December you are eligible for a door prize and you help us with our preparations and planning."

Call Blake Sittler at the Catholic Pastoral Centre for more information: 242-1500, ext. 229 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005. The brochure is posted on the website at: [www.marriage2010.ca](http://www.marriage2010.ca)



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## MARRIAGE PREPARATION / ENGAGED ENCOUNTER / MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

#### AT LOCAL PARISHES:

#### Holy Spirit Parish

114 Kingsmere Blvd., Saskatoon  
Opening session 2:45 - 8 p.m.  
on Sunday, Jan. 3;  
Weekly sessions 7 - 9 p.m.  
Mondays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 1;  
Closing session 3:30 - 8 p.m.  
on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Contact: Theresa Winterhalt, 374-9593

#### St. Philip Neri Parish

1904 Munroe Ave. Saskatoon  
Beginning Sunday, Jan. 24  
Contact: Simone Swayze, 343-0325

#### Holy Family Parish

110-104th St. Saskatoon  
Friday March 12 to  
Saturday March 13  
Contact: Eileen Materi 652-1289

### CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES:

#### Marriage Preparation Weekends:

Contact: Christie Meinema 306-244-7773  
E-mail: [cmeinema@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca](mailto:cmeinema@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca)

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

*Catholic Engaged Encounter is a retreat "weekend away" in which couples deepen their relationship and dialogue about their future together. This is a recognized form of marriage preparation in the diocese of Saskatoon.*

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

Friday, March 12 to Sunday, March 14

or

Friday, April 16 to Sunday, April 18

Contact: Todd & Tanya Schuler 306-682-0777

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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or

Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2  
Queen's House, Saskatoon

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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)

# CHAS convention Oct. 26-27 in P.A. includes launch of "Parish Ministry of Care Manual"

By Sandra Kary, CHAS

The 66th annual convention of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) will be held Oct. 26-27 at St. Mary High School in Prince Albert. CHAS embraced the offer from Catholic educators and trustees in Prince Albert to be hosted in a high school setting. This opportunity promises to bring those in Catholic health and Catholic education together in a unique way.

This year's theme is *Circles of Care: People Caring for People*. Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie of Keewatin/Le Pas is the keynote speaker, addressing the topic of *'The Wellness Circle: Twelve Spiritual Steps to Healthy Caring.'* Dan Jelinski will deliver an inspirational session entitled, *'Stories are Good Medicine.'*

Breakout sessions include *"Completing the Circle: Healthcare Ethics Through the Lifespan"* by Joy Mendel, ethicist for St. Paul's Hospital and CHAS; *"Sacred Work Encircled in a Secular Career"* by David Sax, executive director

of Catholic Family Services, Regina; *"Care for the Caregiver Support Group"* by Leann Keach and Gwen Knoll, Providence Place, Moose Jaw; and *"Community of Care: A Parish Ministry of Care Manual"* by Bob Williston and Bill Fletcher, CHAS project team

CHAS will launch the *Parish Ministry of Care Manual* at the convention. Building on the foundation of the original 1995 manual, this tool offers current and comprehensive information for parishes to initiate or rejuvenate a ministry of care program.

Also new this year is an initiative to recognize our facility volunteers as key members of the circle of care. Volunteer representatives from CHAS' 13 member facilities will be honoured at a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. This is an opportunity to highlight stories of the many volunteers who touch the lives of residents and patients, and contribute to the vision and mission of the facility.

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

## Fr. Ralph Kleiter celebrates 50 years leading pilgrim journeys

At a recent "Gala Anniversary Evening" Fr. Ralph Kleiter celebrated 50 years of leading pilgrim journeys, beginning well before his ordination in 1963.

Some 150 people attended the gathering, which included a PowerPoint presentation designed by Justin Gerein.

During his 2010 anniversary year, Kleiter will lead small groups throughout the world. It will begin in February with a short bus tour to Mexico's Copper Canyon. After Easter the destination of "down under" will feature Australia and New Zealand by land, air and sea. Acting as chaplain aboard the *Ms. Crystal Symphony*, Kleiter will assist people in discovering Asia. He will lead pilgrims to

"modern and ancient wonders" traveling from Dubai to Egypt, the Red Sea and the Suez Canal to Athens.

The spring program will conclude in Europe with a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany. This includes highlights in the Italian lake district, Switzerland, Austria and finally the Passion Play, June 8-18. "If you cannot join us for the Passion Play in 2010, the next performance is in 2020," he noted.

Over the past 50 years, Kleiter has designed and directed 18 journeys to the land of the Bible, and he is inviting prospective pilgrims to the Holy Land to meet early in winter 2010 to plan a 2011 trip. "All details of the pilgrim journey will then reflect the wishes of the

prospective pilgrims," said Kleiter, adding that the journey will be designed and priced according to how many are interested.

For more information about any of these travel opportunities contact Kleiter at 306-244-3747 or [kleiter@shaw.ca](mailto:kleiter@shaw.ca) or visit [www.pilgrimjourneys.ca](http://www.pilgrimjourneys.ca)

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**21,28** Come and Go Icon Workshop  
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**3,10,17** Drawing Your Shadow Into the Light  
**4** Journeyming with Scripture  
**4,25** Come and Go Icon Workshop  
**6-8** Lay Formation  
**10** Taizé  
**19** Queen's House Fundraising Dinner with the Greystone Singers  
**20-22** Silent Women's Retreat: Nurturing the Spirit Within  
**25** A Day Away  
**26** Retreat Morning for Seniors  
**27-29** "Loyola Dreaming..." MARGARET SILF

**December**

**2** Journeyming with Scripture  
**2** Come and Go Icon Workshop  
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**9** Lay Formation  
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## Justice and Peace advocates discuss how to 'Be Doers of the Word'

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Fifty-six representatives of some 20 Saskatoon and district parishes gathered Sept. 24 at St. Paul's Cathedral hall to discuss how to "Be Doers of the Word," walking in justice and peace in the world.

Guest speaker Fr. Lawrence DeMong, OSB, who is serving as pastor of Holy Spirit in Saskatoon this year while Fr. Ken Beck is on sabbatical, shared anecdotes of his time as a missionary in Brazil, when he wrestled with fears about standing up for the landless, and how he learned to love liberation theology. "Courage is fear that has said its prayers," he said of what he learned from his experiences.

He encouraged his listeners to think about what issues keep them awake at night, and to begin taking action in those areas – members of the group cited the suffering of children, hunger, war, health, and the environment as issues of concern. DeMong noted one area that keeps him awake – environmental damage and climate change. He described how learning about the adverse environmental impact of air travel has prompted him to make a drastic lifestyle change and take the bus to places like Vancouver, Montreal and Texas, instead of flying.

DeMong also expressed concern that the new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre being built in the diocese of Saskatoon will not be leading the way in environmental features, as the Vatican is doing with its program to pursue alternative forms of energy and energy efficiency in its buildings. Several of those in attendance expressed a need for greater clarification about the new building's environmental features.

At the request of Tony Haynes, coordinator of the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace, those present then listed a wide range of justice and peace activities and initiatives being undertaken by parishes and groups in the community.

The gathering heard that several parishes are fundraising for the Station 20 West project to build a community facility that will house medical and other services and a much-needed grocery store in the city's core neighbourhood.

One representative reported that his parish is working to build up community and get to know newcomers, including people of different nationalities and ethnic origins; as well as to ensure the make-up of parish council reflects the community.

Another parish is directing the proceeds of its fall supper to social justice initiatives. Holy Family parish is holding a fair trade sale and has decided that all the coffee, tea and sugar used in the parish will be fair trade products.

Several parishes have volunteers who are helping with prison ministry in the diocese, and several parishes are collecting t-shirts, socks and underwear for inmates.

Members of St. Francis Xavier parish are working with other denominations in the Nutana neighbourhood to learn more about homelessness and housing needs in the area.

At St. Patrick parish, "did you know" items about justice and peace issues are regularly placed in the bulletin. As well, when food drives are held for the Food Bank or for the emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, St. Patrick's promotes the effort with the words "give us this day our daily bread," in the hopes that this will touch people's hearts.

Issues such as human trafficking, welcoming immigrants and refugees, and environmental concerns are among the other

areas being addressed within parishes, the group heard.

For St. Mary's parish in the downtown core, justice and peace is not a committee, but a way of life, said a St. Mary's representative. Whether it involves serving coffee and sandwiches at the rectory's back door; the connections made in the community by the parish nurse; or support for the CWL Clothing Depot – it is justice and peace that is being lived out, she said, thanking the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace and other parishes for all that they do to help. "Whether you know it or not, you are making a difference," she said.

Representatives of St. Theresa parish in Asquith reported on efforts to support the Food Bank, the Friendship Inn and the CWL Clothing Depot. Acknowledging the rural parish's contributions, Tony Haynes, noted that the issues and problems listed by the group do not belong to the city alone. "These things don't stop at the boundaries of Saskatoon," he said. "We're in this together."

Before adjourning, the group decided to take action and write Premier Brad Wall, asking about his plans concerning the future of nuclear development in the province.

*Justice and Peace is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*

### Environmental considerations in Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre building design

*(Submitted by project manager)*

The new Holy Family Cathedral will be built to state of the art techniques and technologies suitable for our harsh prairie climate.

- **Highest efficiency and solar control glass will be used on all windows** which will have very high RSI values, and will include both low-E films and additional air spaces.

- **Solar shading** will also be used on the south and southwest facing windows on both the lower and upper floors.

- **The building will use appropriate insulation values** to balance heating and cooling loads according to the Saskatoon climate and the occupancy in the building (constant office staff and equipment loading, occasional high heat gain from parishioners and hall usage).

- **Ventilation capacity** of the building will be quite extensive, but the control and set up of the system allows a massive reduction in outdoor ventilation when not required, or "free cooling" when outdoor temperatures support this.

- **A high efficiency boiler and radiant panel system** with ventilation heat recovery for high-occupancy areas (offices, residence) is planned. This is a state of the art system with very high mechanical and heat recovery efficiency. Mechanical systems for the intermittently occupied areas (worship area, hall) are installed as package roof top units with high efficiency burners. Replacement units can be easily installed over the life of the building, in part to ensure up-to-date technology is applied.

- A number of other LEED factors have been addressed, including **provision for water conservation** through plumbing fixtures and low maintenance landscaping; **energy efficient lighting and daylighting** in office spaces; **erosion control and construction waste management** during construction; **use of environmentally appropriate cooling equipment** (no CFC's); **low VOC emitting finishes**; etc.

**Note:** The building committee did not proceed with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, due to the cost of the certification process.

# Students begin year of formation at St. Therese

By **Jim Anderson, director**

St. Therese School of Faith and Mission in Bruno, SK, recently welcomed 17 students from across Canada for its 2009-2010 faith formation program.

A Mass celebrating the Nativity of Mary and the kick-off of the school year was presided over by Fr. Modestus Ngwu, OP, associate pastor of St. Augustine parish, Humboldt.

Only days into the program, the students participated in a Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) fall retreat, joining 80 university and college students from western Canada who came to St. Therese for the event.

Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky, vocations director for the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon spent a day instructing the St. Therese students in the richness of the Eastern Rite tradition and leading them in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, celebrated in the St. Therese Chapel.

Students attend daily Mass celebrated by Fr. Joseph Ackerman, OSB, at St. Bruno Church across the street.

During their third week of orientation, Fr. Terry Donahue, CC, English secretary to the papal nuncio and director of lay formation for the Companions of the Cross, a community of priests and seminarians in Ottawa, taught a course entitled "Keys for Growth in the Spiritual Life", laying a foundation upon which the students will build this year.

Orientation at St. Therese



**St. Therese class of 2009-2010 during their orientation session with Fr. Terry Donahue, Companions of the Cross (back, from l to r): director Jim Anderson, Joshua Grandmaison (Stittsville, ON), Ryan DeJong (Brooks, AB), Christopher O'Hara (Dartmouth, NS), Elisha Ramstad (Salmon Arm, BC), Nicole Mireau (Saskatoon), Brigid Fuller (Saskatoon), Joseph Yamniuk (Saskatoon), Katie Fahlman (Calgary), Megan Beaulac (Spiritwood, SK), Kaitlyn Bonnefoy (Lorette, MB), Shea Mueller (Regina), Fr. Terry Donahue, CC (Ottawa); (front, from l-r): Daniel Hudec (Fox Valley, SK), Sylvie Quiring (Chilliwack, BC), Karah Crooks (Winnipeg), Sarah Marchildon (Hinton, AB), Kristian Westgate (Sylvan Lake, AB), Joshua Berube (Vegreville, AB).**

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concluded with a pilgrimage Oct. 1 to the national shrine of St. Theresa of Lisieux in Wakaw.

Dr. Robert Stackpole of Redeemer Pacific College, Langley, BC, will join the students in mid-October for classes on C.S. Lewis and on Sr. Faustina and Divine Mercy.

Later in the month, the Intercessors of the Lamb community of Omaha, NB, will lead a healing and prayer conference on "Empowerment by the Holy Spirit" (visit: [www.sttherese.ca](http://www.sttherese.ca) for more information about the Oct. 30-Nov 4 conference).

Fr. Denis Phaneuf of St. Michael's Parish in Cudworth will be returning to celebrate

Mass and meet with the students in October, November and December.

Also, every year representatives of the Marian Centre, Madonna House, teach students Nazareth Spirituality.

Fr. Taras Kraychuk will

join the students in October, and as in previous years, diocesan and other priests and religious will be at the school giving one day retreats, teaching classes and witnessing how abandonment to God is the key to a good life.

## Upcoming at St. Therese Institute:

**Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 - Intercessors of the Lamb Conference - Healing and Prayer: "Empowerment by the Holy Spirit"**

**Nov. 1 - Fr. Taras Kraychuk - History of Eastern Monasticism**

**Nov. 6 to 8 - Rachel's Vineyard** psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion; call Bonnie Cameron at 306-445-3158, or e-mail: [bacameron@sasktel.net](mailto:bacameron@sasktel.net)

**Feb. 19 to 24 - Intercessors of the Lamb Conference - Prayer Warrior Summit**

For more information or to be put on a newsletter mailing list, contact St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission at Bruno: 306-369-2555; or visit the website at [www.StTherese.ca](http://www.StTherese.ca)

## Fall campaign: "Working our land, fighting for our rights"



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR  
**Development and Peace**

If you would like to know more about getting involved in Development and Peace locally, contact Gertrude Rompré at 966-8929 or [grompre@stmcollege.ca](mailto:grompre@stmcollege.ca)

**Food sovereignty** is the right of people to healthy food and the right to define their own food and agricultural systems.

If realized, food sovereignty would provide for genuine food security and equitable trade, with priority given to local markets, producers and consumers. **Watch for the Development and Peace Fall Campaign in your parish in November 2009!** If you would like more information about the campaign, visit [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

## St. Peter's College at Muenster begins revitalization that includes renovation and program enhancement

By Lisa Laskowski

After much planning, St. Peter's College (SPC) recently announced that its \$15 million revitalization plan to renovate facilities and enhance programming is now underway.

"The complete renovation of Michael Hall, the college's main teaching and research building, constructed in 1921 as a boys boarding school, is a top priority of St. Peter's College," says Glen Kobussen, special advisor to the board of governors.

Thanks to a \$3 million investment from the province of Saskatchewan, coupled with \$6 million from the government of Canada's Knowledge Infrastructure Program and \$3 million from donations to the College's *Key to Success* Campaign, \$12 million has already been committed to the revitalization plan.

As a result, construction on Michael Hall began this summer and the renovated fitness centre is now open to the public.

Lorna Butler, dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan, recently announced SPC will be one of the facilities to work with the College of Nursing in creating opportunities to provide nursing education across the province. This program is part of an inter-professional approach to education being designed by the Academic Health Sciences. The new nursing program is set to begin in 2011 and represents the desire of health sciences deans to create a "Saskatchewan Campus of Care."

"We are delighted that SPC will assist us to use an innovative approach (to providing nursing education)," said Butler. "Together we're creating learning spaces for students across the province."

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*Men in Black*, SPC's campus ministry program led by the Benedictine Monks of St. Peter's Abbey, is also being enhanced as a result of the college's renovations.

"Because students, alumni and others tell us there is a critical need for a campus ministry program, we are working to ensure the spiritual and academic success of our students," said Fr. Demetrius Wasyluniuk, OSB, SPC's board co-chair and member of the *Men in Black* team. "Offering *Men In Black* in a safe and healthy environment helps us to do that."

St. Peter's College is an independent post-secondary institution located in Muenster. It has been affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan since 1926. It is Canada's only Benedictine college offering interactive face-to-face university classes in a variety of disciplines, including first-year kinesiology, direct entry into commerce, a rejuvenated business administration certificate program, and Arts and Science.

## K of C home lottery proceeds go toward children's hospital

By Tim Yaworski

The Knights of Columbus 2009 Dream Lottery was recently launched with the presentation of \$500,000 to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan (CHF).

CHF is a provincial charity raising awareness and funds for pediatric medical research, equipment, and education, as well as for construction of a Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

During the launch at the site of this year's prize home in the Stonebridge subdivision of Saskatoon, Knights of Columbus home lottery president Reg Handfield presented lottery proceeds to Brynn Boback-Lane, CHF President and CEO, and Jim Yuell, CHF capital co-chair.

It follows upon a previous donation of \$200,000 from the Knights of Columbus lottery to the CHF. Proceeds from the upcoming 2009 fund-raising event are also earmarked for the Children's Hospital.

"The Knights of Columbus believe greatly in the need for a children's hospital that focuses on children's health, and on keeping the family unit together in stressful times of illness or injury," said Handfield. "We are very pleased to offer our commitment to the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan that will provide care and support to strengthen communities across



Reg Handfield, president of the Knights of Columbus Dream Lottery (r), presents \$500,000 to the Children's Hospital Foundation (CHF). The donation was accepted by capital campaign chair Jim Yuell (l) and Foundation CEO Brynn Boback-Lane.

the province," Handfield added.

"The Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan is truly grateful for the Knights of Columbus' leadership and shared vision for a healthy and strong province" said Boback-Lane.

The Knights of Columbus 2009 Dream Lottery offers 191 prizes including the fully furnished home in Stonebridge, valued at \$550,000. The grand prize draw is at the end of November.

**CHAS annual convention****Oct. 26-27, St. Mary High School, Prince Albert, SK.**

The 66th annual Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan convention's theme is *"Circle of Care: People Caring for People."*  
 Contact: CHAS at 655-5330 or [cath.health@sasktel.net](mailto:cath.health@sasktel.net)

**Centering Prayer introductory workshop**

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, St. Peter the Apostle Parish Centre, 8 Moore Place, Saskatoon** - This method of prayer can help you increase your availability and openness to God's presence within you. Workshop includes input and practice of Centering Prayer. It is the first part of the Introductory series led by Father Kevin McGee. Cost is \$20. Call 382-5503 to register (leave a message.) The introductory series will continue with follow-up sessions from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on six Saturdays: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5 and 19, at St. Peter the Apostle Parish Centre.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation  
"Share the Spirit" Gala Evening**

**Friday, Oct. 30, 2009** - This fundraiser is a significant event for the foundation, serving as an opportunity to celebrate our work with various business and community partners. The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation provides financial support for spiritual growth, academic excellence and innovative programming in our schools. The Foundation's investment in students has surpassed \$2.5 million dollars in disbursements. "Celebrating Catholic Education" is this year's theme. A fundamental goal of Catholic Education is to prepare our students for successful futures, personally and as socially responsible individuals, whose values are rooted in faith. Tickets for the gala are \$110 (\$50 charitable receipt). Contact the Foundation office at 659-7003 or email [catholicschoolsfoundation@gscs.sk.ca](mailto:catholicschoolsfoundation@gscs.sk.ca) for tickets or information.

**National Pro-Life Conference**

**October 29 to 31 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Saskatoon** - The theme of this national pro-life conference is *"Building Bridges; Making Choices for Life."* Speakers include: Andrea Mrozek, Ezra Levant, Dr. Larry Reynolds, Dr. James Lamb, Leah Hallman from University of Calgary Campus Pro-Life, Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, MP Rod Bruinoo, Fr. Louis DiRocco, and others. Full conference and Friday banquet: \$195, or lower rates for conference only, for single day registration, or for students. Contact: 306-683-0829; [buildingbridgesconference2009@gmail.com](mailto:buildingbridgesconference2009@gmail.com) or visit the website: [www.saskprolife.com/convention.stm](http://www.saskprolife.com/convention.stm)

**"Empowered by the Holy Spirit" Healing and Prayer  
Conference with the Intercessors of the Lamb**

**Friday, Oct. 30 to Wed., Nov. 4 at the Healing and Growth Centre of St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, Bruno, SK.** - Intercessors of the Lamb, Sr. Mary Grace Hymel and Sr. Mary Rita Bazzi from Omaha, Nebraska will speak on the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit, Journaling, Contemplative Prayer, Listening to the Voice of God, and the Dangers of New Age. For more information contact St. Therese Institute at 306-369-2555, or see the website at [www.StTherese.ca](http://www.StTherese.ca)

**Rachel's Vineyard - healing from the pain of abortion**

**Nov. 5 to 6 at St. Therese Healing and Growth Centre, Bruno, SK.** Rachel's Vineyard is offering an opportunity for healing to any women or men struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. For information about the retreat contact Bonnie at 306-445-3158 or [bacameron@sasktel.net](mailto:bacameron@sasktel.net) or visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**Face-to-Face family retreat**

**Nov. 14 and 15, Sacred Heart Parish in Davidson, SK.**

All are welcome to attend - please pre-register (in order to help with meal planning) by calling Marilyn Willner: 306-567-4613.

**Health Care Ethics in a Changing Context: First Nations, Métis and Immigrant Communities**

**Nov. 18 at the Rependa Auditorium at Saskatoon City Hospital** - St. Paul's Hospital presents the fourth annual William F. Mitchell Bioethics Conference, exploring themes of cultural diversity and cultural context in relation to the ethics of health care provision. All clinical and allied health workers, academics, community workers, health administrators, ethicists, human resource professionals, spiritual caregivers, researchers and members of Aboriginal and multicultural interest groups are invited to hear the keynote speakers Dr. Joseph Chandrakanthan and Dr. Colleen Varcoe. Contact: Francis Maza, Mission Integration Director, Catholic Health Ministry of Saskatchewan: 306-249-5865 or visit: [www.CatholicHealth.ca](http://www.CatholicHealth.ca)

## 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)

**"Parenting Through Separation and Divorce"** - 7 to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 21** - Learn positive ways to support your child through a difficult time. Cost: \$30.

parenting group. Fee is based on a sliding scale.

Ages: 8 - 12 years

**4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Thursdays  
Oct. 22 to Dec. 10**

**"When You're Locking Horns: Parenting Your Teen or Pre-Teen"** - 7 to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 28** - Explore why your teens behave the way they do and how to parent effectively through these years. Cost: \$30.

**"Raising Girls: Great as U R"** This group is designed to help girls to believe in themselves and trust how great they truly are, providing skills to help them withstand many of the ups and downs in their life. Parents are required to attend the concurrent parenting group. Fee is based on a sliding scale.

Ages: 8 - 12 years

**4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesdays  
Oct. 21 to Dec. 16**

**"Parenting the Anxious Child"** 7 to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 4** - Gain tools to support your child in learning how to handle fears and anxieties. Cost: \$30.

**"Too Safe for Their Own Good: How Risk and Responsibility Help Children and Teens Thrive"** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 17** - An evening for parents and caregivers with Dr. Michael Ungar, PhD at Frances Morrison Library, 311 - 23rd St. East, Saskatoon. Free.

**"Raising Boys - Building Heroes"** This group is designed to help boys become heroes in their own lives by focusing on their unique strengths. Parents are required to attend the concurrent parenting group. Fee is based on a sliding scale.

Ages: 8 - 12 years

**4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesdays  
Oct. 20 to Dec. 8**

**"Raising Boys"** - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 25** - Discover ways to raise healthy, confident, well-balanced boys. Cost: \$30.

**"Celebrating Women"** - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 28** - This session is designed to provide women with the opportunity to increase their self-esteem and learn tools to empower themselves. Based on a sliding fee scale

**"Raising Girls"** - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 2** - Discover ways to raise healthy, confident, well-balanced girls in this one-evening session. Cost: \$30.

**OTHER OFFERINGS:**

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

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**"Taming the Worry Dragon"** This group is designed to support children as they explore feelings of fear, anxiety and worry in a supportive environment. Parents are required to attend the concurrent