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# Exploring Our Faith Together

## March 25 episcopal ordination set for Saskatoon's new bishop-elect

Monsignor Donald Bolen will be ordained the seventh bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon on the Feast of the Annunciation, Thursday, March 25.

"It's a wonderful feast on which to be ordained," said Bolen Jan. 4, during a brief visit to Saskatoon – the first since his appointment was announced by Pope Benedict XVI Dec. 21.

"Three hours after receiving the phone call from the Nunciature's office Dec. 8, I was celebrating Mass in Balgonie, and reading the Annunciation gospel about Mary saying 'Let it be done unto me according to your word'," said Saskatoon's bishop-elect, describing how the Annunciation has echoed throughout the appointment process, and in his own life.

"It all seems right," Bolen said of the date, which falls just days before the start of Holy Week.

Another blessing is that four days after the March 25 episcopal

ordination (when attendance will regrettably be "by

invitation only") there will be another chance to celebrate with the entire diocese at the Chrism Mass, 7 p.m. Monday, March 29 at St. Patrick parish.

The Chrism Mass celebration brings together representatives from parishes across the diocese to receive the sacred oils blessed by the bishop. Bolen will also have his first chance to preach to a diocesan gathering at the Chrism Mass – something that doesn't happen at an episcopal ordination, when the new bishop only says a few words of thanks.

Before taking up his new role as diocesan shepherd March 25, Bolen will be taking steps to "clear the deck" of commitments and obligations in preparation for "giving all my mind and my heart and my attention to the diocese."



**Monsignor Donald Bolen  
Bishop-elect**



Monsignor. Don Bolen speaks to staff member Lois McKay during a coffee break at the diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre Jan. 4. During the brief first visit to his new diocese, the bishop-elect met with the diocesan Administrative Council as well as with an ordination planning committee.

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## Bishop-elect Bolen raised in Gravelbourg

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“I really appreciate the huge number of phone calls and e-mails, letters and cards that I have received since the announcement. There has been such a warm welcome and a celebration of the appointment – all of which is something I rejoice in, but at the same time, it’s also overwhelming,” Bolen said. “I’m taking one step at a time, praying, and trusting God.”

The son of Joseph and Rose Bolen, Donald Bolen spent the first years of his life on a farm in a German Catholic area west of Gravelbourg, with three older sisters. The family moved into town after the death of his father in 1968, when Donald was seven years old. His mother died in 2006.

After high school Bolen studied English and Religious Studies at Campion College at the University of Regina. In 1986 he entered Saint Paul Seminary in Ottawa for the Archdiocese of Regina. He was ordained to the priesthood Oct. 12, 1991.

In September 1994 Bolen began doctoral studies at Oxford University in England, exploring the theology of the agreed statements of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. Before he could finish the thesis, he was asked to take up a teaching post at Campion College, and was subsequently appointed to the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity for a five-year period 2001-2006, which was eventually extended to 2008, working in the area of relations with the Anglican Communion and World Methodist Council. At the time of his appointment, Bolen was serving as Vicar General and as chair of the ecumenical commission in the Archdiocese of Regina, as well as pastor at Balgonie, Pilot Butte and Kronau. - KLY



### Sod turning for diocesan Cathedral and Catholic Centre

Representatives from across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon recently broke the sod for a new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre. Behind the shovels Dec. 17 were (left to right): Garth Wruck and son Justin Wruck of the Trinity Pastoral Region in the Saskatoon Rural Deanery; Steven Kloster, chair of the Kerrobert Deanery and his daughters Natalie and Amanda Kloster of Macklin; Diane Cote, chair of the Saskatoon City Deanery; Theresa Winterhalt, a parishioner in the city deanery; Lynda Statchuk of the diocesan Rural Catechetics office and a parishioner in the Wadena deanery; Victor Granger of Bruno, chair of the Humboldt deanery; and Luke Hergott of St Bruno’s parish in the Humboldt Deanery. (For full coverage, visit the news archive on the diocesan website: [saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news\\_articles/news\\_articles.cfm](http://saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm))

## Ways to increase parish revenue explored

Helping parishes increase their revenue is the goal now being pursued by the diocesan Development Office.

“Over the past year we certainly heard the need, and now with the *Uniting in Faith* campaign wrapping up, the diocesan development office is in a position to support parishes at a greater level,” said Development Officer Don Gorsalitz.

Stewardship manager Darlene Cooper recently started meeting with parish representatives across the diocese, discussing ways of expanding revenues. Through strategic planning and increased communications, the development office will work with parishes to increase their weekly collections, and build a major and planned gifts program.

The goal is to go beyond simply meeting needs, to begin to envision programming, services and staffing that might be possible with increased funds, said Gorsalitz. “We’re asking parishes to dare to dream, and we’ll do our best to help them get there,” he said.

“It’s important that every parish consider these strategies: urban and rural, large and small,” added Cooper. - KLY

For more information contact Darlene Cooper at 306-979-3705 or [dcooper@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:dcooper@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)



Diocesan stewardship manager Darlene Cooper and development officer Don Gorsalitz will meet with interested parishes about ways to increase revenue.

## Diocesan Congress Day held in deaneries

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

A diocesan Congress Day will be held in each of the seven deaneries in the weeks ahead, offering a day of consultation and conversation focused on the Diocesan Vision as well as on local priorities and concerns.

Director of Pastoral Services Leah Perrault and staff from the Catholic Pastoral Centre will facilitate the seven Saturday Congress Days, which will also involve diocesan ministry representatives, deanery and parish pastoral council members, priests and pastoral leaders, as well as being open to any interested parishioner.

“We are a rare diocese in that our lay and ordained leaders regularly get together for Study Days, to learn and reflect together, and for Congress, for consultation and dialogue,” Perrault said.

“Over the past few years, this has been done as a four-day gathering with all of the leadership getting together at Queen’s House. This year we are trying something new – partly because our gathering is becoming too large for that facility and partly because we’ve been told that four days in a row is too long for pastors and leaders to be away from a parish.”

This year, the traditional four-day gathering in Saskatoon was split up into segments, held at different times and places – Study

Days for the entire diocese ran for two days in October at St. Patrick Parish; then a diocesan-wide Congress Day focusing on the Diocesan Vision was held Nov. 18 at Queen’s House; and finally, the second Congress Day will be held in each of the seven deaneries as an all-day Saturday session, beginning Jan. 23 in Leader, and winding up March 13 in Wadena.

The decision to go out to the deaneries for the second day of Congress is a way to respond to ongoing requests for a greater diocesan presence in areas outside of the city of Saskatoon, explained Perrault.

“This is a way to have true consultation at a broader level, at a time when we are working to raise the profile of the deanery structure as a way to work together and to connect with each other,” said Perrault. “It’s also a response to the *Uniting in Faith* campaign, when people were wondering about the role of the diocese and the work done out of the Catholic Pastoral Centre. In light of all of that, we felt this year was a good time to take Congress out of the city of Saskatoon and into the deaneries.”

Each deanery was asked beforehand which of six priorities in the Diocesan Vision they wished to focus on during their Congress Day, and every single one identified “building and sustaining community,” Perrault reported.

“That’s a profound reflection of a need that parish communities have identified over and over again: the need to continue to find ways to live and work together, to connect with people and to grow as a community,” said Perrault.

In addition to a discussion about building and sustaining community, the Congress Day agenda will also include “a time to express joys, challenges, questions and concerns, which will be compiled and recorded and taken back for our new bishop,” said Perrault. “Bishop-elect Monsignor Don Bolen is not able to attend, but he is looking forward to getting this information from people across the diocese as he prepares to begin work as our shepherd, after his Episcopal ordination March 25.”

A final element of the Congress Day in the deaneries will be a dialogue about the ministries available through the Catholic Pastoral Centre. “We recognize that people do not make ‘cold calls’ to an office they do not know, unless there’s a problem. Meeting face-to-face will help us all get to know each other better and help us to improve diocesan services – something that has been ongoing for many years,” Perrault added.

All are welcome to attend the Congress Day in their area. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call and pre-register (see chart at left).



Leah Perrault  
Director of Pastoral Services

### Diocesan Congress Day in the Deaneries

An all-day gathering to reflect upon our Diocesan Vision will be held on a Saturday in each of seven deaneries.

*(The diocese of Saskatoon is covering all costs)*

*Please call your area contact person to register:*

**Jan. 23 - Eatonia Deanery**, hosted by Little Flower Parish, Leader, SK. Registration - Connie Sitter.

**Jan. 30 - Saskatoon City Deanery**, was hosted by St. Mary, Saskatoon. Registration - Theresa Austin.

**Feb. 6 - Saskatoon Rural Deanery**, will be hosted by St. Alphonse Parish, Viscount, SK. To register call: Barb Dale 306-944-4227 or l.b.dale@bogend.ca

**Feb. 20 - Kerrobert Deanery**, will be hosted by St. Mary Parish, Macklin, SK. To register call: Stephen Kloster 306-753-2938 or sandckloster@sasktel.net

**Feb. 27 - Outlook Deanery**, will be hosted by Immaculate Heart of Mary, Outlook, SK. To register: Annette Pawlus 306-867-9140; spawlus@sasktel.net

**March 6 - Humboldt Deanery**, will be hosted by St. Augustine, Humboldt, SK. *Registration contact TBA.*

**March 13 - Wadena Deanery**, will be hosted by St. Mary, Wadena, SK. To register: Lynda Statchuk 306-338-3502 or ruralcatwadena@saskatoonrncdiocese.com.

**Everyone is welcome to attend - call to register!**



## FOUNDATIONS: EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

### Winter 2009

*General Information:* The cost of each course is \$5 per person for a single two-hour session; \$10 for two sessions. High school students: free. The number in brackets after the title of the course indicates the number of sessions.

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Course	Parish	Dates	Contact	Speaker
<p><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 relationship with God.</p>	Holy Family <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Wednesday <b>Feb. 10</b>	Eileen Materi <b>652-1289</b>	Fr. Kevin McGee
<p><b>Creative Catholic Families (1)</b> Ritual is an important element of Catholic spirituality, but we don't always think about how this translates to home. Based on conversations with Catholic families of different generations, cultural backgrounds, and approaches to spirituality, this presentation outlines and celebrates the ways in which families can truly be the "domestic Church" and cultivate life-long faith in children.</p>	Holy Family <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>March 9</b>	Eileen Materi <b>652-1289</b>	Leah Perrault
<p><b>How Far Can We Go (1)</b> Based on her book <i>How Far Can We Go? A Catholic Guide to Sex and Dating</i>, Leah walks with youth, young adults, parents and clergy in figuring out how physical intimacy fits into the rest of our lives in relationships.</p>	Holy Spirit <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesday <b>March 2</b>	Shirley Hyshka <b>374-1425</b>	Leah Perrault
<p><b>Building and Sustaining Christian Community Through Hospitality (1)</b> We will explore how hospitality fulfills the command of Jesus: "Love one another as I have loved you."</p>	St. Anne <b>Saskatoon</b>	7:30 p.m. Monday <b>Feb. 22</b>	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU <b>373-3453</b>	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU
<p><b>An Intimate Conversation with God (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.</p>	St. Augustine <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Monday <b>March 15</b>	Sharon Powell <b>973-3453</b>	Christy Dupuis
<p><b>Sound Spirituality: Key to Authentic Christian Life (2)</b> Spirituality from the perspective of one's experience. The two talks will be centered principally on ways to live out one's personal Christian life in order to be "stress-free," and to keep from being overwhelmed by a busy world.</p>	St. Francis Xavier <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Tuesdays <b>Feb. 23 &amp; March 2</b>	Irene LeGatt <b>933-1108</b>	Fr. Ephraim Mensah
<p><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.</p>	St. Francis Xavier <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Thursday <b>March 11</b>	Irene LeGatt <b>933-1108</b>	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU

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<b>Pray With All Your Senses (1)</b> By engaging all of our senses, Jesus' gift as Eucharist is expanded and deepened. We explore God with a sense of self, sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch movement.	St. John Bosco <b>Saskatoon</b>	6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday <b>March 10</b>	Theresa Winterhalt <b>652-1045</b>	Mona Goodman
<b>Spirituality and Social Justice (1):</b> How do we develop a balanced spirituality that includes a commitment to justice? How do we create a balanced activism that remains gospel-centered? This session explores these questions and how we can develop a "faith that does justice."	St. Mary <b>Saskatoon</b>	7 p.m. Thursday <b>March 18</b>	St. Mary office <b>244-2983</b>	Gertrude Rompré
<b>Women in the New Testament (1)</b> A discussion of women in the New Testament, focusing on Mary Magdalene.	Assumption of Our Lady <b>Kerrobert</b>	6:45 p.m. Tuesday <b>March 2</b>	Wendy Tuchscherer <b>834-2979</b>	Sr. Val Leibel, SSND
<b>Mary, Woman of Our Day (1)</b> This session explores our images of Mary—as a vibrant woman, whose example and life teaches us how to live our Baptismal commitment.	Immaculate Heart of Mary <b>Outlook</b>	2:30 p.m. Saturday <b>March 6</b>	Maxine Prentice <b>243-4308</b>	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU
<b>Exploring Your Relationship with God through Art (1)</b> You don't have to be artistic for this session. Simple creative exercises will help you on your spiritual journey.	St Theresa <b>Rosetown</b>	7 p.m. Thursday <b>March 11</b>	Kim Askin <b>882-6616</b>	Sr. Felicitas Drobig, OSU

## **Getting to know Jesus through St. Luke's gospel**

A diocesan Foundations series about the gospel of Luke began Jan. 18, with speaker Fr. Tony Bidgood, CSsR, providing an overview of the gospel and its context; introducing the author, the gospel's sources and its themes.

During this liturgical "Year C", the cycle of gospel readings are largely taken from Luke, noted Bidgood, associate pastor at St. Mary's parish in Saskatoon.

Themes of salvation, of joy, and of God acting in history resonate through Luke's gospel, as does God's profound love and concern for the outcast, the marginalized, and the poor, he said. Luke's gospel also includes many accounts involving women – including the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Annunciation and infancy narratives; the prophet Anna; Jesus' friends Martha and Mary; the weeping women of Jerusalem; and the

**All are welcome:**  
**Feb. 15 and/or March 22**  
**at St. Paul's Cathedral**  
**Bishop Mahoney Hall.**  
*No pre-registration*  
*Free will offering*

women of the Christian faith community who were the first witnesses to the resurrection, Bidgood described.

Exploring the unique ways in which a particular gospel reveals the Good News of Jesus Christ includes discovering how it speaks to our own lives and hearts today, he said.

The series continues 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 and March 22 at St. Paul's Cathedral (lower level). Each installment can also stand alone. Registration is not required.



**Fr. Tony Bidgood, CSsR**

# Reaching out to those experiencing pain of divorce

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Two new diocesan programs are helping to fill a gap in outreach to those who are divorced.

“*Divorce and Beyond*” is designed for those who are recently divorced, while a second program, “*Transitions*,” is now being offered for those who have been divorced for a longer time.

The 12-week programs provide discussion and prayer on specific topics during a set program led by volunteers who themselves have experienced divorce. Being able to talk with others about painful experiences is the key to the program, says volunteer Sharon Powell. “It’s so important for people to know they are not alone.”

In the first weeks and months after a divorce, it’s simply important to find ways to cope, said Mary-Anne Kuin. Topics covered by the program include anger, forgiveness, loneliness, and getting through the holidays.

There are a lot of misconceptions about living as a divorced Catholic, and it helps to clear those up, and to find a welcome in the church, said *Transitions* volunteer Lorraine Cheke.

“People who are hurting really need acceptance from their faith community,” agreed Dianne Sander.

“It truly is a blessing to walk with people who come to the program when they are feeling very wounded,” said *Divorce and*



Mary-Anne Kuin, Lorraine Cheke, Dianne Sander, Blake Sittler, Sharon Powell, and Colleen Muench (left to right) are among those working on providing post-divorce ministries in the diocese of Saskatoon. “*Divorce and Beyond*” and “*Transitions*” run for 12 weeks each, and are being offered through the Catholic Pastoral Centre: 242-1500.

*Beyond* volunteer Colleen Muench. “By the end, there has been a lot of journeying. It’s not over, but it is a start.”

The next session of *Divorce and Beyond* starts Feb. 4, with new members only being accepted until Feb. 17. For information contact Blake Sittler at the Catholic Pastoral Centre: 306-242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.



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 at 306-258-2192 [loiselle@baudoux.ca](mailto:loiselle@baudoux.ca)  
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<p><b>MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT LOCAL PARISHES:</b></p> <p><b>Holy Family</b>, 110-104th Street, Saskatoon  <b>Friday March 12 to Saturday March 13</b>                  Contact: Eileen Materi 652-1289</p> <p><b>St. Augustine</b>, 53 Malcolm Pl., Saskatoon  <b>Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2</b>                  Contact: Terry LePage, 373-3453</p>	<p><b>CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES:</b>  <i>Marriage Preparation Weekend:</i></p> <p><b>Friday, March 5 to Saturday, March 6</b>                  or  <b>Friday, April 23 to Saturday, April 24</b>                  or  <b>Friday, June 4 to Saturday, June 5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: 306-244-7773                  E-mail: <a href="mailto:staff@cfsaskatoon.sk.ca">staff@cfsaskatoon.sk.ca</a></p>	<p><b>ENGAGED ENCOUNTER</b></p> <p><i>Couples deepen their relationship through dialogue. More info: <a href="http://www.ceewest.com">www.ceewest.com</a></i></p> <p><b>Catholic Engaged Encounter is held at St. Peter’s Abbey in Muenster</b></p> <p><b>Friday, March 12 to Sunday, March 14</b>                  or  <b>Friday, April 16 to Sunday, April 18</b>                  Contact: Todd &amp; Tanya Schuler 306-682-0777</p>
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# Why should we go to this marriage conference?

By **BLAKE SITTLER, OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

Many in the diocese of Saskatoon have already heard about the National Marriage Conference entitled, “*A Time for Hope: Finally, Good News about Marriage!*” being hosted at the luxurious Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon.

Some couples have seen the promotions and have asked me directly, “Is this conference for us? We are not involved in any marriage ministry. We are just a regular married couple and nothing is wrong with our marriage.”

My response is always an ecstatic, “Yes! This conference is specifically designed for you and your spouse.”

Think about the time and effort we put into our hobbies and work. Our diocese is a diverse group of farmers, lawyers, ranchers, teachers, doctors and stay-at-home parents. In our spare time we hunt and fish; we sled in the winter, scrapbook, do photography and garden. We spend hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars to keep up-to-date with the latest gadgets and technology. Whatever our hobby or job, we put time and effort into it because it is important to us and it gives us life.

Our marriage deserves and needs the same kind of time

and effort that we put into our occupations and pastimes. As married couples, we need to enrich our marriages in many different ways and we need to do this throughout our entire marriage.

Most married couples already do much to build up the strength of their married relationship. When we go out with our spouse on a date, we are enriching our marriage. When we discuss our day and plan our futures together, we are enriching our marriage.

Some couples will read books on relationships or how to improve their communication or sex life; this is enrichment. Some have taken in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend or have attended the Annual Marriage Appreciation Banquet held in Saskatoon every year.

This conference –*A Time for Hope: Finally, Good News about Marriage!*– is yet another form of enrichment but it is uniquely different from the other forms.

This conference was designed by married couples for married couples. The content and speakers were chosen because of their ability to encourage and nurture; entertain and educate all who participate.

The agenda, which begins on Friday evening with a presentation and ends late on Saturday night, was designed so that working couples could attend a world-class conference. You will not have to take an excessive amount of time away from work or kids. Even those of you with cattle will only have to ask for help for one morning!

Some have shared with me that they think this is an academic conference. But the speakers we have invited are both entertaining and informative. The banquet that we have been hosting now for seven years is the kind of event that once a couple has attended, they come back again and again. There are door prizes, food and drink, a powerful keynote address and then a dance with Saskatchewan-favourites, *Danny and the Dusters*.

If you would like to book a room for the conference you should do so before Feb. 19 when our held rooms are released to the public. Registration deadline is March 11.

I can promise you that every aspect of this conference is of the highest calibre: the presenters, the venue, the banquet, and the dance. All we need now are the highest calibre of guests... That’s you, folks!



**Blake Sittler**



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**LAY FORMATION: forming and nurturing followers of Jesus Christ in their Christian life of prayer, service, and community**

Every month, participants from three streams of Catholic Lay Formation gather in Saskatoon for a weekend of learning, prayer and community life in a two-year program of faith formation.

The joint program includes the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, as well as an Aboriginal Lay Formation stream organized by three dioceses: Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Keewatin-Le Pas.

Applications are now being accepted for the Year I program starting in September. Contact Mona Goodman or Kathy Hitchings for more information: 242-1500, toll free: 1-877-661-5005 or visit the website at: [saskatoonrcdiocese.com/lay\\_formation/index.cfm](http://saskatoonrcdiocese.com/lay_formation/index.cfm)

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**Guest presenter Sr. Kateri Mitchell, Lay Formation team leader Agnes Pelletier, and participant Brian Anderson (l-r) during a January session about Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.**



**Participants from many backgrounds come together to learn and to share their Catholic faith together.**



**During the January Lay Formation weekend, Fr. John Sianchuk of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon led a joyful procession through Queen's House to bless the building (above) after an evening prayer service featuring the Eastern rite's tradition of the Great Water Blessing (below)**

**LAY FORMATION**  
forms a person through:

- **learning** more about one's Catholic faith
- **deepening one's relationship with God** through prayer and spiritual growth
- **intensifying a strong faith community** by sharing and journeying with others in faith







### Good Friday Way of the Cross

Participants in last year's Way of the Cross carry the cross through downtown Saskatoon on Good Friday 2009. The ecumenical prayer walk, in which hundreds pray and sing through downtown Saskatoon on Good Friday morning, will again be promoted through the diocesan Justice and Peace office, as it has been for the past 13 years. Prayers and reflections at 14 downtown stations connect the passion of Jesus Christ to suffering and injustice in today's world. The ecumenical event begins at 10 a.m. on Good Friday, April 2, outside the courthouse on Spadina Crescent.

## Prayers for peace start New Year

Many faiths were represented at a New Year's Day gathering held at St. Paul's Cathedral to mark the World Day of Peace.

Taize song, silent prayer, and an opportunity to place a lit candle upon a fabric map of the world that was laid out on the steps before the altar were features of this year's celebration Jan. 1.

Organized annually by the Office for Justice and Peace in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon since 2003, this year's event was held in the afternoon on New Year's Day, rather than the evening before. The format also changed this year, with less talk and more prayer, said Tony Haynes, director of the Justice and Peace office, who organizes the event with Carol Zubiak and Sr. Virginia Scissons, NDS.

In previous years the gathering included speakers, scripture readings and reflections from representatives of different faiths. This year, the invitation was to "come and be still" with an emphasis on meditation and prayer. The theme of the gathering was "peace in our hearts will bring peace to the world." A hand-out offered at the door included



Placing candles on a world map.

prayers for peace from a number of world religions, and local music minister Garth Horn led Taize hymns during the two hour come-and-go format, as well as leading "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" and "We Shall Overcome."

Haynes added that he was touched to see that most people stayed for the entire two-hour time. He noted that faiths represented at the gathering included Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Christian. A majority of the lit candles on the world map were placed upon the Middle East and Afghanistan, as well as on Canada's north. - *KLY*

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- ▶ **Talk** with your pastor, fill in an application and send it to the Catholic Pastoral Centre.
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### Questions or Concerns?

Leah Perrault, Director of Pastoral Services  
1.306.242.1500 Ext. 223 or toll free 1.877.661.5005  
directors@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Applications for individuals, groups and projects are at:  
[http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/laity\\_education/index.cfm](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/laity_education/index.cfm)

*The Education of Laity Fund is supported by the BAA.*

## Pastoral Care Appreciation Evening

To recognize all who visit the sick, the grieving, the imprisoned.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Holy Spirit Parish**

To register, contact the Catholic Pastoral Centre at 242-1500 or toll free 1-877-661-5005 before Feb. 5, 2010.

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[www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/pages/ecumenism.cfm](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/pages/ecumenism.cfm)

# Come and See weekend will focus on priesthood

The diocesan Vocation Commission will host a "Come and See" retreat March 6 to March 7 for young men interested in learning more about the priesthood.

The Prud'homme, St. Denis and Vonda parishes will host the event coordinated by the diocesan Vocation Commission, director of Vocation Promotion Myron Rogal, and Fr. Marc Mireau, Priest Moderator of the Trinity parishes.

Guest speakers from the diocese will include priests, those in religious life, a seminarian, a married couple, and those involved with lay ministry. Speakers will share their stories and answer questions about the priesthood and vocations.

"The weekend is also a rare opportunity to discern side-by-side with others thinking and discerning what you may be discerning," said Rogal. There is no fee for the weekend retreat.

The entire *Come and See* event takes place at the parish and rectory in Vonda, with all meals provided by parishioners from the Trinity pastoral region parishes at Prud'homme, St. Denis and Vonda.

The retreat begins Saturday morning, March 6 and runs through until Sunday, March 7 after celebration of the Eucharist with the Trinity community.

Participants are asked to bring a Bible, a journal, a pillow and a sleeping bag. To register or for more information, contact Myron Rogal at the diocesan Vocations Office, 382-4240, or Fr. Marc Mireau at 664-6501.

*Vocations ministry in the diocese is supported by the BAA.*



Attending a *Come and See* weekend in the diocese Dec. 5 were (l-r): Joshua Grandmaison, Ottawa; Daniel Hudec, Fox Valley; Joseph Yamniuk, Saskatoon; Kristian Westgate, Sylvan Lake, AB; Joseph Wourms, Marysburg; Fr. Marc Mireau, Myron Rogal, seminarian Geoff Young, and Reg Bilodeau of the Vocations Commission.

## Come and See held Dec. 4-6 in Trinity region

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Five young men spent a weekend in the Trinity pastoral region Dec. 4 to 6, participating in a diocesan *Come and See* weekend of prayer, reflection and discussion about vocations and the call to Catholic priesthood.

The Prud'homme, St. Denis and Vonda parishes hosted the event coordinated by the diocesan Vocation Commission, director of Vocation Promotion Myron Rogal, and Fr. Marc Mireau, Priest Moderator of the Trinity parishes.

The three parish communities organized Eucharistic adoration in preparation for the weekend, and supplied meals for the participants, noted Myron Rogal, coordinator of the diocesan

Vocation Office, one of the ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The local prayer support, along with a community breakfast after Mass in Vonda, was an important experience of hospitality and solidarity for the young men participating in the weekend, said Rogal.

In addition to Rogal and Mireau, guest speakers during the *Come and See* event included Fr. Darryl Millette talking about a day in the life of a priest, diocesan seminarian Geoff Young describing his experience in the seminary, Bernard Hamoline and Louise Bussiere speaking on lay ministry, Donna and Jerry Kristian discussing the mission of the Church, and local couple Garth and Denise Wruck addressing the vocation of marriage.

*"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.  
"Come and see," said Philip. - JOHN 1:46*

The Diocesan Vocation Commission is hosting a  
**"Come and See" retreat**  
for young men discerning the priesthood  
Saturday, March 6 to Sunday, March 7

at St. Phillippe Neri Parish, Vonda, in the Trinity pastoral region

- Guest speakers • Prayer • Reflection • Questions answered •  
• Meet others discerning a call to priesthood •

*Bring a Bible, a journal, a pillow, and sleeping bag. There is no fee for this retreat.*

To register, or for more information please contact Myron Rogal at the diocesan Vocations Office 382-4240, or Fr. Marc Mireau at 664-6501.

## Redemptorist Come and See!

All young men interested in learning more about Redemptorist life are invited to attend a *Come and See* event in Saskatoon to be held Feb. 19 to 21 with Fr. Santo Arrigo, CSsR.

For more information contact Fr. Santo at 416-593-6520 or visit the website at: [www.plugintochrist.ca](http://www.plugintochrist.ca)

## Weekend retreats for young adults offered at Discernment House

The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary are offering discernment retreat weekends for young adults. The retreats take place at Discernment House, 851 University Drive in Saskatoon.

The discernment retreats are designed to show how God works through your personal story. The retreat leads you to discover who you are in God and how you can best serve God.

**Relationship with Christ (in Prayer)** is the title of the retreat to be held Friday, Feb. 26 to Sunday, Feb. 28. **A Personal History Weekend Retreat** is scheduled to run Friday, May 14 to Sunday, May 16.

The cost of each Discernment Retreat is \$40, which includes accommodations and meals.

Those interested are asked to contact Sr. Evelyn Nedelec or Sr. Mary Jane Beavis at 244-0726 or [discernmenthouse@lycos.com](mailto:discernmenthouse@lycos.com)



Young adults attending a Discernment House retreat in January share a meal. Forty-three participated in the January weekend retreat hosted by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary.



### Youth ministry network

A monthly gathering of youth ministry coordinators in the diocese had a Christmas theme in December. Parish and diocesan youth leaders meet the first Thursday of every month to share ideas, initiatives and resources, and to work together on events such as "DIG into God" for Grades 9-12, which in January featured a talk on life issues and a "March for Life" outside Saskatoon City Hospital. For more information about youth ministry in the diocese see the website: [saskatoonrcdiocese.com/youthministry/](http://saskatoonrcdiocese.com/youthministry/)

## Ministry FOR Youth, BY Youth DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT TEAM

The Diocesan Youth Retreat Team is made up of high school youth and young adults in university who are willing to use their gifts to facilitate retreats, rallies and workshops, sharing their faith journey and leadership skills with their peers.

### To book a retreat or join the team contact:

Myron Rogal, Coordinator  
Diocesan Youth Retreat Team  
[DYRT@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:DYRT@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)  
Phone: 1-306-382-4240



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

Youth Ministry and Rural Catechetics are supported by the BAA.

## 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!





## Parish Ministry of Care manual introduced

By SANDRA KARY, CHAS

*Community of Care: A Parish Ministry of Care Manual* was launched at the 2009 annual convention of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS).

Building on the 1995 award-winning manual *Parish Home Ministry of Care Basics*, the new manual is the product of a two-year project charter. *Community of Care* provides current and extensive information on the philosophy and theology of ministry of care, models of ministry within a parish, development and training components of a ministry of care program, and links to resources and a variety of associated ministries.

Project team members from across the province gathered information, investigated resources, and solicited 'home-grown' quotes from those who have much experience with parish ministry of care. Regina Archbishop Daniel Bohan, on behalf of the bishops of Saskatchewan, endorsed and recommended this work.

Although the manual is primarily focused on a parish ministry of care program, facility-based programs would also benefit from this wealth of information for volunteers and spiritual care providers.

Information and training sessions about the new resource are currently being coordinated through the CHAS office (306-655-5330) to parishes interested in developing or re-invigorating their ministry of care program. CHAS is also working in partnership with diocesan offices across the province to ensure that this opportunity and resource is made available to any who are interested.

CHAS is now working with Novalis Publishing to develop a national edition of the manual that will be promoted to parishes across Canada. The anticipated launch of this national edition is the upcoming Catholic Health Alliance of Canada Convention April 30 to May 2 in Toronto.

## Ministry to Tourism offers tours

A pilgrim journey to the Holy Land is being planned for spring or fall of 2011 by the Ministry to Tourism office. Those seriously interested in being part of this special travel project are invited to participate in an information and designing session Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Saskatoon.

This trip will be limited to those participating in the "designing session," who will determine the time and pricing of the pilgrim journey. Contact Ministry to Tourism for details.

Fr. Ralph Kleiter, Ministry to Tourism, will be leading a small group "Down Under" April 6-26. Besides the usual visits in Sydney, Canberra and the Blue Mountains he will be introducing pilgrim travelers to Blessed Mary MacKillop, the first Australian to be beatified, during a visit to her shrine and memorial chapel in North Sydney.

The program concludes with a cruise including Cairns (Great Barrier Reef) and Darwin in the North Territories, thereby offering participants a larger experience of this amazing continent. Please note that a few seats have come available on the Alpine Explorer and Oberammergau Passion Play tour, June 8 to 18, 2010. For information, contact Fr. Ralph Kleiter, Ministry to Tourism at 244-3747 or visit: [www.pilgrimjourneys.ca](http://www.pilgrimjourneys.ca)

## Catholic Family Services

To register for any of these programs:

PHONE: 306-244-7773 or

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

**"Building Healthy Self-Esteem in Children"** - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 3** - Discover the components of healthy self-esteem and strategies to raise children who feel good about themselves. Cost: \$30.

**"Parenting Through Separation and Divorce"** - 7 to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 24** - Learn positive ways to support your child through a difficult time. Cost: \$30.

**"Parenting the Anxious Child"** 7 to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, March 3** - Gain tools to support your child in learning how to handle fears and anxieties. Cost: \$30.

**"Raising Boys"** - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, March 10** - Discover ways to raise healthy, confident, well-balanced boys. Cost: \$30.

**"Raising Girls"** - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, March 17** - Discover ways to raise healthy, confident, well-balanced girls in this one-evening session. Cost: \$30.

**"When You're Locking Horns: Parenting Your Teen or Pre-Teen"** - 7 to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, March 31** - Explore why your teens behave the way they do and how to parent effectively through these years. Cost: \$30.

**"When Parents Separate or Divorce"** This is an eight-week session for parents and children ages 8 to 12 years. Fee is based on a sliding scale. **4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Mondays February 1 to March 29**

**"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 parenting group. Fee is based on a sliding scale.

Ages: 8 - 12 years  
**4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Thursdays January 28 to March 25**

**"Active Parenting 1,2,3,4"** is a four-week session that has been designed for parents of children ages 1 to 4 years. Fee is based on a sliding scale.

**7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Wednesdays Feb 24 to March 17**

**"Active Parenting Now"** is a one-day session for parents of children ages 5 to 12 years. Fee is based on a sliding scale.

**9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, March 6**

**"Active Parenting of Teens"** is a one-day session. Fee is based on a sliding scale.

**9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6**

**Bridging the Gap** is an ongoing group for parents of out-of-control teens held Thursday evenings. Contact Catholic Family Services in Saskatoon: 306-244-7773 or e-mail [staff@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca](mailto:staff@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca)

### OTHER OFFERINGS:

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

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

## Wadena parish assists seminarian in the Philippines

St. Mary's Parish in Wadena is supporting the education of a seminarian in the Republic of the Philippines.

For the past two years the parish has been fundraising to sponsor Nino Paje, a young seminarian from the Philippines. The idea first came about when Fr. Dario Bebillo mentioned that a seminarian he knew in the Philippines was struggling to raise \$1,800 a year for books, tuition and room and board. Nino Paje is now in his fourth year of studies, and has completed the prerequisite to study theology. Fr. Bebillo describes the young man as diligent, intellectually capable and dedicated to his vocation to the priesthood.

St. Mary's Parish has committed to raising half of the funds that Nino Paje needs in order to complete his schooling. The community has undertaken bottle drives and pancake breakfasts to help raise these funds.



### Carollers from St. Aloysius Parish in Allan

Parents from the St. Aloysius Family Catechesis Group in Allan organized an evening of old-fashioned Christmas caroling on a hay wagon Dec. 20. About 40 people gathered to enjoy hot chocolate while singing favourite carols as they were driven around town on the back of a hay wagon. Straw bales provided seating and a bit of protection from the chilly air. Many townspeople stepped outside to listen to the carollers as they went by homes. The group ended the evening by socializing over more hot chocolate and cookies at the parish hall.

- Photo by Kari Beyer



### Outdoor nativity scene presented in Cudworth

A live outdoor nativity scene was created by parishioners from St. Michael's Parish in Cudworth Dec. 20. The event began with carolers meeting in front of the community's main street recreation centre and walking to the Cudworth Campgrounds. At a small straw-covered shed, the biblical account of the birth of the Saviour was read by narrators, and enacted by a cast that included angels, shepherds, wise men, the Holy Family, and a number of animals, including a llama, horses, and a penned cow beside the "stable." After the presentation, guests were invited to view the manger scene and animals, and to warm-up with hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies, served from the campground's main outdoor building.

- Photo by Bernice Jungwirth

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Please call your neighbourhood school for more information on our program and how to register.

For more information about Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools

visit the website at [www.gscs.sk.ca](http://www.gscs.sk.ca)

## FacetoFace leaders see God's grace at work

By GARTH WRUCK

"It's totally grace."

That is how FacetoFace Ministries President Ken Yasinski responds when asked how a team of around a dozen people can deliver 150 presentations in a single year as part of the ministry's programming. That works out to nearly three presentations a week.

"The team works very hard and everyone is extremely dedicated to the ministry's mission to bring saints to the Church," says Yasinski.

That number includes numerous parish missions that the ministry leads throughout the three prairie provinces. These two-day missions are huge undertakings, but God has not stopped there with FacetoFace.

"We never sit down and say 'okay, this is a program we want to deliver, now let's start developing it,'" says Chris Cassidy, assistant director, administration and finance. "It's grace led. A particular idea or opportunity is offered to us and everything just immediately starts to fall in place."

This is how all of the ministry's programs have developed, including a pilgrimage bus trip, an Ignite camp for teens, overseas mission trips to Calcutta in India to work with Blessed Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, and the recent partnership with Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) to co-host *Cornerstone*. Growing out of the recent CCO Summer Impact mission in the diocese, *Cornerstone* is a monthly gathering now held on the last Thursday of every month at St. Mary's Parish Hall (Avenue 0 and 20th Street) in Saskatoon. It is a gathering where young adults go to receive teaching, to share testimonies of faith and offer praise to God.



A FacetoFace parish retreat includes praise and worship.



Ken Yasinski

- Photos submitted

"It is also by sheer grace that all the work gets done," adds Cassidy.

FacetoFace leaders also note how the ministry's programming lines up with the recent Diocesan Vision, supporting four of the six priorities (evangelization, ongoing formation, building and sustaining community, justice and peace) for the mission and life of the Church in our diocese.

Comments from retreat participants provide a small sample of what some are experiencing. "Last night my children, parents and myself sat in the living room and spent the entire evening talking about the weekend (parish mission), what it meant to us and how it has and will change our lives," said Linda Jeanson.

"The sense of community and belonging at the FacetoFace Parish Mission made my heart feel whole," said Ava Menezes.

"Here at Ignite I have learned God is love and without God there is no love, and I can't wait to get home to tell my parents how much I love them," said Matthieu Beaudoin.

For more information about FacetoFace and a list of upcoming events, please visit the ministry website at: [www.facetofaceretreats.com](http://www.facetofaceretreats.com)

### Lenten program explores mystics in Christian contemplative tradition

"Following the Mystics on the Inner Journey to Easter" will be presented in Saskatoon during the Lenten season.

Participants will discover the richness of the Christian contemplative tradition by reflecting on the writings and core teachings of several Christian mystics who help us experience the Pascal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection as an invitation to transformation and inner awakening. Some of the mystics who will be our guides are Evagrius Ponticus, John Cassian, Meister Eckhart and John of the Cross.

Sessions will be held every Wednesday evening during Lent beginning at 7 pm at St. Michael's parish, 18-33 Street. Each evening will begin with 20 minutes of centering (silent) prayer followed by a presentation and time for questions and answers. The cost for each session is \$8 or \$5 for students.

The schedule for the series is:

**Wednesday, Feb. 24:** *Why the Mystics Matter – Finding Our Way Home Through Contemplation*;

Presenter: Fr. Kevin McGee

**Wednesday, March 3:** *Evagrius Ponticus*;  
Presenter: Alan Reese

**Wednesday, March 10:** *John Cassian*;

Presenter: Alan Reese

**Wednesday, March 17:** *Meister Eckhart*;

Presenter: Darren Dahl

**Wednesday, March 24:** *John of the Cross*;

Presenter: Darren Dahl

**Wednesday, March 31:** *The Pascal Mystery*;

Presenter: Fr. Kevin McGee with a DVD featuring Fr. Thomas Keating

**Fr. Kevin McGee** is a diocesan priest responsible for three city parishes in Saskatoon as well as the coordinator for Contemplative Outreach Saskatchewan.

**Dr. Alan Reese** is an Associate Professor at St. Thomas More College and has taught extensively on the history of spirituality and mysticism in the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

**Darren Dahl** is a doctoral candidate at McMaster University and a seasonal lecturer in the Department of Religion and Culture at St. Thomas More College. He teaches courses on Christian theology and, particularly, the theologies of Christian mysticism.



## CCO Rise-Up event inspires students to witness their faith

BY CHRISTY DUPUIS, CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

A young person's time in university is a critical experience of growth and maturity as they make many decisions that will form why and how they will live the rest of their adult lives. Authentic Catholic witnesses are needed to encourage and support faith development despite the obstacles that university life can throw in the way.

During this Christmas break, 40 University of Saskatchewan students and 60 other young adults from Saskatoon and around Saskatchewan travelled to Winnipeg to respond to that call to be an authentic Catholic witness. The theme of CCO's annual Christmas conference Rise-Up was "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory*" from John 1:14. Approximately 400 students from across the country had the opportunity to encounter the reality of Jesus in their midst and in their personal lives.

As the five-day conference progressed, it was clear that these students were convinced that they must be the ones to bring the presence of Christ to their university. Each participant was challenged as they returned home to reach one person with the message of the gospel; to share with that person how their own lives had been changed by inviting Christ to be a part of it.

At the University of Saskatchewan, Rise-Up participants have taken this challenge seriously. One way that CCO is able to bring the message of the gospel to university campuses is through small group faith studies. These faith studies are designed to simply and clearly communicate the basic truths of the Catholic



A few of the Saskatchewan participants at this year's CCO Rise-Up conference in Winnipeg. - Photo submitted

faith. Many Rise-Up participants have been inviting friends and classmates to join the faith studies. One young man made announcements in all of his classes extending the invitation to join a study – a student signed up right in the classroom that day. Another young woman returned from the conference and began phoning friends that she used to go to high school with: friends that she knew were not practising their faith at this time. So far five young women have agreed to take the faith study.

It is evident from such actions that Rise-Up has stirred in these students a desire to see Christ proclaimed on their campus. Students are moved to action by the Spirit and need prayers and support as they try to be authentic Catholic witnesses and make "flesh" the message of the gospel on university campuses.

*CCO is one of the groups in the diocese supported by the BAA.*

## Nine-day healing and growth program offered at St. Therese in Bruno

BY JIM ANDERSON, DIRECTOR  
SCHOOL OF FAITH AND MISSION

St. Therese Institute's Healing and Growth Centre is set to launch the core program: "*Triumph - Result God Gives.*"

The inaugural conference will be held March 19 to 28. *Triumph* is a nine-day program of prayer, teaching and reflection, that will help participants allow Christ to take them from worldly and self-centered ways of thinking and acting into a fulfilled, peaceful Christ-centered life filled with joy.

Jerry Kristian, director of the Healing and Growth Centre, says this new program is for people from all walks of life.

"Many of us push through life searching for meaning, meaning we can genuinely rely on. We have emptiness within



St. Therese students will participate in an icon writing Holy Week retreat led by Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky, (standing at back left), pictured with this year's class and Fr. John Sianchuk (standing at right). - Photo by James Riley

us that we try to fill with money, activity, success, work, travel and addictions of alcohol, sex, or drugs. Society tries to sell us their solution, which only carries us further into emptiness. We need to change our ways of thinking and acting. The only way to make this change, fill this need, is with a relationship in Christ. If you ever feel that 'life' is not

fulfilling then 'Triumph' is for you."

"Wisdom: Freedom of the Cross" Healing and Prayer Conference will kick-off Lent 2010 at St. Therese. This healing and growth centre conference runs Feb. 19 to 24, and will be co-facilitated by the Intercessors of the Lamb from Omaha, NB. This conference focuses on the call and move-

ment of wisdom in our lives, and on interceding for the gift of wisdom.

The 16 students attending the nine-month faith formation program at St. Therese School of Faith and Mission are in the final stretch of their class work.

Students and staff will host the annual St. Therese "*Come and See Weekend,*" March 12 to 14, which is open to anyone interested in the faith formation program at St. Therese School of Faith and Mission. Applications for the 2010-2011 program are now being accepted.

For more information about programs or upcoming events, contact St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission at 306-369-2555 or visit the website: [www.StTherese.ca](http://www.StTherese.ca)

**"End of Life Issues: Landing Gently and Faithfully"****Thursday, Feb. 4 at St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt, SK.**

This workshop will include information about "How to Prepare a Living Will," (also known as an "Advanced Health Care Directive"). The information session will be repeated twice: from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and again in the evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., facilitated by Joy Mendel, ethicist for St. Paul's Catholic Hospital and for CHAS (Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan), and by Bob Williston, also of CHAS. Copies of the CHAS "Advanced Health Care Directive" booklet will be available for \$5. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted toward the work of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**WWME Valentine Dance****8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, Bishop Klein School, Saskatoon**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is hosting their annual Valentine Dance for all couples, "encountered" or not, beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at Bishop Klein School gym, 1121 Northumberland Ave., Saskatoon. Midnight lunch, raffle table and door prizes. Tickets are \$35 per couple and are available by calling Ray and Kathleen at 374-8410

**Using Art to Create Greater Self-Esteem****7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on five Tuesdays, Feb. 16 to March 16** with Sr.

Felicitas Drobig, OSU at Queen's House of Retreat and Renewal, 601 Taylor Street W. in Saskatoon. Having healthy self-esteem means we value ourselves as we are and value others as well. This five-week series will use art as a way to increase self-esteem. You do not have to be an artist, nor have any art experience to take part. Cost is \$150.

**FacetoFace Retreat, Foam Lake, SK.****Feb. 20 and 21, Christ the King Parish**

Contact Royann Halyk at 306-272-3257 for more information.

**Lenten Introduction to Centering Prayer****St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 8 Moore Place, Saskatoon**

Join us this Lent in discovering a way to grow in greater intimacy with God. During the first Friday of Lent, and the following Saturday mornings of Lent an introductory course on centering prayer will be offered at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 8 Moore Place. The program begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, and continues for the following six Saturday mornings at 9 a.m., running from Feb. 20 until March 27. Saturday morning sessions will be approximately one hour, and include time for centering prayer as well as video presentations from Contemplative Outreach. Presenters and facilitators are Fr. Kevin McGee and Marge Copeland. To register please call St. Peter the Apostle Parish office at 382-5503. Cost for the course is \$25.

**Cornerstone gathering for young adults**

**7:30p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Avenue 0 and 20th Street, Saskatoon.** Led by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and FacetoFace Ministries - talks, music, dramas.

**FacetoFace Retreat March 20-21**

**St. Anne's Parish, Annaheim, SK.** facilitated by Ken Yasinski. The cost is \$25/person or \$70/family: cheques may be made payable to St. Anne's Parish. Pre-registration deadline is March 5. For more information or to mail a registration form, please contact Terry Kunz, Box 86, Annaheim, SK. S0K 0G0; 306-287-3731; [ltkunz1@sasktel.net](mailto:ltkunz1@sasktel.net)

**Oblate Follow-up Mission March 21 to 23****St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt, SK.**

St. Augustine Parish in Humboldt is hosting its Oblate Follow-up Mission from Sunday March 21 to Wednesday March 23. Events include daily Masses with the Oblate priests and brother, Eucharistic adoration every day, with opportunity for confession, and Great Assemblies to be held every evening at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****"Swing into Spring" Fashion Show and Dinner****Thursday, April 29 at TCU Place**

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation invites all to this 10th annual event that includes a buffet dinner, draws for door prizes including diamond jewelry, a VIP table, and the latest in ladies' and men's fashions modeled by employees of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. Early-bird tickets are \$50 until Feb. 26. Beginning March 1, tickets are \$60. For tickets call: 659-7003. The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation is supported by donations from community organizations and concerned individuals who believe that the unique faith dimension found in Catholic Schools is important, and who want to be part of the on-going effort to build a well-rounded education for youth.

**Prairie Centre for Ecumenism Retreat****April 12 to 15 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** with

speaker Fr. Tom Ryan. More information will be forthcoming. Watch the website at: [www.ecumenism.net](http://www.ecumenism.net)

**SERENA Saskatchewan's Spring Social****Saturday, April 24 at St. Paul's Cathedral** 720 Spadina Crescent

in Saskatoon from 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. April 24. The evening includes a catered banquet, fellowship, door prizes and awards. Leah Perrault will speak on "Evangelizing outside our circles – why NFP is good based on justice and health (in solidarity with those in Third World, etc), and why marriage prep is too late to talk about NFP (when to bring it up)". For tickets (\$20 each), call 1-800-667-1637 or 934-8223 or [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) by April 10. All are welcome!

**Spring Gala for St. Ann's Senior Citizens Village****Noon to 2:30 p.m., Sunday April 25** at the Sheraton Cavalier in

Saskatoon, featuring Sunday Brunch, entertainment by "Hot Tamales", Door prizes, silent and live auction. Tickets: \$50 (tax receipt for \$25), Corporate table of 8 for \$360 (\$160 tax receipt), Children (6 to 12) \$25, Children under 6 no charge. Tickets available at St. Ann's Home or by calling 374-8900, ext. 221.

**NFP Information Session - Billings Ovulation Method****Friday, May 28; Teacher Training Workshop May 28-30**

Natural Family Planning Association Saskatchewan will be hosting a free information session on the Billings Ovulation Method on the evening of Friday, May 28 in Saskatoon. NFP Saskatchewan will also be hosting a Part 1 Teacher Training Workshop May 28-30 in Saskatoon. Attending a Part 1 workshop is the first step towards becoming an accredited Billings Ovulation Method instructor. Learn more about the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning. (Exact location and weekend schedule to be announced.) For additional information contact NFP Saskatchewan 306-682-4528 or by emailing: [nfpsask@sasktel.net](mailto:nfpsask@sasktel.net)

**100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Parish, Lanigan, SK.****Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6,** beginning with an

afternoon registration, the blessing of a new cemetery cross at the cemetery; and a banquet June 5. Sunday, June 6 begins with Mass at 10 a.m. and brunch to follow at the Lanigan Town Hall. For more information see the 100th Anniversary blogspot at [www.catholiclanigan.blogspot.com](http://www.catholiclanigan.blogspot.com) or e-mail the parish at [st.marys@sasktel.net](mailto:st.marys@sasktel.net) or call the parish office at 306-365-2999. If there isn't any answer, leave a clear message with your phone number and someone will get back to you. All are welcome!

**Ecumenical Service for Kenaston's 100th Anniversary****11 a.m., Sunday, July 4 at St. Andrew's Church**

Immediately following the 11 a.m. service everyone will proceed to Kenaston Place for the brunch and windup. Open house at the three churches in Kenaston (Anglican, Evangelical and Roman Catholic) will be held **Saturday, July 3** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. At this time the public will be able to tour through the churches. Greeters will be at each church to welcome people for the open house.