



Solar stained glass has been put in place at the new cathedral (left) and progress continues on the building.

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Bishop Don Bolen stresses impact of BAA



Faith expressed and affirmed at Momentum rally

Participants from across the diocese who attended a *Momentum* youth rally this spring gathered on the lawn at Holy Spirit parish, creating a living cross for a group photo to mark the first-time event. A faith rally for youth in Grades 6 to 8, *Momentum* was coordinated by the diocesan Youth Ministry Office, with support from members of the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team – two of the many ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan event included keynote speaker Michael Chiasson, music by Storybook Years Worship Band, activities, discussion and prayer, as well as a celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Donald Bolen and the Holy Spirit faith community. The *Momentum* theme – “Don’t Stop Believing” – echoed a focus on the Creed that is part of the diocesan *Steps in Faith* process being implemented by parishes across the diocese. *Steps in Faith* is envisioned as a way to provide after-confirmation catechesis and formation to “middle years” youth, and includes a reaffirmation of faith in Grade 8. This fall, a Grade 8 diocesan-wide retreat will be offered Saturday, Oct. 22 as part of a weekend “JP II Fest” (see article on Page 9). For details, contact the diocesan Youth Ministry Office at 242-1500 or youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

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BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

At public meetings across the diocese this fall, Bishop Donald Bolen is speaking about the importance of the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) to the life of the diocese of Saskatoon.

Thanks to the work of parish leaders and dedicated volunteers, as well as to the ongoing generosity of people across the diocese, the BAA funds a wide range of ministry and outreach, says Bolen.

The list of what the Appeal supports in the diocese includes: justice and peace, prison ministry and restorative justice, hospital chaplaincy, youth ministry, rural catechetics, vocation promotion, education of seminarians, lay formation, marriage and family life, ministry development, ecumenism, native religious ministry, deaf ministry, communications, a diocesan resource library, and the priests' pension fund.

“The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a cornerstone of stewardship – so many programs in our diocese are funded by this Appeal,” stresses Bolen, adding that there remains a gap between what is raised and what is needed.

“These are good programs. They aren't superfluous. Each one of them is there to be a support to the parishes and the people of the diocese.”

This year's goal is to raise \$1.5 million.

“We have grown as a diocese,” notes the bishop, describing a longing to do more in many crucial areas, such as hospital chaplaincy, evangelization of youth, care for seniors, justice and peace, and life issues. “When you are trying to live the gospel, there are no shortages of needs.”

BAA meetings being held in each deanery – Kerrobert Sept. 21, Saskatoon Sept. 22, Outlook Sept. 27, Wadena Sept. 29, Leader (Eatonia Deanery) Oct. 11 and Humboldt Oct. 12 – include celebration of Mass with the bishop, presentation of a BAA video, and descriptions of some of the many ministries supported by the Appeal.

Justice and Peace conference tackles food issues

Food – it's essential, fundamental and always of interest. It is also intimately connected to living the gospel, to justice and peace, to health and well being.

Some of those issues and implications will be explored at an upcoming conference being organized in Saskatoon by the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace.

“What's On Your Plate? Addressing food, poverty and health” is the theme of the conference to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive in Saskatoon.

“This is an invitation to learn where our food comes from; where, how and how much it is processed; and how poverty of nutrition impacts our lives, especially the poor,” said planning committee member Carol Zubiak.

“Together we will explore ways that we can respond, as Catholics from all areas of the diocese and beyond, and working whenever possible with our ecumenical partners.”

Questions addressed during the conference will include: “What kind of food are you eating? What is food poverty and what are the health consequences? How can we help?”

Other volunteers on the organizing committee are Sean O'Connor, Connie Crichton, Sr. Judy Schachtel, SMS, Sr. Virginia Scissons, NDS, and Lisette Couling, working with Bishop Don Bolen.



Zubiak said the hope is that “people in the pews” from parishes across the diocese – including areas outside the city – will participate in the conference and engage in the questions and possible responses.

Conference sessions will include “Food and Agriculture for fully nourished living, within a gospel perspective” presented by speaker Nettie Wiebe, professor of Church and Society at St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon. She teaches ethics, ecology social justice and positive human rights, especially the right to food. The mother of four, Wiebe is an avid gardener and organic farmer of livestock and grains, peas, lentils and oilseeds.

A panel discussion led by Patrick Lapointe will address “Food and healthy partnerships that work.” Recently retired

from Saskatoon Community Clinic, Lapointe has been active in health system development for more than 30 years, in areas of home care, long term care, and health care coordination. He advocates for the needs of the vulnerable, such as the elderly, those with disabilities, the poor, and First Nations people.

The conference fee is \$30, which will include a nutritious lunch, said Zubiak. Pre-register before Oct. 30, by calling the Catholic Pastoral Centre at 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

“These are powerful, fundamental questions,” she said, noting how the conference echoes with the Beatitudes and with Jesus' challenge “whatsoever you do to the least of my people, you do unto me.”

- KLY

Diocesan Administration Day launches season of activity

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Plans, ministries and initiatives for the year ahead were addressed during a diocesan Administration Day held Sept. 7 in Saskatoon.

Priests, Parish Life Directors, ministry leaders, and parish staff members were among those to gather at St. Mary's Parish with Bishop Donald Bolen for a full day of presentations and distribution of information and resources.

The day began with prayers reflecting First Nations traditions, which were led by Our Lady of Guadalupe parish representatives. It concluded with celebration of the Eucharist and a commissioning of lay pastoral ministers by the bishop.

Throughout the annual meeting, a wide range of ministries and initiatives were introduced, as were new pastors, parish staff and ministry personnel.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) was launched at Administration Day, with representatives of the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation Office introducing the 2011 theme: "Building Pathways of Hope" through a video and other resources.

In another presentation by the Catholic

Foundation Office, Jocelyne Hamoline described efforts to promote the concept of planned giving, as a way to leave a legacy to one's faith community at either the parish or diocesan level.

She noted that about 10 per cent of Canadians have made a planned gift of some kind, with some 34 percent of those who have made a will saying they would make a planned gift if they were asked.

Hamoline told parish leaders that she is willing to come out to speak in parishes or to local organizations about the planned giving program, or to provide information about setting up a parish planned giving team.

"You don't have to be rich to make a planned gift: most planned gifts are made from people of modest means," she stressed, describing it as a way to leave a legacy, directing resources to something we care about. "We are blessed when we share."

Other presentations during the diocesan event addressed: the work of a Miscarriage Awareness Committee (*see Page 6*); Str8-Up, a group working to support those leaving behind gangs (*Page 6*);



During celebration of Mass at the conclusion of Administration Day, Bishop Don Bolen receives the gifts from representatives of lay pastoral associates. Later, the bishop commissioned lay pastoral ministers from across the diocese.

implementation of the new English translation of prayers for the Mass (*Page 4-5*); an update about the new cathedral (*Page 13*); the 2012 International Eucharistic Congress in Ireland (*Page 16*), and the work of the Canadian Bible Society.

Dr. Terrence Downey, the new president of St. Thomas More College spoke to the diocesan gathering, introducing himself and his vision of Catholic higher education. Downey served for 12 years as president of St. Mary's College in Calgary.

"We have a sobering opportunity to prepare this current generation to face the challenges and decisions, particularly in the area of ethics, that we can't even imagine," he said.

Establishing an endowed Chair of Catholic Studies at St. Thomas More College is a priority, added Downey. This independent, permanent position will become a centre for the study of the Catholic Church, its belief and ethics, and will be a resource to the entire Catholic community, Downey predicted.

Proposals and changes reviewed during diocesan gathering

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Proposals and information related to Christian initiation in parishes, refugee issues in the diocese, the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace, and interfaith dialogue were among the many issues discussed Sept. 7 during an Administration Day held for parish leaders from across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

Ministry for Christian Initiation

Bishop Donald Bolen, Fr. Michael Koch and Michelle Sieben introduced the idea of each parish creating an umbrella committee to oversee the Ministry for Christian Initiation – in all its forms.

This committee would be responsible for all issues regarding Christian Initiation in the parish – including RCIA for both adults and children, sacramental preparation of children for confirmation and first Eucharist, infant baptism programs for parents, and ongoing faith formation of new Catholics.

Koch, who serves as the director of Christian Initiation for the diocese, said he can see many advantages to putting ministry related to the sacraments of Christian initiation – baptism, confirmation and Eucharist – under one committee, with a common understanding and vision of initiation.

"It would be for the sake of greater clarity, consolidation of resources, and greater success in carrying out more effectively, the church's mission of evangelization, initiation and catechesis in the life of the parish," Koch said. "It's not that what we're doing is wrong or bad, it's been good, but arguably, we can make it better."

Beginning with several pilot projects in parishes might be a good way to start implementing the new vision of Ministry for Christian Initiation, Koch said.

Michelle Sieben of the diocesan Rural Catechetics Office described the connections she has experienced between her background in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the work she is currently involved in – the catechesis and sacramental preparation of children.

"The General Directory for Catechesis says that the model for all catechesis should come from the RCIA model," she noted.

The proposed Ministry for Christian Initiation model could have many positive effects, suggested Sieben.

One combined team in a parish could work together and develop a common vision, she said. It would deepen understanding about the importance of baptism and the centrality of the paschal mystery – and would make clear that confirmation and Eucharist are a beginning, not an end of the journey, she said.

"I would like us to seriously consider the model that is being put forth," said the bishop. "It is a model which I think would allow us to initiate people into Christian discipleship more effectively than we are at present."

Bolen noted the challenge of evangelization in our world where many find it difficult to believe. "As a church

we need to learn to be better prepared in communicating our hope, in communicating the reasons we believe. We do that not only by evangelizing but in introducing people to the Christian life."

He added that the Restored Order of the Sacraments of Initiation which the diocese has implemented over the past several years (in which children celebrate the sacrament of confirmation at an earlier age, in conjunction with first communion) has raised challenges. However, the restored order is pointing precisely toward this kind of cohesive model of Christian initiation, the bishop said.

"I think we're trying to sow seeds in your imagination," the bishop told parish leadership. "Have this model in the back of your minds and see if it might help in streamlining some of the catechetical work in your parish."

Refugee Sponsorship

Another proposal raised during Administration Day concerned the creation of a more structured diocesan office to address issues related to refugees and refugee sponsorship.

Ellen Erickson, refugee sponsorship organizer for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon (which is a government-recognized Sponsorship Agreement Holder), described her years of volunteer work assisting parishes in sponsoring refugees to come to Canada.

"You may be surprised to know that when a parish sponsors, a portion of the financial support which a parish provides can range from 100 per cent right down to zero," she said. Similarly, settlement support could be as minimal as having one or two parishioners becoming friends with the newcomers, Erickson described.

The time it takes from application to arrival varies from case to case, she added, advising any parishes interested in refugee sponsorship to contact her with their questions.

Erickson stressed that for parishes that really see no way to actually sponsor a refugee, there are other ways to help: in particular, by undertaking advocacy work, raising awareness about the realities facing refugees and the hurdles that exist in trying to welcome refugees to Canada.

She noted that in recent years there has been a lot of "negative propaganda" about refugees.

"It's misleading, it's xenophobic ... and it leaves the average Canadian apprehensive about refugees." There is a lot of work to do to highlight the need to support and protect refugees as a humanitarian obligation, she said.

Bishop Donald Bolen noted that the need to establish a paid diocesan position to work with refugee sponsorship and other issues has been recognized, and is under consideration.

This was the strong recommendation of the late Fr. Paul Donlevy, who was actively involved in the issue, Bolen noted. "If you have any experience in refugee sponsorship, you know how tremendously valuable those resource persons like Ellen are, who can answer your questions and can navigate the government policy."

Office for Justice and Peace

The future of this proposed office might also be tied up with changes facing the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace he added.

With Tony Haynes having recently retired from his work as volunteer director of the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace because of health issues, provisions have been made to have other volunteers temporarily take on some of the more pressing Justice and Peace projects and issues in the diocese.

Bolen expressed a hope that there might one day be a unified diocesan office that would oversee and advocate for issues related to justice and peace, to pro-life work and refugee concerns.

"The Catholic ethical vision is a great, broad, wonderful vision which is concerned with human life at every step of the way," he said.

"There is no political party that embodies that kind of broad vision that we stand for," he said. "As we are dealing with all these fragments and pieces, this (unified office) is a long term vision to keep in our prayers."

Interfaith dialogue

The bishop also described a recent move in the diocese to separate interfaith relations from the work of the Saskatoon Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism.

"Ecumenical dialogue or relations are with those who are committed disciples of Jesus, those who are committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ," said Bolen, describing the imperative of Christians to work toward the unity that the Lord prayed for when he said "let them be one."

However, interfaith dialogue has other goals, he explained. "We are seeking common understanding, we're seeking to get rid of our misconceptions, and work together for the common good," he said. "But there is no sense that we should be united."

Therefore, a new committee has been established in the diocese for interfaith relations, he reported. "It's a Catholic committee that will coordinate the Catholic community's efforts in this diocese."

The Diocesan Interfaith Committee recently approached Multi-Faith Saskatoon about a joint celebration to mark the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage to Assisi to pray for peace alongside the leaders of the world's religions. As a result, this year's Festival of Faith 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 has as its theme "Pilgrimage of Peace." It will take place at St. Patrick parish.

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Tony Haynes, longtime director of the Office for Justice and Peace for the diocese of Saskatoon, in a photo taken at the annual ecumenical Way of the Cross that his office coordinated every Good Friday through downtown Saskatoon.

Longtime volunteer director retires from Office for Justice and Peace

Tony Haynes recently stepped down as director of Justice and Peace for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon for health reasons.

Haynes has served as director of the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace since about 1995, simply recalling that he arrived at the Catholic Pastoral Centre the year before Bishop James Weisgerber was appointed to the diocese of Saskatoon. Retired from teaching, he served in the diocesan position as a volunteer.

Described as “our conscience” and “a prophet and a poet,” Haynes’ dedicated and often tenacious work in the Office for Justice and Peace over the past 16 years has spanned a broad spectrum of issues, concerns and projects.

Grounded in Catholic social teaching, Haynes raised

awareness of issues through workshops, newsletters, networking with parish contacts, speaking up at countless diocesan gatherings, and writing many letters to the editor.

Working with a core advisory group of volunteers, he established well-received events such as the justice and peace Way of the Cross through city streets, and a New Year’s multi-faith peace event; and published issue “backgrounders” and profiles of “saints for justice and peace” on the diocesan website.

Haynes’ work always included liaisons and partnerships with many ecumenical and advocacy groups in the community.

A diocesan celebration of Tony Haynes and his contributions is planned, with details to be announced. -KLY

A message from Bishop Bolen on Tony Haynes’ retirement:

BY BISHOP DONALD BOLEN

On the first day I arrived at the pastoral centre offices in Saskatoon, I met Tony Haynes, who said “Welcome to the diocese of Saskatoon, where justice and peace flourish, sometimes.”

More often than not, when it did flourish, Tony Haynes was a part of the flourishing, sowing seeds, planting ideas, serving in a thousand ways.

Tony has been a prophetic voice in the diocese and the province, raising difficult and awkward questions, attending to the voices of suffering and marginalized and asking us to do likewise, organizing us to be mindful of the implications of our actions on those in most need.

From the preparation of our Good Friday stations of the cross to active engagement for restorative justice, from working for Station 20 West and the Good Food Junction to attending to individuals who brought their needs to our doorstep, from tangible initiatives addressing the needs of

the homeless to critical reflection from a faith perspective on issues pertaining to nuclear energy or the environment, from engagement with the state of agriculture and livelihood of farmers to ecumenical efforts in rural ministry leadership development, in conjunction with Development and Peace, Kairos, the Canadian Anti-Poverty coalition, the Community Development Fund, the Saskatoon Peace Council, and dozens of other agencies and initiatives, where the diocese of Saskatoon was involved, Tony was often at or near the centre of issues.

Tony is leaving us a noble legacy of involvement with matters pertaining to justice and peace, an inheritance of compassion towards those who are struggling and suffering. As a diocese, we wish Tony God’s abundant blessings in his retirement, with the assurance that he will always be welcome in any capacity as we strive to carry his good works forward.



Diocesan Pastoral Council presents input

At a June meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, deanery representatives brought back input from parishes across the diocese as part of a consultation about ordained ministry and an increasing shortage of priests available to serve in the diocese of Saskatoon. The information, feedback and suggestions are now being reviewed and will assist in making decisions about how best to proceed, said Bishop Don Bolen, expressing appreciation for the great effort that parishes and deaneries undertook to meet and gather the input during a busy season.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES presents: A strength-based workshop for professionals who work with children, youth and families, presented by Dr. Larry Brendtro: *“Reclaiming Children and Youth”* 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16. Call: 244-7773 or: staff@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS give couples planning marriage the opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their future lives together. Upcoming dates are **May 4 to 6** and **June 22 to 24**. For more information see: www.ceewest.com with registration available online or contact Heather and Craig Stomp (306) 682-3326.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER offers a weekend of discovery for a lifetime of love. Don’t hesitate to invest one weekend in the most important relationship in your life – your marriage. Dates include **Oct. 21-23** Retreat House, Lumsden SK.; **Feb. 3-5** Ramada Hotel, Saskatoon; **Apr. 27-29** St. Peter’s Abbey, Muenster, SK. To register, contact Marc and Anita Loiselle loiselle@baudoux.ca or (306) 258-2192.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HOSTS A STEAK NIGHT fund-raiser Oct. 18 at Mulberry’s, Saskatoon. All are welcome For tickets contact Kevin and Kim Taylor at kandktaylor@shaw.ca or call (306) 382-4549

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER – a simple method of Christ-centred silent prayer which can lead to a closer union with God – **9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15** at St. Peter the Apostle parish in Saskatoon (includes soup lunch), followed by six follow-up sessions from 9 a.m. to 10:15 on Saturdays from Oct. 22 to Nov. 26. Cost is \$25. To register, call St. Peter Parish office at 382-5503.

A REFUGEE SPONSOR SUPPORT NETWORK GATHERING and potluck will be held Sunday, **Oct. 23** from 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, corner of 12th St. E. and Wiggins Ave., Saskatoon. Come with questions and stories about refugee sponsorship. **Hear more about sponsorship of Iraqi refugees referred by the government.** Bring a special dish to share as part of the potluck. RSVP by Oct. 21 to June Rivard at (306) 373-4938.

Saskatoon man speaks out about religious persecution of Christians in Pakistan

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

A Saskatoon Catholic originally from Pakistan is working to raise awareness about the persecution of Christians in that country.

Imtiaz Nadeem Bhatti has been writing to church and government officials asking for support for persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in Pakistan. He is also working to launch a petition that he hopes to present to the Canadian government, asking Canada to put pressure on Pakistan to repeal blasphemy laws used to seize property, and to imprison and kill innocent Christians.

His latest concern involves a petition filed by an Islamic cleric, calling on Pakistan’s Supreme Court to ban the Bible.

“The suggestion to ban the Bible is another huge blow against religious freedom and human rights in Pakistan, and puts Christians in ever greater danger,” said Nadeem Bhatti.

He describes how some 4,000 persons have been accused under blasphemy laws in Pakistan, including Asia Bibi, a poverty-stricken Christian mother who is in prison and facing a death sentence because another woman in her village accused her of blaspheming against Islam.

Pressure from extremists means that even members of the government dare not oppose the blasphemy laws, Nadeem Bhatti said. For instance, when the governor of Punjab, Salmaan Taseer, a Muslim, spoke out against the blasphemy laws, he



Nadeem Imtiaz Bhatti

was assassinated by his personal bodyguard.

“My own uncle, Shahbaz Bhatti, the only Christian in the cabinet of the government of Pakistan, was assassinated March 2 for his efforts to help the many Christians in that country who are suffering violence and persecution because of their beliefs,” he related.

Nadeem Bhatti described how most Christians in Pakistan are poor and powerless, and have no recourse or protection from rampant persecution.

He is hoping that church and government leaders — and ordinary Canadians — will speak up on behalf of the persecuted Christians in Pakistan. He is one of those working to have Pakistan recognized by the United Nations as a source of refugees, so applications from persecuted Christians will be

treated with urgency by Canada and other nations.

“I would hope that Catholics and all concerned citizens around the province would add their voices to those across the world who are calling for religious freedom in Pakistan,” he said.

“As a worldwide leader in promoting human rights, Canada can bring attention to this situation, and hopefully influence the government of Pakistan to protect Christians in that country.”

Nadeem Bhatti said that he hopes that parishes in the diocese of Saskatoon will agree to circulate his petition about the issue. He is willing to speak at parishes or before local groups about the situation in Pakistan.

Bishop Donald Bolen said he supports the petition and the work that Nadeem Bhatti is doing to raise awareness and to help the Christian community in Pakistan.

“I invite the parishes and the people of the diocese to put ourselves in the shoes of someone coming from another country, where one’s family, friends and faith community are being persecuted,” said Bolen. “Nadeem Bhatti is trying to do everything he can to help the Catholic community in Pakistan at a difficult time. I offer him my support and encouragement in his efforts to make us aware of the events in his homeland, and to engage us as fellow Catholics, here in his new home.”

Nadeem Imtiaz Bhatti can be reached at savepeace@yahoo.com

New Roman Missal and General Instruction

Reflecting on new translation of Mass at diocesan gathering

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

On two hot sunny days in June, priests, ministry leaders and parish representatives from across the Catholic diocese of Saskatoon gathered at Holy Family parish to discuss changes to the Mass that will be implemented on the first Sunday of Advent.

Priests, deacons and seminarians gathered June 28 to consider the new translations of the Eucharistic prayers in the revised Roman Missal that has been approved for all English-speaking peoples around the world. The next day, lay leaders joined priests for a look at the changes in the Mass and acclamations from the perspective of the congregation.

In his welcome to some 300 participants at the larger gathering June 29, Bishop Donald Bolen thanked parish and ministry leaders for their daily commitment to the life of the church, and acknowledged some of the challenges around implementing the new translation of prayers for the Mass.

"Our conviction as a diocese is that first of all, we need to prepare, we need to do this well. Secondly, we need to enter into these changes in a spirit of community," said Bolen.

"It is good to remind ourselves that it is because of love of the Eucharist, and it is because of the power of God's presence in our midst, that we do bring so much emotion and energy to this."

The two inservice days were organized by the diocesan Lit-



Liturgy Commission chair Karen Schreiner and director of liturgy Fr. David Tumback led diocesan workshops about the revised Roman Missal held in June. Changes to the Mass will be implemented beginning Nov. 26-27, the First Sunday of Advent.

urgy Commission, under the leadership of commission chair Karen Schreiner and director of liturgy Fr. David Tumback.

At the June 29 session, Schreiner noted how the new translation is closer to the Latin original, with clearer allusions to scripture in many cases. The changes provide a perfect opportunity to deepen understanding about the liturgy in general, she added.

"It is going to be wonderful for the people, when we begin to catechize, to explain," she said. "All that's asked of us is to enter into it with our heart and soul."

Schreiner walked through the changes in the prayers, accla-

mations and responses of the assembly, describing how Latin words and phrases are restored in the new translation.

For instance, when the presider says "*The Lord be with you*," the response in English will be "*And with your spirit*," adhering to the Latin, and bringing the English response in line with other languages around the world, Schreiner noted, referring to a range of biblical references for the scripturally-based greeting.

"This new translation is there to enrich the text along the lines of a long liturgical tradition, and along with its biblical roots."

In the "*confiteor*" or "I

confess," the original Latin wording of "*Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault*" has been restored – one of several "triads" found throughout the Mass, Schreiner described.

"It is stronger language, more colourful language," she said, noting that the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) will also again ask the assembly to strike the breast at this point – something that will be familiar to those who remember Mass in Latin.

In another instance, the scriptural roots of "*Lord I am not worthy to receive you*" will be clearer with the restoration of the words "*under my roof*," she described.

Slight changes to the wording of both the Nicene and Apostle's Creed were also reviewed. It was noted that catechetical materials and teaching resources about the new translation were expected in the weeks ahead.

Schreiner gave a brief overview of the Eucharistic prayers. In response to a question about posture, she noted that the General Instruction calls for the assembly to kneel during the consecration. The objective is to have unity in posture, she said.

Musical settings

The new translation will mean revisions to musical settings of the Mass, with new wording affecting the Gloria and the Sanctus ("*Holy, Holy, Holy*"). In addition, one familiar Memorial Acclamation – "*Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again*" – will no longer be used.

Addressing questions of music, Fr. David Tumback began by inviting the assembly to sing a familiar version of the Sanctus, teaching the revised wording in a matter of seconds.

"Do not fret, because the majority of this has already been rewritten for you in Masses that you are familiar with," Tumback assured the crowd.

He urged parish music leaders to begin to look at

options, which include purchasing the music for revised Mass settings, or for one of the new settings being introduced for the new translation.

Any Mass settings that have not been rewritten to accommodate the new wording of the prayers cannot be used after Nov. 27, he stressed, adding that copyright laws prohibit anyone from making changes to settings on their own.

The diocesan Liturgy Commission is available to assist parishes in making the transition, added Tumback, acknowledging that for some smaller congregations with limited musical resources, having to learn something new may be very taxing. "We want to assure you that we are here to help you as much as we can."

He encouraged parish leaders to check out Oregon Catholic Press and GIA Publications website information and sample their sound files, as well as going to the CCCB website for options and resources.

A musical workshop "*Keynotes in the New Missal*" will also be offered Oct. 18-19 at St. Augustine's parish in Humboldt (details below).

"The spirit in which this is done is going to be so important. You in your communities already know what this is going to take in terms of implementation," Tumback said. "We need to move forward in a spirit of oneness."

Challenges abound, and there will be mistakes, predicted Tumback, suggesting that all be prepared to laugh together when that happens.

A few minutes later, when the assembly reverted to "*And also with you*" during the closing blessing by the bishop, the diocesan gathering did just that: bursting into laughter at the return to the familiar phrase.

"Let's use this opportunity to build and strengthen the unity of the church," concluded the bishop.

"Let us be very creative and very faithful in our efforts to implement these changes."



Representatives of parishes and choirs from across the diocese gathered at Holy Family parish June 29 for a workshop about the new translation of the Roman Missal.

Liturgy Commission – supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

'Keynotes in the New Missal': Conference in Humboldt Oct. 18 - 19

St. Augustine Parish in Humboldt will host a three-part conference over two days this fall for all those who desire to learn about the upcoming changes in the Roman Missal.

The new translation and general instructions will be implemented in all Canadian parishes on the First Sunday of Advent, 2011.

"Keynotes in the New Missal" will be presented Oct. 18 - 19, featuring speakers Fr. Geoffrey Angeles of the archdiocese of Winnipeg, and Bernadette Gasslein of Edmonton.

Fr. Geoffrey Angeles is one of three Canadians commissioned by the Catholic Conference of Bishops (CCCB) to compose

music for the new Mass texts. He serves on the National Council for Liturgical Music, is pastor at two Manitoba parishes, and is pursuing graduate studies in music and liturgy at Notre Dame University in Indiana.

Bernadette Gasslein is editor of the liturgy magazine *Celebrate!* and holds a Licence in Sacred Theology from the *Institut Catholique de Paris*. She has also co-authored several books about liturgy.

The Humboldt conference begins with a session from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 entitled "*What's new? What's the Difference? What Now?*" which will explore the basics of the new translation and the revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM).

Participants will also be introduced to four new musical settings of the Mass.

The second session – "*Be Not Afraid: The GIRM for Musicians*" – will be held 6:30 pm. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Finally, the third session, 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 19 will explore "*The Joys of Psalmody: Not just the Responsorial Psalm*."

Participants can register for the full workshop for \$55 (includes supper Oct. 18) or for individual workshops at \$15 per session.

For more information, contact: Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers at (306) 682-2106 or e-mail: staug.marlou@sasktel.net

To download the brochure visit the parish website: www.humboldt.saskatooncatholic.ca



Fr. Geoffrey Angeles



Bernadette Gasslein

New Roman Missal and General Instruction



Changes to the words of the Mass will be noticed beginning the first Sunday of Advent, as all around the world, English-speaking Catholics receive a new translation of the Roman Missal. Parishes across the diocese of Saskatoon are planning how best to help congregations understand and grow familiar with the new wording and revised instructions.

Ideas for introducing the changes include education sessions; laminated cards in the pews showing responses and prayers; and the use of resources such as slide shows and DVDS to explore both the changes to the translation and liturgy in general. Facilitators have been trained in each deanery to present an overview of the new translation. For information about who to contact in your area, call Elan Ehresman at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. 229. More information and resources can also be found on the Canadian website: www.romanmissal.ca

Overview of the changes:

- **The Mass will have the same parts, patterns and structure that it has had for the past several decades**, but the translation of the original Latin has been redone.
- **The new translation adheres to the principle of “formal equivalence.”** That means the translation will correspond much more closely to the exact words and phrasing of the Latin text, with clearer allusions to scripture.
- **The contents of the book that has been called the “sacramentary” have also been expanded** with more celebrations, prayers and feast days. The current “sacramentary” will be out of date as of Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, with the introduction of the new Roman Missal in English.
- **Silence, reverence and transcendence are emphasized** in the revised General Instruction for the Roman Missal (GIRM).
- **The general instruction calls for unity of posture during the celebration of liturgy. The assembly will be asked to kneel during the consecration**, from after the “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” to the start of the “*Memorial Acclamation*” (mystery of faith), unless physically unable to kneel.
- **The English translation will be used in countries around the world including** Canada, the United States, England and Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Pakistan and India.

Parts of the Mass showing some of the changes to the people’s responses:

1. Introductory Rites

Greeting:

Priest: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Or: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Or: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act (A) The *Confiteor*:

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.
(*Striking the breast:*) through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

or

Penitential Act (B)

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord
People: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy
People: And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, We bless you,
We adore you, We glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

2. Liturgy of the Word

In the Liturgy of the Word, there are slight changes to the wording of both versions of the Creed. The Apostle’s Creed will now be translated as:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

3. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the offerings:

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: And with your spirit
Priest: Lift up our hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.
People: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again
Or: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.
Or: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And with your Spirit.
Deacon/Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

4. Concluding Rites

Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Or: Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.
Or: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Or: Go in peace.
People: Thanks be to God.

Outreach and healing

Committee raising awareness about impact of miscarriage

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Faith communities are called to reach out to those suffering the loss of a child through miscarriage – but it can be difficult to know how to respond, or where to find resources to help.

A new diocesan Miscarriage Awareness Committee is working to fill that gap.

In a presentation to pastors, parish and ministry leaders from across the diocese at an Administration Day Sept. 7, committee members described the impact of a miscarriage on women, couples and families. They also suggested possible pastoral responses, and pointed to resources now posted on the diocesan website.

Elan Ehresman works with the committee as part of her role as coordinator of both the Ministry Development and the Marriage and Family Life offices in the diocese. She said getting involved in the Miscarriage Awareness Committee opened her eyes to what is often a hidden pain.

"I have learned much about the suffering associated with miscarriage, about the need for healing, and about the longing for acknowledgment," she said of her involvement with the new committee, which was the first time she had encountered the issue.

"It has become really important for me to celebrate life from its very beginnings," Ehresman said.

When women delay in announcing a pregnancy, waiting until they get past the first few months, they may be cutting themselves off from much-needed support if their child is lost in a miscarriage, she noted. "Let's celebrate that life," she said. "And if that child dies, we can be a compassionate people, and a support for those mourning the loss of a child."

Shannon Granger's experience of a miscarriage led her and



Members of the Miscarriage Awareness Committee include (back l-r): Russ Hannan, Deb Bauche, Carol Kostiuik, Ethna Martin, Blake Sittler; (front, l-r): Shirley Hannan, Elan Ehresman, and Shannon Granger, holding daughter Alexis. Resources related to miscarriage are now posted at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/miscarriage

husband Daniel to seek support from their faith community – and their journey ultimately prompted the establishment of the Miscarriage Awareness Committee.

"We have four babies, but we have only met three of them," Shannon said with emotion, sharing the experience of losing her third child.

"I was healthy, the baby was normal, and I even heard the baby's heartbeat in December," she said. "At an appointment in January, my doctor could not find a heartbeat. We went for an ultrasound and my doctor confirmed there was no heartbeat. My baby had died, most likely three weeks earlier. So 2010 did not start out well for our family."

Shannon added: "We were very fortunate that we had told our family and friends about the pregnancy, so that when we had to tell them that we had lost the baby, we experienced an enormous outpouring of love and support."

She said experiencing this loss gave her new insight into the suffering of friends and family who had miscarriages in the past.

"I never understood, saying

common phrases, like 'you can try again' or 'at least it was early' – not understanding how hurtful those words were, until it happened to us."

Through conversations with friends and family, and with others who had lost babies through miscarriage, Shannon and Daniel decided they wanted to have a church service. With the pastor's support, they planned a Liturgy of the Word to celebrate and remember their baby.

"It didn't take long for me to realize that the grief of miscarriage can often be overlooked, and is often not shared outside the immediate family, which means many couples and single mothers suffer alone," said Granger.

"Also, in preparing our liturgy, Fr. Lawrence had said he hadn't been part of a service or celebration in the case of a miscarriage in all of his years of being a priest."

This was a stunning revelation, given how many families are affected by miscarriage, she said. "The richness of our tradition in

liturgical worship, and the power of communal prayer are underutilized when it comes to miscarriage."

Through conversations that Shannon initiated with the diocesan office of Marriage and Family Life, the Miscarriage Awareness Committee was eventually established. The committee has now gathered a range of information and resources. Posted on the diocesan website are materials on what to say and do when someone has suffered a miscarriage; a number of liturgies and memorial services, including a naming ceremony; as well as information about grieving.

"As for my family, 2010 ended very well, with the birth of Alexis," concluded Granger.

Shirley and Russ Hannan, a couple married more than 32 years, spoke about their experience as a couple affected by four miscarriages: in 1981, 1982 1985 and 2004. "These are dates that are forever etched in our lives," said Russ.

"For so long, no one ever talked about miscarriage. I don't really think people thought about it as a loss for a family. It was just something to get over," said Shirley.

"We have been taught that life begins at conception, and we really need to step up and show that we believe this by recognizing families at their time of loss with compassion and understanding," added Russ.

The pregnancy that ended in miscarriage in 2004 was a surprise to the Hannans, who by that time had three grown children. "It came as a complete shock. We ended up in emergency with the remains of a tiny baby that fit in the palm of our hands," recalled Shirley. A compassionate nurse explained the

options, and the Hannans, still in shock, opted to have their baby interred in a shared plot available at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Later, the couple learned there was a service every June at Woodlawn for all those who had lost children through miscarriage. "I attended the service on my own as Russ was out of town. Fr. Kevin McGee led the service," said Shirley.

"There were a lot more people there than I expected, affected by miscarriage. Every story was different, but they all had the loss of life, whether it was two weeks, or full term. A life had begun, and a life had ended."

Twenty-five percent of pregnancies end in miscarriage, defined as the loss of a fetus before the 20th week of pregnancy, said committee member Carol Kostiuik, one of four parish nurses serving in parishes in the diocese.

"I feel part of my ministry encompasses awareness around miscarriages, both in the capacity of information and programming in the parishes, as well as for the priests," she said, advocating building bridges of knowledge, compassion and healing services to help the grieving family, recalling her own experience.

"We dealt with it on our own," she said of the loss of her baby. "It would have meant so much to us if we could have just talked to someone in our parish who had experienced a miscarriage too."

Kostiuik also said it is important to ask priests and pastoral workers to reach out to parishioners by having the subject mentioned, by offering services, or by having the subject validated by such measures as having children lost through miscarriages included in the book of remembrance in November.

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Str8-Up: helping recovering gang members

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Ex-gang members are working to create an anti-gang book for children in Grades 6 to 8 with the help of Str8-Up, an organization that supports and encourages recovering gang members on their journey of healing.

Str8-Up representatives spoke to parish leaders from across the diocese of Saskatoon Sept. 7 at an annual diocesan Administration Day, describing the book project and the need for financial support.

"The gangs are around, but not only in the cities but in rural areas, the north and on the reserves," said Diann Block who works as a cultural coordinator at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre.

A creative writing program has been

introduced at the prison, she noted. "These men love to write, they're excellent writers. They love to draw. They are excellent artists. And they also care about their communities and all those kids that are still out there in danger of getting hooked into the gangs."

The proposed book is totally a Str8-Up project, said Block, stressing the project is not being funded by Corrections or the Saskatoon Correctional Centre.

Str8-Up is a non-profit organization working in cooperation with the John Howard Society and Kinsman Activity Place. It receives some funding from the United Way and the Kinsmen Club. Therefore, Str8-Up is seeking financial

support for the project, to get the book published and into the schools.

An English professor and a masters student from the University of Saskatchewan are voluntarily helping the men with their writing, and the publisher is donating the majority of her company's services to the project. However, a minimum of \$5,000 will still be needed to get the project off the ground, the diocesan gathering heard.

Str8-Up works with individuals both in the community and in prisons who want to get out of gang life, said Stan Tu'inukuafe, the coordinator of Str8-Up for the John Howard Society in Saskatoon.

"We help them find employment, housing, access to education programs and treatment centres," he said.

Dwayne Sasakamoose, Jr., described what Str8-Up meant to him.

"I was involved in gangs from a young age, in my teenage years," he said. "There are a lot of wasted lives because of being involved in gangs."

Sasakamoose described how he eventually connected with Fr. André Poilièvre, and how, with the Saskatoon priest's help, began working to turn his life around.

Workshops and support through Str8-Up made a big difference, he added. "Without Str8-Up I would still be in the penitentiary I think – or dead."

The book project is a way for Str8-Up



Dwayne Sasakamoose and Stan Tu'inukuafe (l-r) described the Str8-Up program. They are seeking funds for an anti-gang book project.

members to give something back, and to reach out to young people at risk, organizers said.

The Str8-Up program requires participants to drop gang colours, deal with addictions, be honest, humble, and willing to give the program a chance, asking them to take part for at least four years. Goals include becoming responsible citizens, faithful partners and loving parents. In addition to walking with individuals, the program offers workshops, presentations and group discussions on addiction, abuse, violence, racism, gangs and the negative effects of living a criminal life style.

Each day, sisters and brothers in Christ from across our diocese – and beyond – are admitted to hospital in Saskatoon, facing illness, suffering and fear, in journeys through the health care system that often include a great spiritual longing for understanding, prayer, and connection.

Committed, caring volunteers are vital in answering this need. Areas where spiritual care volunteers can make a difference include Sunday pastoral visiting and bringing communion to Catholics, and assistance in setting up and serving during liturgies at Royal University and Saskatoon City Hospitals in Saskatoon. If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to share your time, your compassion and your listening heart in this ministry, please consider applying to be a volunteer. Training and support will be provided. **Call diocesan chaplaincy coordinator Céline Hudon at: (306) 292-5531**

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Vocations and mission



Fr. Geoffrey Young (left) is now associate pastor at Holy Spirit parish in Saskatoon, and Fr. Matthew Ramsay is associate pastor at St. Philip Neri parish in Saskatoon.



The assembly prayed for the young men as they lay on the floor before the altar.

- Photos by Tim Yaworski

Diocesan participant joins 'On Eagles' Wings' northern project

This summer, volunteers with "On Eagles' Wings," an ecumenical group based in Edmonton, presented crafts, games, songs and Bible Stories to children in northern Canada, around the theme of SPLASH – "Show People Love and Share Happiness."

On Eagles' Wings was formed 12 years ago with the goal of supporting ministry in the north. The organization is widely known for its summer Bible schools, but also offers year-round ministry, including training and coordinating local adults.

Volunteers Mary Kehrig from Holy Family parish in Saskatoon, Kathryn Scott from Swift Current, and Roger Plouffe of Edmonton ministered to 51 different youth from Aug. 1-5, with an average of 21 participating per day, dropping in at the summer bible school in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT.

The children's varied time schedule and commitment kept volunteers "on our toes



to being flexible for the situation," said Kehrig.

On Eagles' Wings led one-week Bible schools in 30 communities this summer, across northern parts of Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, as well as the Northwest

Territories and Nunavut. Fort Simpson, Pine Channel, Wabasca, Sandy Lake, Resolute Bay, Grise Feord, Alkavick and Inuvik are among the other communities where volunteers ministered to local youth.

The program offers a great cultural learning experience, while enriching faith understanding, said Kehrig, who was encouraged by the Diocesan Mission Office to take part.

A daily key Bible verse, plus a New Testament reading provided insight into making good choices and loving God's way. Hopefully, this will inspire youth to stand strong no matter what comes their way, she said.

Two priests ordained for diocese June 10

By KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Geoffrey Young, 25, of Saskatoon, and Matthew Ramsay, 29, of Humboldt were ordained June 10 as priests for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

Bishop Donald Bolen presided at the ordination of the two young men, who were surrounded by friends, family, parish and diocesan representatives, seminarians and clergy from across western Canada and the United States in a joyful celebration at St. Patrick parish in Saskatoon.

Seminary representatives offered testimony about each of the candidates, with Fr. Rory Pitstick, formation director at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon presenting Ramsay to the bishop, and Fr. Shayne Craig, rector of St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton presenting Young.

In his homily, Bolen cited the testimony that Ramsay and Young had themselves given the night before, at a prayer service organized by the diocesan Vocations Commission.

"We could hear how the winds of the Holy Spirit had blown in their lives, of how the unchained Word of God has been in the process of transforming them. Now, in being ordained to the priesthood, they are being sent forth," the bishop said.

"When you baptize, you will bring men and women into the people of God. In the sacrament of penance, you will forgive sins in the name of Christ and the Church. With holy oil you will relieve and console the sick. You will celebrate the liturgy and offer thanks and praise to God throughout the day, praying not only for the people of God but for the whole world," Bolen said, quoting from the rite.

Before embarking on this mission, it is important to situate oneself among those that Jesus has come to set free, the bishop told the candidates for priesthood. "You also are the poor, you are the broken hearted, you are those in need of liberation," Bolen said, citing St. Paul's image of clay jars holding a great treasure.

"As priests, you will always live in that tension between who you are as a clay pot, and the treasure that you hold, the treasure that you have been given to proclaim and to live. Hold fast to that tension, and live in that tension, because God dwells there."

The paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus can be seen in the ordination rite, when the candidates for priesthood lie prostrate before the altar, he noted. "It is a letting go of the dreams and pursuits that you might have chosen for your life. It is an entry into our resurrection." That paschal mystery of dying and rising is part of every human life, and it is the role of a priest is to identify, proclaim and call forth that mystery, he described.

The rite of ordination continued with Young and Ramsay promising to serve faithfully and reverently, and pledging obedience to the bishop and his successors. As a sign of surrender to God, the two young men lay prostrate upon the floor in front of the altar as the assembly prayed for the intercession of the saints and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The bishop then conferred ordination by laying his hands upon the head of Young and Ramsay – a gesture repeated by the many priests present at the celebration, as a sign of unity and shared spirit.

After a prayer of consecration by the bishop, Ramsay and Young were vested with the stole (a sign of the priestly office) and the chasuble (the Eucharistic vestment). Each newly-ordained priest then knelt before the bishop, who anointed their hands with the Sacred Chrism oil, blessed at the diocesan Chrism Mass in Holy Week.

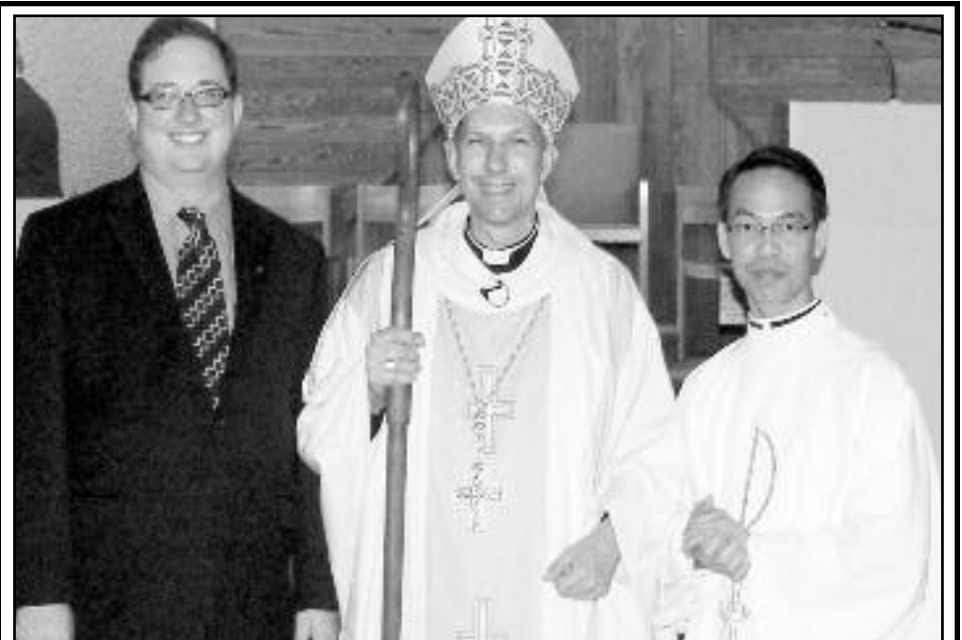
Members of the Young and Ramsay families brought forward the gifts for the Eucharistic celebration. A chalice and paten were presented by the bishop to each of the newly-ordained priests, who then joined Bolen at the altar to celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist.

Fr. Geoffrey Young is the son of Maureen and Jerald Young of Saskatoon. He grew up as a member of Holy Spirit parish and attended St. Bernard and Holy Cross Catholic schools in Saskatoon.

Fr. Matthew Ramsay is the son of Melanie and James Ramsay of Humboldt. He grew up as a member of St. Augustine parish in Humboldt and attended St. Dominic Catholic school and Humboldt Collegiate Institute.

For more coverage, see the news article archive at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com

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Two deacons ordained

Bishop Donald Bolen stands with Gregory Roth (left) and Hoang Nguyen at the May ordination of seminarian Hoang Nguyen to the transitional diaconate, another step on the journey to the priesthood. Bishop Bolen also ordained Gregory Roth to the transitional diaconate at a celebration the next night in Rosetown. The two deacons have returned to their seminaries for another year of study. For more coverage of this story, see: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm

Watch for the "Brazil Bulletin" to be published in the November/December edition of the Diocesan Newsletter.

Called to the Single Life: celebrating vocation

The diocesan Vocations Office hosted a daylong retreat May 28 for those living out the single vocation. Thirteen participants took part in this day of reflection, prayer, discussion and fun held at Queen's House in Saskatoon.

Some who attended were living out the call to single life by choice, while others embraced this call that circumstance had given them.

Those attending came from many diverse backgrounds and discernment histories: for example, participants ranged in age from 22 years to their seventies. Widows, widowers, single mothers and young people living out committed single life were among those who journeyed together for the day, discovering unity and fellowship within the single state of life regardless of what brought them to this path.

The retreat day, which began in prayer and ended in Mass, featured a rich collection of talks delivered through a lens of lived experience and an extensive understanding of the baptismal call to live out a life rooted in vocation.

Speaker Donna Kristian began the morning sharing the rich history and necessity of the single life within the Church, including God's call to all of us through the prophets of those we encounter in our daily lives inviting us to deeper holiness and meaning. Kristian stressed



Jeremy Rude spoke at the May 28 retreat.

trust in God, and the importance of praying always and living out a life where discernment never ceases.

Keynote speaker Jeremy Rude of Ottawa led the group through three powerful sessions. Through reflection, and personal examples Rude challenged people "not to stay at the cross," saying that "we cannot become trapped in the circumstances of our lives." Rather we need to walk forward in assurance that God calls us off the cross into relationship and trust.

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Rude said that living a meaningful single life can take planning, sacrifice and stretching beyond the shame this culture places on the calling of single life as one of service to others. "Imagine where the Church would be without single people," he challenged.

"Single people have a unique calling and responsibility to serve the people of God that no one else can do as well", expressed Rude. He reflected in depth on the challenges of the single life, yet stressed that as often as we ask where God is, we must remember that "we are a people of the impossible".

"Participants spoke highly of the day" in evaluations, said Myron Rogal, diocesan coordinator of Vocations. A common theme that came across was that "being single is not a default, but a calling," he said.

"The Diocesan Vocations Commission chose to renew its focus in the fall of 2010 and out of that came a strong commitment to partake in active ministry toward the call to single life," reported Rogal. As the need for this ministry continues, group gatherings are now planned on a bi-weekly basis.

Called to the Single Life Gatherings now take place twice a month and are open to all adult single Christians who sense a

call from God to live out the single life in a life-giving, unselfish fashion in order to better serve the people of God, he said.

This commitment to single life can be temporary or for life.

Gatherings are not limited to any age group or circumstances as to why one is single, rather gatherings present the single life as a gift, recognizing that no matter why one is single, to grow in relationship with Christ is enhanced by sharing the companionship of other single Christians. The group's primary reason for being is not support, said Rogal. Rather its existence is to live out a spirit of celebration of the single calling, while living everyday life and building one another up in Christ Jesus.

The format of each gathering includes opening prayer, welcome and introductions, one hour of discussion on a topic that is not directly related to single life, and one hour of a planned social outing. The first such gathering took place Sept. 20 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. **Future meetings will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon.**

For more information contact Myron Rogal at the Diocesan Vocations office: 242-1500, or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, vocations@saskatoonrcdiocese.com or join the group on Facebook.

For 25 years, Discernment House has journeyed with young adults seeking vocation understanding

By SR. EVELYN NEDELEC, PM

For 25 years, Discernment House in Saskatoon has offered programs to young adults, and the ministry continues again this year, with the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary opening the door to another group of nine young women.

Discernment House began as a response to a general chapter meeting of the Sisters of Presentation encouraging Vocation Ministry. "We, the Sisters of the Prince Albert Province, felt that we could respond to that call by forming a community with young women and journeying with them as they learned how to lead a fulfilling Christian life in the world."

The program offers two live-in options: one being vocational discernment, the other a community experience in Christian living.

The sisters also offer discernment weekends open to both young men and women searching to deepen their faith, build their relationship with Christ and discover how to best respond to his invitation to live a full life.

At the end of August a group of eight pilgrims led by Sr. Mary Jane Beavis, PM, returned from their experience of World Youth Day in Madrid (see article on Page 11).

During a September gathering at Discernment House, two of last year's residents shared their vocational discernment stories. One has chosen to pursue religious life, the other, marriage.

Some of this year's residents began their year taking part in the youth gathering at Rock the Mount near Mount Carmel, SK. Sept. 3. Others participated in the Catholic Christian Outreach Fall Retreat at St. Therese School of Faith and Mission in Bruno, Sask. Each one is on a personal journey, exploring and growing in Faith during their stay at Discernment House, as they also attend university.

After 25 years, the aim of this program continues to be to help young adults really believe that God loves them. They experience a certain freedom in their lives. They can make better choices. They come to know themselves



World Youth Day travellers in the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary provincial house chapel in Vittoria, Spain (l-r:) Penny Sanz, Milissa Hoffman, Murielle Rousseau, April Mireau, Sr. Mary Jane Beavis, Gisele Vachon, Stephanie Belanger, and Bonnie Beavis. - Photo submitted by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

and trust themselves. The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary say that it has been a beautiful experience to live, journey and work with hundreds of young adults who come to the house.

Many have married, some have joined religious communities and some have gone to the seminary.

For more information, see: www.presentationofmary.ca

Discernment weekend: Oct 28-30

Searching for Direction and meaning in your life? The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate are offering a **Personal History Weekend**. This is an invitation for young adults to take time to reflect on God's presence in your personal life here and now; and discover how to respond to His call, to become the person God has called you to be. Through reflection, writing and prayerful discernment, explore your gifts, your dreams, your relationships and see how God is inviting you to move forward in discipleship and holiness. **Offered for young, single, Catholic men and women 19 years and older.**

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30
at Discernment House, 851 University Drive, Saskatoon

Contact: Sr. Evelyn/Sr. Lucie at (306) 244-0726 or: sk.dhouse@gmail.com
or Fr. Ken Thorson at (613) 884-4144 or: kenthorson9@gmail.com



Kindersley project for vocations

Family prayer for vocations was initiated at St. Joseph's parish in Kindersley, with families encouraged to bring home a **Travelling Vocation Chalice** for a week at a time, to pray for and raise interest in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Jeremy and Rachelle German and their children Deegan, 4, Anika, 6, and Clay, 6 months, recently participated in the program. - Photo by Fr. Phong Pham

Youth and family ministry

JP II Fest: includes Gr. 8 retreat, 'Inception' and Bishop's Cup basketball

BY COLM LEYNE, YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE

Are you ready for JP II Fest?

The weekend of Oct 22-23, the Youth Ministry Office is launching its first annual JP II Fest to commemorate the first Feast of Blessed Pope John Paul II, a visionary leader and great example to many youth around the world.

The weekend will kick off and celebrate a new season of Youth Ministry in our communities, highlighted by three main events.

First of all, during the day Saturday, Oct. 22, there will be a **Steps in Faith retreat** for all those in Grade 8 or older who are planning to make a reaffirmation of faith this year.

They will be joined later in the day by all youth in Grades 6-8 from throughout the diocese for a celebration and an experience of God at an event called **"Inception."** It will be a night of games, testimonies, music, and talks given by Michael Chiasson of All Access Ministries. (Watch for announcements about the location and times for both of these events).

Finally, that weekend, youth from across the diocese will be invited to participate in the second annual **Bishop's Cup** at Bethlehem High School in Saskatoon Sunday, Oct. 23. The Bishop's Cup begins with celebration of Mass at 5 p.m. for all participants and the cheering squad (*aka* parents and friends). Then begins the basketball competition.

With some newly ordained priests joining Bishop Don Bolen and clergy from across the diocese, the priests are looking to win that cup back this year. The crowning of a champion will be followed by pizza and fellowship.

Other YMO Events:

Friday, Oct. 14 - DIG into Prayer at St. Anne's Parish (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.) - A night for high school youth from across the diocese to learn and practice the different prayer types so we can be better attuned to God's voice and nurture our relationship with him. Followed by one crazy gym night!

Friday, Oct. 29 - Youth Ministry Town Hall (Saskatoon area) - *"The Family in the Modern World"* - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 29 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1235-12th Street East, Saskatoon.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 - Youth Ministry Town Hall (Humboldt and Wadena Deaneries) - *"The Family in the Modern World"* - 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 2 at Sacred Heart Parish, Watson.

Nov. 24 to Dec. 1 - NET Ministries will be visiting our diocese. Please pray for the team and all youth encountering God during their retreats.

Saturday, Nov. 26 - SaskCath Youth Ministry Training Workshop - watch for details.

Sunday, Nov. 27 - Family NET retreat - St. Anne parish in Saskatoon is hosting a Family Retreat led by National Evangelization Team Ministries on the first Sunday of Advent. Enjoy a day filled with skits, games, music and prayer with the whole family. Starts at 11 a.m. Nov. 27 with Sunday Mass and ends at 7 p.m. This retreat is open to all families of the diocese, and there is no age limit. Watch for registration information from the YMO. For information about NET Ministries, see their website at: www.netcanada.ca

For more information on these or other youth matters, contact the YMO at 242-1500, Ext. 225; toll free 1-877-661-5005, or e-mail: youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com



Youth dance along to one of the band performances at Rock the Mount, held at Mount Carmel shrine.

Rock the Mount celebrates 10 years

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Fireworks filled the dark prairie sky Sept. 3 to conclude the 10th annual Rock the Mount Catholic youth rally, after a day of music, talks, and prayer.

Held later than usual this year to permit returning World Youth Day pilgrims to attend, the event at the historic shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel included displays, children's activities, reconciliation, adoration, and celebration of the Eucharist with Saskatoon Bishop Donald Bolen. The words of Mary in the gospel of Luke - *"Let it be done to me according to thy word"* - formed the theme for the day.

In his homily, Bishop Don Bolen invited those assembled to listen for God's call in their lives. "Hear God coming to you and saying: 'Will you follow me with your whole life? Will you love me? Will you go where I send you? Will you taste the joy that I desire to give to you? Will you know my freedom - the freedom to live deeply and to give yourself fully?'" Then, like Mary we are invited to respond with our own version of "let it be done to me according to your word."

During three talks throughout

the day, keynote speaker Michael Chiasson of All Access Ministries stressed the depth of God's love for each person. "You are amazing: that's what you and I need to know more than anything," he said.

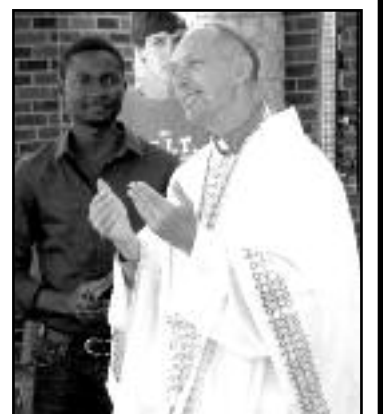
Retelling Bible stories and witnessing to God's action in his own life growing up - as well as in marriage and fatherhood, in struggle and loss - Chiasson focused on how God's Word sharpens, strengthens, and makes us uncomfortable.

During his final talk, Chiasson called up the parents in the crowd, and invited the young people present to come forth to thank and bless them.

The program also included Fr. Richard Meidl, OSB, presiding at a penitential service early in the day. A number of priests from the area were in attendance to offer the sacrament of reconciliation.

Christian singer Janelle and her band One80 performed throughout the day, as did Ken Yasinski of Face to Face Ministries, who also served as MC.

Members of the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team led the rosary, and youth involved in



Bishop Donald Bolen presided at the Eucharist on the shrine site.

Catholic Christian Outreach also spoke during the event. The evening ended with Eucharistic adoration, followed by praise and worship, and fireworks.

Organized by a local committee led by John and Elaine Boskill, Rock the Mount is supported by donations, volunteers and organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League. A search is now underway for new committee members for Rock the Mount. Anyone interested is invited to call (306) 665-5899.

For more about Rock the Mount or to hear talks see: www.rockthemount.com



St. John Bosco camp

This summer St. John Bosco Parish in Saskatoon held an "Around the World" Vacation Bible Camp. The camp involved 27 children ranging in age from four to 11 years, as well as 11 high school volunteers. The children participated in crafts, games, snacks, stories and songs that all revolved around God, Bible stories and the Catholic Church and its teachings.

- Photo by Erin Lang

'Family in the Modern World' topic of annual town hall youth meetings

The *"Family in the Modern World"* is the theme of a series of "town hall" meetings being held across the diocese this fall for all those concerned about youth and nurturing the faith of the next generation.

Colm Leyne, coordinator of youth ministry for the diocese of Saskatoon, and Myron Rogal, who directs the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team and coordinates the Vocations office, are going out to discuss if the needs of youth are being met, what is happening now, and what more can be done.

The tour's theme comes from

Blessed John Paul II's encyclical *"Familiaris Consortio,"* written to give guidance, hope and support to the "Family in the Modern World."

The presentation will focus on how every family can build up a Catholic culture in their own home as part of every day life.

Sessions were held Sept. 26 in Fox Valley and Sept. 27 in Kerrobert.

The Saskatoon-area *"Family in the Modern World"* gathering will be held Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (includes lunch) at Our Lady of Lourdes

parish, on the corner of Wiggins Avenue and 12th Street East.

Humboldt and Wadena deanery "Family in the Modern World" town hall gathering will be Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (with supper) at Sacred Heart Parish in Watson.

All parents, youth (ages 12-18 years), priests, parish leaders, youth contacts, and anyone else who is concerned about the state of youth ministry are welcome to attend. **Pre-registration is required.** Contact Colm Leyne or Myron Rogal at 242-1500, or toll free at: 1-877-661-5005.

Youth Ministry & Diocesan Youth Retreat Team – supported by the BAA!

Youth and families



Wearing F.I.T. ("For, In, and Through Jesus") T-shirts, members of the Pure Witness Ministries youth team helped lead the first YEP session Sept 17 for some 40 youth. Spiritual director Fr. Patrick Ampani (centre) celebrated Mass to open the event which will be offered 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Saskatoon. A family dance was the first ReConnect activity later that evening.

- Submitted photo

Pure Witness Ministries launches initiatives for youth and families: YEP and ReConnect

By KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

New programs for youth and families are being initiated by Pure Witness Ministries, founded by Carmen and James Marcoux of Saskatoon.

Pure Witness Ministries recently received charitable status, and will continue work undertaken in the past by the Marcoux family, such as organizing Purity Rallies, and creating resources, like the faith-based novels written by Carmen.

"Our mission is to challenge Catholics to become pure witnesses of their faith by setting Christ at the heart of their lives," she explains.

Two new initiatives are YEP (Youth Evangelization Program) and ReConnect, which will both

be held the third Saturday of the month at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, 1235-12th St. East, Saskatoon. **The next YEP and ReConnect sessions will be held Saturday, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19.**

YEP is a program of Christian discipleship for high school youth and up, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each third Saturday, with Mass, confession, music, drama, games talk and food (lunch and supper), Carmen explains. Donations are being accepted to help offset food costs for lunch and supper (about \$10 per participant).

"Our spiritual director is Fr. Patrick Ampani, and he will be there at each YEP to celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. (all are welcome to attend) and then the program for the day will continue just for

the teen participants."

ReConnect is an event for the entire family – also running on the third Saturday of each month at Our Lady of Lourdes, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carmen says the goal is "to give families an opportunity to reconnect with each other and to have fun socializing in the context of our faith community."

Different activities will be featured each month – such as family dances, games nights or praise and worship – always with some element of faith-sharing and a focus on Catholic culture.

The annual Purity Rally is set for **Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012**. More information will be available on the website www.purewitness.com or the event can also be found on Facebook.

Time Out For Moms offers faith enrichment, friendship and support at weekly program

By ANNE-MARIE HUGHES

Time Out for Moms started its 14th fall session Sept. 21, once again located at St. Philip Neri parish, on the corner of Munroe Avenue and Taylor Street East in Saskatoon.

This session of the Catholic enrichment program for mothers runs Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. until Nov. 23. Childcare is provided for preschoolers and infants.

Run by a volunteer board of directors, Time Out For Moms offers speakers, prayer, and social time for mothers of all ages.

Chairperson Aleah Banadyga said she is looking forward to the activities and speakers that the board have lined up for this fall.

While new as chairperson, Banadyga has served as registrar and childcare coordinator in previous years and looks forward to keeping some of the new initiatives the board started last year.

"We tried having a separate four- and five-year-old program in our childcare last year and we are planning on

keeping that initiative. Before that we had infants in one room and all kids 18 months to five years in the other. We didn't have childcare volunteers to run it any other way," said Banadyga.

"Then we found three young women who were home schooling their high school grades who could come in and take these kids to another part of the church and give them more structured Catholic and Christian themed activities and music. It's been really positive."

Also new this year was a small price increase, bringing the registration for 10 meetings to \$40. The board always struggles with keeping fees low so all moms can attend.

"Lots of grandmas volunteer their time for childcare and the moms take turns donating the baking for our brunch at the beginning of the morning, but there are still costs to running the program, so we charge a minimal fee and do fundraisers like our yearly dessert night Nov. 25 to cover the rest," explained Banadyga.

The programming for the mornings revolves around fellowship, prayer, and some kind of Catholic faith enrichment. This fall, Fr. Matthew Ramsay will be



Time Out For Moms provides enrichment and fellowship.

coming to talk about the upcoming changes to the liturgy, Christy Dupius will give a presentation on "Evangelizing in Everyday Life," and Carmen Marcoux will explain the mission of Pure Witness Ministries.

The group also works to address practical concerns, as well as giving women time to get to know each other a little better.

For instance, Janet Wagner will be speaking about rejuvenating your space at home and giving some organizational tips.

Craft activities and ice breaker mornings are also scheduled to ensure there will be social time.

FaceToFace Ministries summer includes bus trip and Ignite Camps

By JON COURCHENE

FACEToFACE MINISTRIES

While many Catholic youth ministries took part in a World Youth Day experience this

summer, FaceToFace ministries focused on an annual Bus Trip, Ignite Camps, and Awakening Retreats preparations.

These summer initiatives in-

cluded FaceToFace ministries in the faith formation of over 200 youth, with the help of 44 leaders, from the diocese of Saskatoon and beyond.

In July, FaceToFace ministries embarked on a bus trip pilgrimage to Rochester, MN. for 10 days. Youth participated in a Steubenville conference, spent time doing service work, and were given tools on how to more fully embrace an authentic Catholic life.

Through daily sacraments, evening sessions, and fellowship, participating youth described encountering Jesus Christ in a life-changing way.

One of the chaperones, Justin Rybinski said: "It was a testimony to see how amazing the work of God can be as he transforms each individual and draws them into a closer relationship with himself. I was honored to watch the youth grow personally and spiritually."

A highlight of the trip was witnessing the youth sharing their faith with others at an amusement park, just before making the two-day journey home to Saskatoon.

The FaceToFace Ignite Camp celebrated its fifth year in Saskatchewan in August. In communion with the World Youth Day theme, the Ignite Camps focused on being "Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith" (Col. 2:7 paraphrased).

With the sacraments and

inspiring Catholic teaching as the foundation for the Ignite Camp week, many youth shared that Eucharistic adoration and the Mass were personal highlights.

The camps are also an opportunity for Catholic youth to connect with others their own age and build lasting positive supports as they venture home.

"The hearts of my youth were set ablaze at Ignite and I'm thankful for the opportunity they had," exclaimed Saskatoon parish youth minister Dan Pettipas.

The Ignite camps expanded to a second week held in Alberta this year. The camp was well-received and plans are in the works to solidify the expansion.

After spending the summer preparing, FaceToFace ministries recently announced the establishment of a new retreat: FaceToFace Awakening.

Awakening is a full-day retreat for elementary schools. Masson Normand, one of the co-leaders, states, "we are thrilled to be able to minister to literally thousands of students with the new Awakening retreats. [The retreats] are packed with age-friendly faith and fun."

See website: www.f2f.ca

Challenge Catholic Girls Club reaches out to families through Friendship Inn

Members of the Challenge Catholic Girls Club delivered baby supplies to Saskatoon Friendship Inn May 7, as part of an Apostolic Project that also engaged the larger community and students at St. Luke Catholic school.

The Challenge girls raised nearly \$2,500 through a penny drive that included a classroom challenge at St. Luke.

Baby formula, diapers and baby food were purchased and delivered to Friendship Inn, along with prayer cards made by the Challenge Girls.

As part of the project, club members also learned more about poverty in the community, infant mortality rates, and Catholic social teaching.



Challenge Girls Club members deliver donations to the Saskatoon Friendship Inn.

- Photo submitted by Lesia Ostertag

The Challenge Girls Club includes girls ages 8 to 14, who meet weekly to grow in friendship and faith.

The "CGC" group for 8-9

year olds meets Friday evenings at St. Luke School. For more information, e-mail Corinne Kirkpatrick at: bckirk@sasktel.net

Youth events



A visit to the sand dunes was one of the activities during the Aug. 19-21 weekend, when youth of St. Mary parish in Fox Valley hosted youth from the Catholic parishes in St. Gregor and Annaheim, on the other side of the diocese

- Photo by Fr. Modestus Ngwu

Annaheim and St. Gregor youth hosted by Fox Valley

The youth group from St. Mary's parish at Fox Valley hosted the youth group from St. Gregory Parish, St. Gregor and St. Ann Parish, Annaheim for a weekend of fun Aug. 19-21.

Day one consisted of a river walk, hiking, pizza and outside movie. Day two was a visit to the sand dunes and swimming. The third day was a picnic at Cypress Hills.

"It was a weekend of fellowship and friendship, as we came together to rejoice and celebrate God's blessing," said Candice Koch of Fox Valley. The three communities were excited to be together, "seeing each other as a gift in our journey of faith," she said.

She also expressed appreciation to those who organized the weekend. "We want to thank the organizers, especially Mary Ellen Buye, Patsy Pohler and Leeann Wuchner. Thank you to everyone who prepared meals and took their time driving and donating money," she said.

"Also, a big thank you to Father Modestus for his time, inspiration and his dedication to our youth group," Koch added.

"He joined in all of the activities and probably took a thousand pictures, which we will be displaying at the back of the church so everyone knows how much fun we really had."

Pilgrims from St. Denis, Vonda and Prud'homme attend World Youth Day

BY FR. JEAN-MARC MIREAU
TRINITY YOUTH/EQUIPE TRINITE

(Twenty-one pilgrims from St. Denis, Prud'homme, Vonda and Hoey were among those in the diocese to attend World Youth Day this summer. Fr. Jean-Marc Mireau writes about the trip.)

Reflecting on the three amazing weeks of pilgrimage to Rome, Majorca, Madrid and Avila, I stand in awe of the awesome power of the Holy Spirit. These weeks were times of grace, peace, joy and much love.

The Trinity Youth Group/Equipe Trinite (Prud'homme, Vonda, St. Denis), prepared for three years to accept the call of Pope Benedict XVI to journey to World Youth Day in Madrid.

All manner of fund raising took place, including an auction that raised \$19,000 for our pilgrimage. These events brought all of us closer as a community and to the Church.

Our first stop was Rome. We were guests of the Cloistered Sisters of St. Benedict, across from Circus Maximus. They were great examples of Christian hospitality and faith. Each morning when we would leave, we passed the "Circo Massimo," and prayed for the men, women and children who were murdered in this sacred place, because of their Christian faith.

Our first Mass in St. Peter's Basilica was in the Clementine Chapel, where the Tomb of St. Peter is located. His remains are in the altar on which we celebrated the Eucharist. The next day to our surprise, we were invited to celebrate on the altar containing the remains of Blessed John Paul II. It is difficult to express the emotions that each of us experienced. It was awesome!

We journeyed to Assisi by train to celebrate Mass in the Crypt where St. Francis is buried. This was a totally different experience from Rome. Assisi is a quiet, serene, simple, holy town!

After our time in Italy, we

flew to the Island of Majorca for WYD's "Days in the Diocese." We were guests of "Las Hermanitas de los Pobres," whose joy, love and service made us most welcome in their convent.

These Sisters became our friends and taught us what the word "service" means. They look after seniors who are poor and have no one to take care of them. So the Sisters beg for the poor, and serve them as "other Christs."

On our last day, we found out that the Sisters did not have enough food for us, and used their own food to feed us. So, on the spur of the moment, 21 pilgrims took up a collection and presented the Sisters with \$1,400, as our way of saying thank you.

Our group also made sure the residents were helped with their wheelchairs, elevators, and dining chores. Our group had become "People of the Water and the Towel."

From Majorca we flew to Madrid and stayed with the Sisters of Nevers, whose convent was in the centre of Madrid. The presentations, talks, exhibits, and the friendship experienced there will long be remembered.

World Youth Day pilgrim Andrew Florizone said: "The week of WYD had many surprises and great experiences as we attended Eucharistic adoration, catechesis, talks, papal audiences – all with people from around the world who all believed in the same God despite cultural and racial differences. The highlight of WYD and the trip was the overnight vigil and final mass with the pope."

Before leaving Spain, the group visited Avila to pray for the intercession of St. Theresa and of Saint John of Avila, with a short stop in Segovia to visit the Alhambra.

This was truly a holy, joy-filled pilgrimage, with many, many moments of prayer, praise, adoration, and lots and lots of joy.



World Youth Day pilgrimage

Several groups of young people from the diocese of Saskatoon travelled to Europe this summer for World Youth Day, held in Madrid, Spain from Aug. 15 to 21. Delegations included a group from the Trinity parishes at St. Denis, Prud'homme and Vonda (see story this page), a Discernment House group (story below), and a group coordinated through the diocesan Youth Ministry Office (a few of them are pictured above in Rome), as well as Bishop Donald Bolen. In addition to attending World Youth Day events in Madrid, the diocesan YMO group spent time at Vatican City, joining newly-ordained priest Fr. Matthew Ramsay for celebration of Mass in a chapel underneath St. Peter's Basilica. The YMO group also visited Assisi, the home of beloved saints St. Francis and St. Clair. Before going to Madrid, they also experienced "Days in the Diocese" in the town of Marin on Spain's northwest coast, and walked a portion of the famous pilgrimage trail "Camino de Santiago de Compostela." - Photo by Colm Leyne

Discernment House WYD pilgrims walk trail

BY PENNY SANZ

Eight young women from the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary Discernment House in Saskatoon flew to Madrid, Spain Aug. 3 to join 71 other young pilgrims from Spain, Portugal, Brazil and France to walk the historic pilgrimage trail: Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

Gathered together by the international religious order of the Presentation of Mary, the pilgrims began their pilgrimage in Vittorio, which is about a three-hour journey to northeast Spain. From there, the PM group proceeded to Sarria where they began walking for at least 20 kilometers a day, in prayer and in solitude. After a week, they reached the 800-year old cathedral of Santiago, containing the relics of St. James the apostle.

Walking the Camino was a grueling but life-changing experience for the pilgrims as they began the day at 5:15 a.m. and ended when the Spanish heat reached about 41 degrees Celsius.

Each day, the pilgrims were given the Word of God to pray and reflect upon. They also had to live simply and do away with the 'baggage' they had brought with them spiritually and materially. They were challenged to "dig the roots of your life tree: those given

by your ancestors in the faith and those that you have the mission to develop."

All of this was intended to help youth prepare for the World Youth Day, which had as its theme: "Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith."



Celebration in Wynyard

A dramatization of the Last Supper and the washing of the feet was presented on Holy Thursday at St. Mary's Church in Wynyard by youth from the parishes of St. Mary's in Wynyard, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Wishart, and Christ the King in Foam Lake.

- Photo by Richard Szydlowski

Meet the Deanery



Pentecost celebration

A young parishioner waits patiently to receive a balloon from youth leader Cody Redekop at a Pentecost celebration June 12 at St. Anne, Saskatoon. The parish was bidding farewell to Cody, who headed to St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton this fall. The Pentecost barbecue also provided a chance to meet and welcome the parish's new youth minister Daniel Pettipas.

St Philip Neri engages in visioning process

By KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

St. Philip Neri parish in Saskatoon is in the midst of a visioning process, working to articulate a five-year vision identifying parish priorities and directions.

The process launched in fall of 2010 has included a parish-wide survey and five "town hall" visioning meetings in May, where parishioners considered the parish mission, reflected on the past, and worked together to put down dreams and directions for the future.

A Parish Pastoral Council committee headed by Jim Longstaff is now distilling that information with the intention of presenting a "clear, succinct and concrete" vision statement to the parish in Advent 2011.

"This has the potential to be very life giving to the parish," Longstaff said of the visioning process. "It will give us a focus and a direction." The discussions about priorities have already raised awareness about the mission and meaning of parish life, he added.

"We want this to be something that captures our imagination, catches our vision; something that shows where the heart of the parish is," he said.

A sense that the parish had grown "listless" prompted the visioning project last year, said former Parish Life Director Pat Clarke, who launched the process with the St. Philip Neri parish council.

"We quite literally were going from project to project and from event to event with no real end in mind," Clarke said. Proposals or requests would come in to the parish, and there were no criteria for deciding which particular worthwhile undertakings the parish should pursue, he said. It became clear that a discernment process was needed to



One of five meetings held this spring at St. Philip Neri in Saskatoon, featuring discussion about the parish vision.

set a clearer direction. This started the quest for a vision.

St. Philip Neri parish also recently launched a website at: www.stphilipneriparish.ca as well as developing a new logo, and producing a mission statement to describe the faith community's identity: "Joyfully building up the Church."

Clarke has recently left St. Philip, which this summer saw the arrival of pastor Fr. Ron Beechinor and associate pastor Fr. Matthew Ramsay. Clarke is now serving as executive assistant at Holy Family parish, where a similar visioning process will soon be underway, as that faith community moves into a new building and starts a new phase of parish life.

"Thinking about a vision creates excitement in the sense that, if we know we are doing something important, that has an impact on our community and makes a difference – then the people are excited and engaged. Then you can begin to call forth people's gifts," he said.

St. Paul's Cathedral celebrates 100 years since dedication of building

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

One hundred years to the day after St. Paul's Cathedral building was dedicated in Saskatoon, parishioners past and present gathered to celebrate the central role that the church has played in the city and the diocese.

The cathedral bells rang out during the Eucharistic celebration Aug. 6, which included a rite of dedication, with special prayers of acknowledgment at the baptismal font, the ambo and the altar led by Saskatoon Bishop Donald Bolen and St. Paul's rector Fr. Donald Hamel. The anniversary weekend also included a gala banquet and a Sunday afternoon strawberry tea.

"The Catholic Church in Saskatoon was built around this parish community," Bolen said in his homily. Other priests concelebrating the anniversary Mass were former rectors Fr. Bernard de Margerie and Fr. Raymond Senger, along with Fr. Emmanuel Banahene and Fr. Marvin Lishchynsky.

Beginning with 25 families in a community of only 3,000, the parish grew along with the city, Bolen described. "It has been a place of great vitality, of great warmth and hospitality, of great life and much grace," he said.

Just as Jesus walking on the water catches and holds Peter after he loses his focus and begins to sink, the parish has reached out to hold those who have come to its doors in great need, added the bishop.

"It is a place where many of the poorest have come," he said. "Priests who have served here have talked about how it was very common for people to be knocking at

the door at all times of day, asking for help."

As the centre of Catholic life in the diocese, priests were ordained at St. Paul's and chrism masses celebrated, the bishop described. With daily mass and reconciliation, the church has been a place where people could come in out of the storms of life, Bolen said.

Bolen shared stories about break-ins and bats, about former pastors and those who lived at the rectory over the years, noting that many such stories would be shared during the anniversary weekend.

The actual existence of St. Paul's parish precedes construction of the present building, with the first church structure built in 1903. Having outgrown that small building by 1909, the booming young city's Catholic community launched a fund-raising drive, with the cornerstone for the present building laid in July 1910 by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, during a tour of Western Canada.

The new building was formally dedicated Aug. 6, 1911 by Archbishop L. P. Langevin, OMI, Archbishop of St. Boniface. The parish's 100th anniversary program acknowledged the work of architect J.E. Fortin, noting "St. Paul's is like a beautiful old lady who despite the ravages of time is still beautiful because she was blessed with good bones."

In March 1934, it was announced that St. Paul's would be elevated to the status of a cathedral, to serve the newly-created diocese of Saskatoon as "the seat of the bishop" and the home of diocesan celebrations.

Renovations in the 1950s and then in



Bishop Don Bolen and Fr. Don Hamel rededicate the altar at St Paul's anniversary Mass.

the 1960s in conjunction with the liturgical changes of Vatican II brought changes to the building. In addition, the cathedral organ, installed in 1911 was rebuilt. There was a minor fire in the cathedral on Christmas Eve 1974, but a much-more severe blaze in April 1976 caused extensive damage. Renovations began at once, with the cathedral rededicated in January 1977

by Bishop James Mahoney.

With construction of the new diocesan Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre now underway in northeast Saskatoon, St. Paul's Cathedral will continue to serve parishioners in the downtown area, and will be designated a co-cathedral in recognition of its historic and central place in the life of the diocese.

This issue, the Diocesan Newsletter introduces the Saskatoon City Deanery as part of an ongoing "Meet the Deanery" series.

This urban deanery is the smallest in area among the diocese's seven deaneries – matching the boundaries of the city itself – but it is the largest in population. This is a deanery that enjoys a great deal of diversity, with large parishes and small, with different structures, cultures, charisms and backgrounds. For instance, the deanery includes the French-language parish of Sts. Martyrs-Canadien; the Polish-language parish of Our Lady of Czestochowa; and the Aboriginal parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as well as several other Catholic cultural communities that meet in the context of different parish communities, including an Hispanic-language community that meets at St. Mary's parish. The deanery includes Saskatoon's oldest Catholic Church -- St. Paul's Cathedral (above) -- and its newest, Holy Family Cathedral (next page). There is a college chapel located on the city's university campus -- St. Thomas More -- and there are parish buildings directly connect to schools, like Our Lady of Lourdes on the east side (Bishop Murray high school) and St. Peter the Apostle on the west (Bishop Klein school). Some parishes in the Saskatoon City Deanery have parish leadership teams that include a Priest Moderator and Parish Life Director, others have a priest as pastor, perhaps supported by paid staff and pastoral associates. Most have outreach at one or more Catholic schools in the city.

Right now, the chair of the Saskatoon Deanery is Diane Côté, and the priest serving as dean is Fr. Kevin McGee, pastor at St. Patrick, St. Michael and St. Peter the Apostle parishes in Saskatoon.

For information about the 18 parishes in the deanery visit the diocesan website at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/parishes/parishes_saskatoon.cfm

St. John Bosco Parish Mission

"Building Parish Community in the Spirit of Jesus" is the theme of a Parish Mission Oct. 16 to Oct. 20

at St. John Bosco, 1202 Avenue O South, Saskatoon, with Fr. Robbie McDougall of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, the founder of Adoramus Ministries. All are welcome to attend the mission, which will feature reflections and music, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening Oct. 16-20. McDougall will also speak at Sunday Eucharist at 10 a.m. Oct. 16, and at 11 a.m. daily Mass from Oct 17 to 19. McDougall, who had a career in music before becoming a priest, will give a concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20.



St. Mary's parish reaches out to neighbourhood with fun event

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

The parking lot at St. Mary's parish in Saskatoon was once again transformed into a community gathering space Aug. 14 for an annual neighbourhood outreach featuring music; children's activities, games and artwork; and a barbecue supper.

"The goal of the parking lot party is to hold an event for the neighborhood that is fun for families and that allows the parishioners of St. Mary's to use their gifts for others," explained Fr. Jon Hansen, CSSR, pastor of the active parish in the city's core.

"It is a way of evangelizing the neighborhood to the values of the gospel, but instead of using words, we use the actions of hospitality and kindness," he said. "We try, using this small gesture to let our neighbors know that we care about them and that they are a part of God's family."

Organizers hope the event helps to break down barriers of prejudice that might exist in the community, with a fun event shared by all, regardless of colour or creed, he said.

Three distinct groups come together to offer the project: the English-speaking community of St. Mary's, as well as the Hispanic Catholic community and Our Lady of Guadalupe Aboriginal/ First Nations/ Métis parish which both use St. Mary's church as their place of worship each Sunday.

"The party takes a lot of planning, hard work and financial resources, but we believe it is worthwhile to do it every year so that it becomes a tradition we all look forward to, and not a one-time event that we can accomplish and forget about," Hansen said of the annual event.

"It fits with our mission

because of the type of church that we are; situated in one of the poorest communities of Saskatoon," he stressed.

"We are surrounded by good people who deserve to know that they are thought of and cared for. The Church needs to be a light for all people – not just those who fill the pews on Sunday – and so we find this an effective way to touch base with our neighborhood."

Over the years the neighbors have also come to know and appreciate the tradition, he added. "The first thing that happens in the morning is that the crew comes and sets up the tent shelter and once this is visible, the word spreads around the neighborhood: we no longer have to worry about advertising as everyone knows to come and have a good time."

This year, some 300 attended the event. "With games and crafts for the kids, live music and a barbecue to top it all off, it is no wonder that so many people come out," he said, describing the smiles on the faces of children and families attending the event.

Hansen said that busy parishioners give tremendous support to the annual party. "Through gifts of baking, financial donations, labor, presence and prayer there are



Children try to break the piñata during the St. Mary's parish neighbourhood outreach event in August.

opportunities for everyone to get involved and many do with great enthusiasm."

A piñata provided by the Hispanic Catholic community was a highlight this year, Hansen said. He also expressed thanks to musicians from Our Lady of

Guadalupe parish who provided live music throughout the party. "With their toe-tapping mix of country gospel, they had the crowd clapping, singing and dancing along right until the last picnic table was put away for evening," he said.

Auction supports Parish Nurse program

St. Mary's Parish Community Nurse Program is supported by an annual Parish Auction. This year's daylong event begins **10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at St. Mary's Hall**, on the corner of Ave. O and 20th Street West in Saskatoon. The auction raises funds for the much-needed Parish Nurse program, while also offering a community event and great bargains. All are invited to come out and support this parish in its efforts to minister to the needs of Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods.

Progress continues on Holy Family Cathedral

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Work continues on construction of Holy Family Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre in northeast Saskatoon, with the first Mass in the building expected to take place in December.

As Holy Family parish and the Catholic Pastoral Centre diocesan offices prepare to make the move to the new multi-purpose building, plans are underway for official opening celebrations in the spring, to take place over a week, from May 6 to 13.

During a diocesan Administration Day Sept. 7, Jim Nakoneshny, who chairs the building committee and was also recently hired as facility manager for the new cathedral, reported on the history and progress of the project.

Prompted by the urgent need for a new parish home for Holy Family, with its rapidly growing congregation in expanding neighbourhoods of northeast Saskatoon, plans for the construction project increased in scope when Bishop Albert LeGat decided the new building would also be the new cathedral for the diocese. This grew out of the fact that St. Paul's Cathedral is no longer large enough to function as a cathedral for diocesan events. (St. Paul's will continue to serve parishioners: and permission was obtained for the historic building to be designated a Co-Cathedral.)

It was also evident that the Catholic Pastoral Centre next to St. Paul's was facing a chronic shortage of space from which to coordinate diocesan programs and ministries. Therefore, a Uniting in Faith campaign was launched in 2008 by the diocese and Holy Family parish to raise funds for the \$28.5 million combined project. Ground was broken in December 2009 and construction started immediately.

Nakoneshny detailed some of the unique requirements of the 65,000-square-foot building, which combines many uses. The Diocesan Liturgy Commission has assisted with design to ensure the cathedral meets liturgical requirements, he noted.



K of C Indoor Games executive director Bob Barkman, glass artist Sarah Hall, Holy Family pastor Fr. David Tumbach, Bishop Donald Bolen, Knights of Columbus State Deputy Ed Gibney and Building Chair Jim Nakoneshny (l-r) at the cathedral site after the installation of solar stained glass in May 2011.

- Photo by Tim Yaworski

As well, it was determined that the building should "have a lifespan of well over 100 years – this entailed choices in construction method and building materials, such as field stone and concrete."

The most distinctive feature of the new building is the "soaring spiral roofline of the central cross, which reaches to a height of over 175 feet," Nakoneshny noted, before describing a number of details of the building to the diocesan gathering.

Pat Clarke of Holy Family parish spoke about plans for official opening celebrations May 6 to 13, which he described as an historic event, with plans for a variety of celebrations, concerts, and family events.

In recent months, a number of key developments and installations have taken place, including the solar stained glass designed by Canadian artist Sarah Hall. Presently hidden by scaffolding, the solar stained glass will eventually be visible from the outside, as well as from points inside the sanctuary.

Hall and a team from Germany were on hand for the precise installation process in May, and she spoke about the unique solar glass to the media and at a public presentation held at a local book store.

Taking her inspiration from the prairie skies, Hall's design of the "Lux Gloria" project includes three large panels in red, in gold and in blue/green, with a total of 54 pieces of glass in different sizes. Solar technology is incorporated into the design, which has been pioneered in North America by Hall, who works with a fabrication studio in Germany to create the glass, which will collect solar energy to help meet power needs of the new building.

"Here we are, taking that (strong south-facing) light, creating energy from it and creating something beautiful – really, after our installation, it feels like a really perfect fit for the cathedral. We've done something that sets a new precedent," she said.

Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus state council is taking on fund-raising for

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Watch for details in the weeks ahead!

the solar stained glass. (This presently includes sharing proceeds from a home lottery and organizing an upcoming performance by the comedy group "Hey Nunnie Nunnie" in Macklin Nov. 1, Ituna Nov. 2, and Saskatoon at Prairieland Park Thursday, Nov. 3.)

The combination of beauty and technology captures the imagination, said Bishop Donald Bolen of the solar glass installation, adding that striving for beauty in places of worship is a natural impulse.

"A church building and its art are designed to reflect the glory of God and God's creation," he said. "To also do that in a way that is environmentally responsible and serves as a kind of symbol of our desire to respect the environment – all these things come together wonderfully in this solar stained glass."

In recent months, the bishop and the building committee also decided to proceed with the rest of the interior non-solar stained glass planned for the cathedral. Originally, it was thought this glass art would be added later, after a fund-raising campaign. However, it became clear that it would be far less disruptive to proceed with the glass now, during the construction process (for instance, before pews are in place) rather than later on, said Bolen.

As a result, fund-raising efforts have started for the stained glass, with parishes and individuals being asked to consider supporting the installation. In some cases, individuals are purchasing a portion of the stained glass in memory of loved ones, or as a legacy that will be recorded and recognized in a display planned for the new space, said Don Gorsalitz of the Saskatoon Diocese Catholic Foundation, which is coordinating fundraising for the glass.

Adult faith formation

Graduates sent forth after two years of deepening faith together

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

After two years of journeying together in a program of faith formation and enrichment, 41 graduates from three streams of the Lay Formation program were recently sent forth in two joyful missioning celebrations, one in the Eastern rite and another in the Western rite.

Graduates of this year's shared program come from the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon and the Roman Catholic dioceses of Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Keewatin-LePas.

Jointly offered by the three dioceses and the eparchy, Lay Formation offers formation in discipleship, a chance to learn more about the Catholic faith as mature Christians, a commitment to prayer and spirituality, and an experience of community life.

Participants gather at Queen's House in Saskatoon for one weekend each month from September to June over two years.

The program is unique in the world in the way that it combines three groups: a Latin-rite diocesan stream, a Byzantine-rite eparchial stream, and an Aboriginal stream.

Together participants from the three Lay Formation streams share the Catholic faith that they have in common, while also spending time to explore more deeply their own traditions, cultures and spiritualities.

On June 4, Bishop Bryan Bayda of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon sent forth eparchy graduates during an Eastern rite celebration of the Divine Liturgy at St. Peter and Paul parish in Saskatoon.

The following day, Bayda joined Bishop Donald Bolen of Saskatoon diocese, Bishop Albert Thévenot of Prince Albert diocese and Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie of Keewatin-Le Pas archdiocese for the missioning of Latin-rite diocesan and Aboriginal Catholic Lay Formation participants.

"This Lay Formation program is such an incredible treasure," Bolen told the assembly during the

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Lay Formation graduates prepare to renew their baptismal promises as part of a missioning celebration June 5 at St. Anne parish in Saskatoon. For more on this story see the diocesan news archive at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm

joyful celebration at St. Anne's parish in Saskatoon.

Thévenot presided at the Eucharistic celebration, which included First Nations traditions such as using a star blanket to hold offerings brought forward by the assembly, as drummer Tracy Delorme sang an honour song. The collection went toward the Steven Ballantyne Memorial Fund established to help participants attend the Aboriginal Catholic Lay Formation program.

In his homily, Lavoie said: "These graduates have been living a real strong faith in Jesus Christ, in his passion and death and resurrection, and what he achieved for us, and what he came to give us."

He described the community and fellowship of the program. "These are profound weekends of living together, sharing traditions – the eparchy, the diocesan stream, the Aboriginal stream – trusting each other more, forgiving each other, just growing together as community."

During the missioning June 5, graduates held candles lit from the Easter candle, and renewed their baptismal promises.

Lay Formation coordinator Kathy Hitchings presented the candidates, describing the

baptismal call to share in Christ's ministry as priest, prophet and shepherd king. "We are called to a life of holiness, prayer and action. Such a mission requires ongoing formation and renewal," she said.

Graduates then came forward to be anointed by their bishop.

Two diocesan seminarians, Colin Roy and Daniel Yasinski –

who took part in this year's Lay Formation program as part of their parish internship last year in the Saskatoon diocese – also came forward for a blessing from Bolen.

Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky of Prince Albert, who took part in the Aboriginal Catholic Lay Formation program, also received a special blessing from Bayda.

Kate O'Gorman joins Lay Formation team

A passion for ministry and faith formation has led Kate O'Gorman to the diocese of Saskatoon to take up the position of Lay Formation co-coordinator.

"It was a convergence of many things coming together – a year and a half of prayer, of my background both professionally and educationally – this has been one of those 'God moments' in my life," says O'Gorman.

With the retirement of long-time coordinator Kathy Hitchings in November, O'Gorman will coordinate the diocesan Lay Formation program with Mona Goodman, working in collaboration with a team that includes Aboriginal and Ukrainian Catholic Lay Formation coordinators, in the unique three-stream shared program (see related article above).

After several years working in



Kate O'Gorman

development, fund-raising and public relations for non-profit and post-secondary institutions, she says she is excited to be returning to more direct ministry with the Lay Formation program, and is delighted with the prospect of being "very much prayer based, spiritually based, and walking with people."

O'Gorman holds a Master of Theological Studies from Newman Theological College, as well as an education degree, and a bachelor of arts in music and English from Concordia University College of Alberta. Her experience and skills include

Graduates of the Lay Formation program from the diocese of Saskatoon were **Marie Knutson** of Sacred Heart parish in Eston; **Marlene VanDresar** and **Lois Weninger** of St. Augustine parish in Humboldt; and from Saskatoon parishes: **Brian Anderson** and **Eileen Bear** of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish; **Lynne Gillies**, Holy Family; **Perlita Manipon**, St. Paul's Cathedral; **MaryAnne Morrison**, St. Patrick; **Sandra Richelhoff** and **Judy Schmid** of St. Francis Xavier; **Lynne Spitzig**, St. Philip Neri; **Sheila Trumpy**, Holy Spirit; and **Joyce Walker**, St. Mary.

This year's Lay Formation co-ordinating team included Mona Goodman, Kathy and Ivan Hitchings, Carol Kohnke, Sr. Bonnie Komarnicki, Sr. Marijka Konderewicz, Anne LaFleur, Agnes Pelletier, Leah Perrault, George Rolheiser, Irene Sharp and Henry Spilchuk.

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teaching, facilitating workshops, program development, networking, fundraising, communications and event planning.

She is also familiar with the Lay Formation program in Saskatoon – her parents, Ed and Sarah O'Gorman attended the program when she was a child. After their first year, the family moved to Prince Albert, where her father took up a position as coordinator of the Vita Nova adult faith formation program for several years, before the family moved to Alberta.

O'Gorman began her own Lay Formation journey with the September 2011 weekend, the launch of a new year of the program. "It was a real gift to be able to observe, and have time to absorb everything, and just to be able to benefit from Kathy's presence," she says.

The richness of the three streams – diocesan, eparchial and Aboriginal Catholic formation – is something that she is thrilled to be experiencing for the first time. "And I am looking forward to journeying with people, and seeing the growth that is going to happen, both within them and within me, because they'll change me. It will be an experience for me to grow too." - KLY



Summer Ecumenical Institute

Moving from ecumenical dialogue to common mission was the theme of a Summer Ecumenical Institute held recently in Saskatoon. Organized by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, the July 6 to 9 event included keynote addresses by Catholic Bishop Michael Putney of Townsville diocese in Australia, who chairs the Roman Catholic/Methodist dialogue; and by Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, director of Unity, Faith and Order for the Anglican Communion. A variety of workshop sessions were also presented, along with an evening open to the public, presented by the World Council of Churches. Find more coverage on the diocesan website news archive at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm

The Diocese of Saskatoon
invites you to honour
Lay Formation Coordinator

Kathy Hitchings
on her retirement.

Please join us
Thursday, November 10
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Education news

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools launch centennial



Centennial tree

Principal Robert Brisebois (left) watches as a student representative at École St Paul School in Saskatoon adds soil collected from each of the 44 Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools to the roots of a tree planted on school grounds during a celebration Sept. 9. Each of the district's schools received a tree as part of centennial celebrations in the district. For more coverage of opening celebrations for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools see the diocesan news archive at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Some 2,000 staff members of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) recently gathered to launch the new school year, taking time to celebrate and reflect upon the gift of Catholic education as the district marks its 100th anniversary.

Presentations at the annual opening celebration for the school district Aug. 26 highlighted the theme for the centennial year – “*Celebrating a Century of Faith and Learning*” – and provided an overview of the history and the ongoing vision of Catholic education in the community.

The first Catholic school opened in Saskatoon on Sept. 5, 1911, when three Sisters of the Presentation of Mary began teaching 69 students in the basement of St. Paul's Church. Today the GSCS district includes some 15,000 students attending 44 schools in Saskatoon, Humboldt, Viscount and Biggar.

Although much has changed since the district began – including fashions, technology, and teaching methods – the fundamental nature of Catholic education remains the same, the gathering heard.

“A strong belief in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ has sustained us through the past 100 years,” said Director of Education Bev Hanson, describing a century



of conviction and commitment, which has touched thousands of lives over the past century.

“Our mission has not changed at all,” she asserted. “We continue to be people who want to impart the basic values and truths of the Catholic faith to our young people in an increasingly secular, globalized, pluralistic world.”

Board Chair Diane Boyko addressed the ongoing challenge of nurturing, promoting and protecting Catholic education, in the face of forces that would like to see separate school rights diminish.

“We all know that this division is not a duplication of a public school division, because Catholic education is more than just having students take a religion or Christian ethics class,” Boyko said. “Faith is tangible in our schools and our workplaces.”

In Catholic schools, faith and learning go hand in hand, with students encouraged to go forth and transform the world, Boyko said.

She described the work of a district Catholic Faith Committee, which works on faith development and formation initiatives such as the production of a series of “*Understanding Catholic Education*” booklets. She also noted the work of the GSCS Foundation in raising funds to support projects and enhance faith initiatives in schools.

Keynote speaker Fr. Leo English stressed the importance of treasuring and nurturing Catholic Education. As well, former GSCS student Dr. Greg Malin described the impact of Catholic schools on his life and formation.

The celebration concluded with Mass celebrated by Bishop Bryan Bayda of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon and a number of local priests.

Representatives of each of the 44 schools were presented with a time capsule to hold information about their school. Each school also received a tree to plant in school yards as part of centennial celebrations in September.

Former Catholic girls school at Prelate sold to Islamic boys school

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

An Islamic boarding school for boys will open this fall in the former St. Angela's Convent and Academy at Prelate.

The newly-created Islamic College of Saskatchewan took possession of the former convent and girls' boarding school Aug. 15 from the Ursulines of Prelate.

The buildings and grounds have been for sale since the Catholic girls' school closed in June 2007.

“We are pleased to have someone using it again,” said Sr. Anne Lewans, OSU, general superior of the Ursulines of Prelate. “As well, our mission is ‘*Educating for Life*’ and this is certainly another form of that.”

School furnishings – and even textbooks – are included in the sale of the building, which features a gymnasium, computer lab, library, dormitories, chapel, dining room and kitchen facilities.

A grand opening for the “*Darul Uloom*” or “School of Knowledge” was held Sept. 4, with students arriving within a few weeks, said director Mohammad Tayyab.

The new school will offer the approved Saskatchewan academic



Sister Rosetta Reiniger, OSU, former executive director of St. Angela's Academy, hands over keys to Mohammad Tayyab, Director of the Islamic College of Saskatchewan.

- Photo by Roger Schmid

curriculum and Islamic religious studies to boys in Grades 4 to 12, with an eventual enrolment of about 100 students from around the country, he said. It will replace an Islamic school that has operated in Hope, B.C. for several years, but which was short of space, Tayyab said. “We are transferring everything to Saskatchewan,” he said. “St. Angela's Academy is large enough for us to accommodate all the students.” He said he is delighted with the facility and the beautiful setting.

“I am very happy also that

previously it was a religious school. It is the same purpose that we are using it for: academics plus religious teaching,” Tayyab said.

Attendance would also be open to young men from the local community, he added. “This school is specifically for Muslim boys, but if boys of any other religion want to come for the academic program only, they are welcome.”

Saskatoon Bishop Don Bolen expressed relief that the Ursuline Sisters had finally been able to

find a buyer for their building, and wouldn't be saddled with the expense and emotional challenge of tearing the building down. He wished the new owners well.

“Through the Holy See, the Catholic Church has long fostered friendly relations with Muslims, encouraging working together to strengthen the common good whenever possible,” he said. “I hope that both the new school and the members of the community of Prelate will be blessed by the new arrangement, and find ways to cooperate together.”

St. Angela's Academy opened in 1919 when three Ursuline Sisters from Germany came to educate the children of German immigrants. The school flourished and became widely known as a center for Christian education for girls, with emphasis on the fine arts. With declining enrolments and an aging membership, the Ursulines of Prelate decided to close the academy in 2007 and place the convent and academy buildings up for sale.

The last four sisters living at the convent moved to Saskatoon in November 2010.

The Ursuline community is relieved to have finally sold the complex, said Lewans, noting that there was an ongoing financial burden to building ownership, including maintenance and insurance costs. Other offers received over the past four years never matured, she reported.

While rejoicing at the sale, the sisters also experienced sadness in finally letting go of the building. “It was our mother

house and not just a school. That is where most of us lived and grew up,” she said. “We have had a lot of letting go to do.”

There were a number of powerful rituals throughout the process of closing the school and bidding farewell to the community, which has greatly assisted the grieving process, she said.

“We have so much for which to be grateful: we have offered 88 years of well rounded, faith-based education there, with many fond memories. We have wonderful alumni. It has been good,” she said. “We feel very blessed, but we also feel nostalgic.”

She acknowledged that having the school close and the sisters leave the community has been difficult for Prelate-area residents. There has been mixed reaction to news of the sale to the Islamic boys school, she said.

Many are happy that the school is going to be used, and that the building will not be demolished. The economic impact of having the school open in the community may also help the area, she said.

“But this will be quite a new thing for them to welcome a Muslim community,” Lewans acknowledged, but added that area residents have welcomed other cultural representatives warmly in the past.

“In this day and age, when we are very ecumenical and have inter-religious dialogue going on all the time, I think this is a great way to bring about understanding and acceptance and respect for all cultures,” she said.

Another university year begins at St. Peter's College

BY LISA KRAMER, SPC STUDENT

Another academic year was launched at St. Peter's College in Muenster, with an orientation day Sept. 6.

Students who have attended St. Peter's College in the past have had a great experience and realize the benefits of taking as

many university classes as possible in the rural setting of Muenster, SK., with its smaller class sizes and supportive faculty and staff.

Renovations have given the college a fresh new look, with classrooms redone, windows replaced, and offices moved. A

computer lab is back in use, and the library is quickly changing.

Students gathered Sept 12 in a new student lounge to organize the SPC student government for the year. This group will work to ensure that as many people as possible become involved with the school and the community.

Catholic school's 'fish on the fence' project combines faith focus with artistic vision

BY ANNE-MARIE HUGHES

When Saskatoon artist and art educator Monique Martin first saw fish attached to a fence in Vancouver, she immediately associated them with her Catholic faith, since fish are a well-known symbol of Christianity.

By the time Martin learned that these Vancouver fish were actually about the environment, she had already been inspired to create a faith-based art installation on the fence of Georges Vanier Fine Arts Catholic School in Saskatoon that could be shared with the whole community.

The wooden fish are attached to both sides of the chain link fence at the front of the school along Wilson crescent. Students uniquely hand painted each of the 350 fish. Younger students worked with older care partners and every student in the school was involved.

Martin said that having students work in pairs strengthened the power of the project. "There was a strong connection between the kids and they really understood what they were doing. They were two faith-

filled people working together to make something that represented their faith out in the community."

Throughout Martin's years of teaching at Georges Vanier Catholic school she has always found ways to help students experience the beauty and the symbols of their faith.

The cross is traditionally the most used symbol of Christianity and is featured prominently in projects like a stained glass cross made years ago by Grade 8 students for the school.

However, Martin likes to give her students a chance to broaden their understanding about the many other symbols of faith.

"We have painted rocks at the front of the school because 'the rock' is a symbol of our faith. Now we have the fish. These are things we see in everyday life so that our kids can see their faith in everyday life," she said.

"I envision these fish being up for 10 to 15 years so that when these kids drive by with their own kids they will look at their 'faith fish' and have that connection."

Since the fish were installed in the spring, they have been

capturing attention. Drivers slow down to look and local newspapers have published photographs of the art.

In discussions about the project, observers often comment on the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools' theme of "reaching out to transform the world" – but that only captures one part of the project's spiritual significance.

"We put the fish on the fence and when the sun shines it creates a shadow of the fish on the sidewalk, which reminds us even if we don't see Him, God is there. The shadow changes, it moves and we become part of that moment in time," Martin says. "If you stand there and the shadow moves on you, it's a powerful moment."

Martin notes that moving the project from an idea to reality, was an experience of another scripture story, the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes.

"First my principal Brian Bauche was so supportive of the idea and just said 'yes, what do you need?' My son, Trint Thomas, a graphic artist in



Older Georges Vanier students worked with younger care partners to decorate the fish. One of the 350 colourful fish on the fence is shown to the right (inset).



Vancouver said 'hey I want to be part of this project' and he designed our posters and each of the fish so they had a look of movement on the fence," said Martin, listing the multiplication of gifts, talents and support that went into the project.

"Chris Doecker our Grade 7/8 teacher and his brother cut out all 350 wooden templates. The Grade 8s put three coats of varnish on each one. We wanted the install-

ation finished for Holy Thursday and our caretaker Greg Prediger made that happen, working with Grade 8 students on his lunch hour," she added.

"The kids were enthusiastic and joyful throughout. Like the school of fish we put up, everyone was swimming along and at some point each person was the leader swimming out in front making this happen. It was a powerful experience."

Presenting a new idea for approaching sacraments of initiation

BY FR. MICHAEL KOCH

An introduction to the idea of a "Ministry for Christian Initiation" was one of the presentations at an annual Administration Day Sept. 7 in the diocese of Saskatoon, attended by Bishop Donald Bolen, priests, Parish Life Directors and other parish leaders.

Michelle Sieben, Bishop Donald Bolen and myself gave a short presentation about the concept. The vision proposed was to consolidate in each parish in the diocese under one umbrella a ministry called "Ministry for Christian Initiation."

The proposal envisions a committee in each parish of about 3-6 parishioners (volunteer

and/or paid), who would be under the leadership of the Pastor or Parish Life Director, responsible for all issues regarding Christian Initiation in the parish. This would include providing leadership for:

1. Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
2. Christian Initiation of Adults (Part II, RCIA adapted for Children of Catechetical Age, about 7 years and up.)
3. Helping parents in the preparation and celebration of baptism for children ranging in age, from birth to about 7 yrs.
4. Helping parents with their child(ren)'s preparation and celebration of the completion of Christian Initiation

(sacraments) through confirmation and Eucharist.

5. Facilitating the ongoing faith formation of new Catholics, along with those Catholics completing their sacraments of initiation. After the completion of their initiation, formation would continue through participation in whatever is going on in the parish as well as through formation offered by the diocese.

Beginning with several pilot projects in parishes might be a good way to go in introducing this vision of "Ministry for Christian Initiation."

Further reflection is needed as we discern.



Diocesan Director of Christian Initiation
Fr. Michael Koch

International Eucharistic Congress in Ireland discussed at Administration Day

The International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) in Dublin, Ireland June 10-17, 2012, was described at an annual Administration Day for parish leaders

Fr. Ralph Kleiter, Ministry to Tourism and the diocesan delegate to the Congress spoke about diocesan participation in the IEC. Ministry to Tourism has designed various ways for parishioners to join Bishop Don Bolen and others during the international event.

A supply of information flyers was provided to each parish so that registration may be concluded as soon as possible.

Kleiter reported that three pilgrim journeys have been set-up. One is for just the Congress Week and the other two will enable people to take in the whole or partial Congress Week but also while in Ireland take in an eight-day post-Congress tour to discover the "Emerald Isle".

"We have come to appreciate the value of World Youth Day for our young people," Kleiter said. "The International Eucharistic Congress, which happens only every four years offers similar benefits, but it focuses, not just on youth, but on people of all ages who are seeking a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist."

An exciting program of liturgies, catechesis and cultural events is being planned in Dublin,

he said. Details can be found at www.iec2012.ie

"Irish bells are ringing out to welcome us," he added. The Irish church has initiated the "Summons of the Bell" – a travelling symbol that is being welcomed into parishes throughout the island, reminiscent of the Ark which travelled across Canada in 2007 in preparation for the Quebec City Congress.

Karen Schreiner, chair of the

Diocesan Liturgy Commission announced that in the New Year this diocese will see a similar ritual service with a bell in our deaneries. She says that "it will be a wonderful opportunity to prepare for our participation in the spirit of the Congress whether we are able to attend or not".

A meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 2 at St. Paul's Cathedral for all IEC registrants and those still seriously interested in joining the delegation. Kleiter will have returned from Dublin and will present the latest information.

Those who intend to make independent travel arrangements are nevertheless invited to process their IEC registration through the Ministry to Tourism diocesan office. This will enable common seating arrangements at events and other highlights that might be planned with our bishop.

Kleiter encourages immediate booking because some prices are expected to increase as year end approaches.

For more information about the IEC in Dublin in June 2012, contact: kleiter@shaw.ca or (306) 244-3747; or call Lois McKay at the Catholic Pastoral Centre: (306) 242-1500 or agmckay@shaw.ca or see: www.pilgrimjourneys.ca

Special events marked by Sacred Heart Latin Mass Community

BY DOROTHY ABERNETHY
LATIN MASS COMMUNITY

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Latin Mass community had several celebrations in 2011.

Fr. Gregory Pendergraft came from Pennsylvania for two weekend visits. He is with the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, and came to celebrate the Latin Mass for two Marian feasts. The community's regular celebrant, Fr. Bruno Kartanowicz, welcomed Pendergraft.

His first visit (March 25-27) was for the weekend of the feast of the Annunciation. About 120 people attended the High Mass that he celebrated on Sunday, and met with him at the lunch after Mass.



The Latin Mass committee welcomes Fr. Pendergraft to Saskatoon.

Pendergraft returned for a second visit Aug. 13-15, for the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. The community was able to meet with him again at the coffee

social after High Mass on Sunday.

Sunday, May 15, Beatrice Lu crowned the statue of Our Lady. This was followed by the rosary, benediction, and a potluck supper.

The community welcomed Bishop Donald Bolen when he came to celebrate confirmation May 16. Two children, Peter Bumphrey and Beatrice Lu, were confirmed by the bishop, and received their first communion. After the Latin Mass, lunch was served, and the community had an opportunity to visit with Bishop Bolen.

The traditional Latin Mass is celebrated at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, 301 Avenue Y South. Missals with English translations are available. High Mass with Gregorian chant is held on Sunday at 9 a.m.

For more information about the community, visit the web site: www.saskatoonlatinmass.com

Cat.Chat television program will air on EWTN

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

A Saskatchewan Catholic family's ministry of evangelization to young children recently expanded to include television.

Cat.Chat creators Gerald and Denise Montpetit of Bruno traveled with their five children to Irondale, Alabama in April to film a new television program for the Catholic television network EWTN. The eight 30-minute Cat.Chat episodes are expected to air in April, 2012, and will also eventually be available on DVD.

Television is a new venture for the Saskatchewan family's Cat.Chat outreach, which includes live concerts, as well as audio and video recordings.

Cat.Chat's fourth Vacation Bible School (VBS) program will also be released in January, entitled: *"A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer – with Amazing Angels and Super Saints."*

The upcoming TV episodes will contain many of the elements familiar to those who have attended a Cat.Chat concert: lively songs and stories introducing Jesus, scriptures, the saints and the Catholic faith; unicycling and other activities involving the whole Montpetit family; as well as the participation of the much-loved Cat.Chat mascot, "Moses the Cat."

"We were very nervous and we didn't know what to expect," says Gerald of the television production process. "We planned ahead as best as we could and left the rest up to God. It ended up being a wonderful experience for all of us."

The Montpetits' vision for Cat.Chat is to see children and families "experience



Cat.Chat includes Denise and Gerald Montpetit and their five children Reanne, 15, Vanessa, 2, Luc, 7, Jerome, 10, and Dominic, 13. The family is also joined by Cat.Chat mascot "Moses the Cat" when sharing faith through concerts, audio programs, and now a new television program.
- Photo submitted by Cat.Chat

Jesus through the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith in a fun and faith-filled way," he describes.

"We have all come across many religious educators, parents and grandparents who have expressed how they wish they could find solid Catholic resources, CDs and DVDs that were professionally done and fun for kids," he explains. "As parents and educators, Denise and I also experienced the same desire: to find great Catholic resources that would catechize and captivate kids. That is when we sensed God tugging on our hearts to start a children's ministry."

He notes the abundance of great-quality Protestant resources for children, but adds

these are missing essential teachings and treasures of the Catholic faith.

"As a couple, we started praying and asking the Lord how we could possibly help fill this need. The Holy Spirit began to inspire us with exciting ideas to help get the vision for Cat.Chat started. Scriptures, Church teachings, and encyclicals from the Holy Father were also calling us to move forward," he says, citing Pope John Paul II's call for a new evangelization.

The family's Cat.Chat ministry started 10 years ago, and has been full-time since 2002. Resources and concert presentations are aimed at children from pre-kindergarten to about Grade 5 – but Gerald adds that the simple and dynamic message is also appreciated by parents and educators.

Since 2005, the family has given some 300 concerts across Canada and the United States. "As far as concerts go, I guess you would call us a family band with a unique blend of entertainment and ministry," describes Gerald.

"As the Cat.Chat Man, I deliver simple Catholic teachings through singing, playing guitar, unicycling, juggling, story telling as well as encouraging lots of crowd participation. Denise, my wife, is our road manager and takes care of sound and video during each concert," reports Gerald.

"All five children play a special role, especially while we are on tour," he adds.

"Reanne, who is 15, unicycles and teams up with me as we sing and lead the audience with action songs. She also helps out in the office with accounting and with the creative process of our Vacation Bible School programs."

Dominic, 13, is the group's drummer, and he also rides a unicycle and does other fun things during the concert, along with Jerome, 10, who plays the bongos, does action songs, and also rides a unicycle.

Seven-year-old Luc plays the bongos and helps out with action songs.

"He has wonderful stage presence and kids relate well with him when he is on stage," says Gerald. "Vanessa is two, and she comes up on stage for two songs during each concert and does the actions to each of the songs."

Other members of the Cat.Chat team include Reeta Ali, who helps out with home schooling, meal preparation, child care and the creation of VBS programs, and Janice Babych, who manages merchandise sales for concerts as well as providing child care. "Kerrie Gould, who was part of our wedding party way back in 1993, has been involved with Cat.Chat for the last three years as our mascot, Moses the Cat."

This fall, Cat.Chat gave a seven-week tour, featuring 25 concerts through Alberta, British Columbia, Oregon and Idaho.

Touring has its ups and downs, admits Gerald, describing the challenge of having nine people traveling and living in a motor home for two months at a time.

"Touring can be very demanding with set-ups, tear downs, performing, driving late nights and the challenges of finding showers, laundry and places to park. Amidst all this we do however have a lot of fun and make it point to visit points of interest when it's possible," he says. "We are so blessed to be able to do this a family and we often remind ourselves of what a privilege it is to be able to share the Gospel in such a unique way."

When they are not on the road, Gerald and Denise wear different hats to keep the ministry – and the family – going.

"I take care of songwriting and project development and oversee a lot of the technical details such as web development, song and video production as well as marketing. Denise's main role in the ministry is managing the office, tour booking and coordinating the production of our VBS programs," explains Gerald.

"We can't forget about our obvious parental tasks of coordinating meals, cleaning, laundry and home schooling."

The family has lived in Bruno, SK, since August 2007, moving there from Radway, AB. "Entering a new community as a family is always a challenge, however the move was good for us. Small town living has always been important to us as a family and Bruno has been very welcoming," says Gerald.

Like any family, the Montpetits live life one day at a time, with all its challenges and blessings, he notes. "We do see ourselves as a Catholic missionary family so we are always trying to remain open to what God has in store for us, one year at a time."

For more information: www.catchat.ca



Marriage and Family Enrichment

The Catholic Vietnamese community of Saskatoon held a Marriage Family Enrichment Program (MFEP) during a recent September weekend at St. Peter the Apostle parish. The "Song Nguyen Program" is similar to Marriage Encounter, in that it is designed to help couples improve family life, acquire communication skills and show love to one another. Yet it is different, because the program emphasizes not only the relationship between wife and husband, but also between parents and children; between grandparents and grandchildren. The first and basic course is called the "Heart Conversion Course." The course is grounded in scripture and concludes with Sunday Mass and the renewal of vows.

– Photo by Fr. Phong Pham

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SERENA plans outreach and events

BY ANNETTE AND KEVIN BENTLER

SERENA is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides couple-to-couple instruction in the Sympto-Thermal method of Natural Family Planning (NFP), with a focus on achieving or postponing a pregnancy.

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

Couple-to-couple instruction is SERENA's main activity, but members also:

- train and certify couples to teach user couples
- offer group presentations (marriage preparation, high schools)
- teach fertility awareness to young women in age-appropriate manner
- reach the community via conferences, Welcome Wagon etc.

- help with NFP chart interpretation
- distribute resources regarding fertility, breastfeeding, menopause and infertility
- produce a Coverline newsletter three times per year.

A steak night fundraiser will be held at the Odeon Events Centre (241-2nd Avenue S, Saskatoon) on Thursday, Nov. 3, featuring a silent auction, door prizes and entertainment.

SERENA will also hold a Valentine Social in Saskatoon: Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 with great food and wine, entertainment, door prizes and guest speaker.

For more information about events or about NFP: e-mail sask@serena.ca or contact SERENA Saskatchewan at 1-800-667-1637 (1NFP) or 934-8223.

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Catholic Women's League

Diocese's first CWL celebrates 85 years in Rosetown

BY JUDY LEDDING

This year, the Catholic Women's League council at St. Theresa parish in Rosetown is celebrating 85 years of love and service to God, to Canada and to others.

Established only six years after the CWL was founded as a national organization in 1920, the St. Theresa council was the first to be established in the Saskatoon diocese. The council's history and contributions were highlighted during an 85th anniversary tea May 1 at the Rosetown parish.

A history of the council was prepared for the celebration by Helen Mourre, and displays in the decorated hall highlighted the CWL council's history, members and objectives.

Formed in January 1926, the St. Theresa CWL council's first president was Exceila Montreuil, a mother of 12 who saw the needs of others, and who gathered around her other women who shared her vision of joining the national League, to serve God and country.

The daughter of the first president, Jeannette Sparks, 99, was a special guest at the anniversary celebration.

Other special guests included one of the council's former spiritual directors, Fr. Kevin McGee; present spiritual director Fr. Pius Schroh; Tillie Aessie, president elect of the provincial CWL council; and Ruth Hiebert, representing the diocesan council. Several League members from Biggar also attended the celebration, as did representatives from the local Anglican and United Church congregations.

Messages of congratulations were



The Catholic Women's League at St. Theresa parish in Rosetown celebrated 85 years of service, charity and fellowship May 1: (Back, l-r): Dorothy Rollheiser; member and author Helen Mourre; Armella Rollheiser, local CWL president; Alveria Forsyth, who received the Maple Leaf Gold Service Pin award; Judy Ledding, who was presented with her 40 year member pin; and (Front l-r): pastor and spiritual advisor Fr. Pius Schroh; 99-year-old Jeannette Sparks (1960 - 1962 CWL president and daughter of the council's 1926 first CWL president, Exceila Montreuil); and Patricia Thompson, who was presented with a special certificate of merit award. - Photo by David McIver, Rosetown Eagle

received from national CWL President Velma Harasen, and from Saskatoon Bishop Donald Bolen.

On the national level, St. Theresa CWL is working financially and spiritually to support the League's current mission and theme: *"Women of Faith and Justice."*

This focus calls for prayer, education and action to eliminate poverty, pornography and human trafficking, and

to protect and support victims of human trafficking.

The local council also shares in national efforts advocating for changes to the Youth Criminal Justice Act and was helpful in the raising of the "age of consent" from 14 to 16 years of age. St. Theresa council is among those advocating at the national level for improved hospice and palliative care; as well as supporting the work of many

other organizations, including the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace; Catholic Missions in Canada; Mater Care International, which is dedicated to improving the lives and health of women and their unborn children around the world; and Coady Institute, an international organization which brings women together to educate and advocate for the needs of women and children.

At the provincial level, St. Theresa CWL supports Friendship Inn and the CWL clothing depot in Saskatoon's core neighbourhood; as well as the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan; Saskatchewan ProLife Association; Catholic Christian Outreach on the university campus; Teen Aid Sask.; and West Central Crisis Centre in Kindersley.

Some of the activities and financial support provided by the council at the local community level include: Wheels for Wheels, Meals on Wheels, Grade 12 scholarship, Grade 12 graduation banquet, Rosetown music festival scholarship; Dr. Ositis Foundation; and Rosetown and District Health Foundation.

Members also help in visiting shut-ins, assisting with the local Lodge tea and bake sale and nursing wing entertainment.

At the local parish level, CWL involvement includes: church and church hall furnishings and renovations, assisting in liturgies and RCIA, Bible studies, providing lunches for funerals, assisting with First Communion and Confirmation, a graduates' Mass, retreats, and socials.



Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Women's League members celebrated the council's 50th anniversary with a Mass, banquet and program. - Photo submitted by Alice Radoux

Catholic Women's League at Holy Guardian Angels parish in Englefeld marks 50th anniversary in May

BY AUDREY ZIMMERMAN

A 50th anniversary celebration for Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Women's League in Englefeld was held May 14.

Members and former members gathered in the afternoon for a social in the decorated church basement.

Displays of photo albums, scrapbooks and other memorabilia sparked much reminiscing. The rosary was then prayed in the church proper, honouring the CWL patroness: "Our Lady of Good Counsel."

Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB, Fr. Daniel Muyres, OSB, and Fr. Darryl Millette concelebrated Mass.

Millette spoke of those who go unnoticed working behind the scenes, and stated that the works

of the CWL are noted and appreciated.

A banquet followed in the Englefeld school gymnasium, catered by Lani Best of the Englefeld Coffee Shop. Holy Guardian Angels CWL president Alice Radoux was MC for the program, which began with songs performed by Jayde Ronvel and Crystal Kawolski.

Greetings were presented by CWL provincial president-elect Tillie Aessie, who presented a plaque of recognition; CWL diocesan president Susan Melchiorre, who presented merit certificates to charter members; Mayor Darrel Athmer; parish council chair and Grand Knight Michael Miskolczi; and Sacred Heart, Watson CWL president Irene Gabriel.

Guest speaker for the evening was Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB, who spoke with humour and appreciation for the work of the CWL within the church and the community.

He encouraged CWL members to move forward in their work for God and Canada, citing Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *"Caritas in Veritate"* as a model to follow.

The formal program ended with *God Save the Queen* and the exit procession of the flags. Local entertainment concluded the evening.

The charter council saw 93 members sign up in 1961. Today the CWL council has some 62 members from the village of Englefeld and surrounding farming community.



Members receiving 50-year pins were (l-r): Agnes Tuchscherer, Rosa Laturnus, Mona Halter, Helen Bohn, Anne Bohn, and Christine Lang. - Photo submitted by Christine Lang

Tramping Lake celebrates CWL life over past 50 years

BY ST. MICHAEL CWL

St. Michael's Council of the Catholic Women's League at Tramping Lake, SK, celebrated 50 years April 15.

The celebration evening began with Mass celebrated by spiritual advisor Fr. Gerard Cooper, and concelebrant Fr. Ray Senger, who was born and raised at Tramping Lake.

A banquet followed the Mass, and included a program with Gail Budd serving as MC.

Diocesan CWL president Susan Melchiorre and provincial president Gerri Holmes presented plaques to local council president Evelyn Richelhoff, commemorating the council's 50 years. Anne Bohn and Christine Lang, charter members since the council's inception in January

1961, were also presented with certificates by Melchiorre. Pins were awarded to individual members for years of service by the local executive.

Greetings were brought to the CWL council by various individuals and organizations, including Adam Tuchscherer on behalf of parish council; Joe Fruhstuk, mayor of Tramping Lake; and Grand Knight Ron Budd.

Neighbouring councils in attendance included representatives from St. Vital, Battleford; Sacred Heart, Denzil; Our Lady of the Assumption, Kerrobert; St. Eugene Mazenod, Luseland; St. Peter's, Unity; and St. James, Wilke. Fr. Gerard Cooper gave the closing blessing, and the evening concluded with entertainment.

Justice, peace and life issues

CWL centres discussion on faith and justice

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

"Centred on faith and justice" some 215 women from across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon gathered for the Catholic Women's League of Canada 76th annual diocesan convention May 9 at St. Peter's parish in Unity, SK.

The faith and justice theme echoed throughout the CWL convention, providing the focus for greetings, reports, and discussions, as well as the theme of an address about four principles of Catholic social teaching presented by guest speaker Gisele Bauche.

The principles of human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity were introduced and discussed by Bauche during her keynote talk at the daylong convention. She challenged her listeners to consider how each principle might be better integrated into decision-making in their families, workplaces and communities.

"The call to justice takes its origin in Jesus," Bauche said. "It's an integral, non-negotiable part of being a Christian."

In a report to delegates, diocesan president Susan Melchiorre noted that CWL members across the country are being invited to turn their attention to a broad range of social justice issues. "There are many aspects of this theme to investigate. Homelessness; poverty; abuse of women, children and men; human trafficking; restorative justice; the sick; abortion; elder care; euthanasia," she listed, encouraging councils to increase awareness and action on justice questions.

National president Velma Harasen of Regina also reflected on the importance of being "centred on faith and justice" in an address to convention delegates. She pointed out that just before the recent federal election, the Conservative government rejected taking action on 59 recommendations from a federal poverty



Saskatoon Bishop Donald Bolen greets CWL members at the convention in Unity.

reduction plan set forth by the House of Commons Human Resources Committee (HUMA).

"It is our responsibility to speak to our Members of Parliament about this issue," Harasen said. "Why were none of these recommendations considered? What are they prepared to do to eliminate poverty? And are they prepared to respond to this growing crisis by taking some concrete action?"

Harasen also suggested that members speak to their provincial representatives about poverty issues. She pointed out that Saskatchewan is one of four provinces in the country that does not have a specific anti-poverty strategy. "Why not?" she challenged. "Centred on faith and justice we can – and must – be involved."

Provincial president Gerri Holmes also addressed the convention, encouraging members to pursue justice issues. "May we always have hope as we continue to work for the betterment of all," she said. "We need to live simply, so others can simply live."

During celebration of the Eucharist during the convention, Bishop Donald Bolen encouraged CWL members to find meaningful ways to share with others the hope and the faith of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.

Bolen described how it is in the midst of confusion and loss that the women went to the tomb to tend to the broken body of Christ. "Resurrection happens precisely in the midst of despair, in the midst of darkness," Bolen said, encouraging CWL

delegates to persevere with tough issues of justice and bring the deep foundation of faith to that work.

"In your pursuit of justice you can go courageously to the darkest places, the most despairing places... with the confidence that God is transforming crucifixions into resurrections daily – that God is wanting to bring light into darkness, wanting to transform despair into hope," he said.

The bishop commissioned the diocesan council's new spiritual advisor, Claire Heron, a former national CWL president and honorary life member. During the brief ceremony, outgoing spiritual advisor Sr. Juliana Heisler, NDS, presented a pin to her successor. Later in the day, other members of the diocesan executive were reaffirmed in their positions.

One resolution was passed at the diocesan convention, and was then forwarded to the provincial convention in June (where it also passed.) Initiated by the CWL council from St. James parish in Wilkie, the resolution called on the federal government to establish a Nuclear Fuel Waste Management Agency with broad representation and "at arms length from the nuclear power companies."

Details about a wide range of programs, initiatives, workshops, resources and upcoming provincial and national CWL gatherings were also provided to delegates throughout the diocesan convention.

Among milestone CWL anniversaries across the diocese this year, the four oldest CWL councils in the diocese are this year celebrating 85 years of service, president Susan Melchiorre reported, including the oldest council in the diocese at St. Theresa parish in Rosetown (see article Page 18), as well as Our Lady of Grace in Dodsland, St. Paul in Saskatoon and St. Augustine in Humboldt.

Development and Peace theme focuses on ecological justice

"Together, we hold the future in our hands" is the new five-year theme for Development and Peace.

Developed in consultation with Development and Peace partners in the Global South, with members and allies in the North, the theme reflects the belief that ecological justice is an essential dimension of the mission of the Canadian Catholic organization.

The 2011-2016 education and action campaigns are rooted in a declaration of principles, derived from scripture and Catholic social teaching.

The declaration begins with the assertion that Development and Peace believes that the preferential option for the poor can be extended to include a preferential option for the Earth. It notes that the greatest impact of the ecological crisis is experienced by the people of the Global South, illustrating the need for a new solidarity.

The 2011 fall Education Campaign introduces the theme of ecological justice, with an emphasis on climate change.

Resources highlight alternative, more ecologically sound agricultural practices, such as those followed by small-scale farmers in the Global South.

The action this year will be to sign a message of solidarity and support for Development and Peace partners who are working with communities and organizations of small-scale farmers to develop and implement more ecologically responsible ways of farming.

A Development and Peace Education Campaign workshop will be held 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 at St. Augustine's parish in Humboldt.

Find out more about the fall Education Campaign on the website: www.devpo.org (click on "Education Campaign.")



High school projects support Development and Peace

Grade 12 Christian Ethics students at St. Joseph Catholic High School in Saskatoon this spring donated \$500 to Development and Peace, raised through a noon hour bake sale. Students researched and promoted Development and Peace projects in eight countries, with a mining project in Madagascar selected to receive the bake sale proceeds. Students (l-r) Melissa Kunz, Danielle Roberge, Stacey Stephens, Hailey Reynolds, Meagan Monteiro, and Taylor Gulka, presented the cheque to D & P representative Yvonne Powell, as teacher Wendy Dale (far right) looks on. A boxed lunch auction at St. Joseph high school also raised \$9,400, with proceeds split between Development and Peace and St. Mark Community School. This spring Holy Cross high school also held its annual boxed lunch auction, raising more than \$37,000 for Development and Peace.

- Photo submitted by St. Joseph high school

D & P sends message of thanks to diocese

The diocesan financial office recently received a note of thanks for donations from the faithful in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

A total of \$226,775.58 was forwarded to Development and Peace from September 2010 to August 2011, said Lorraine Kiszka of the diocesan finance office.

Included in this amount was

\$171,369.27 for Share Lent. The balance was for relief or emergency aid to Pakistan, Haiti, Horn of Africa countries and Caritas Japan as indicated or requested by donors.

"The impact of your diocese's contributions extends far and wide," wrote Development and Peace Executive Director Michael Casey. "The contribution from the

good people of your diocese is an extended hand that gives hope to those who need it most."

Donated funds support partners in 30 countries in the Global South who promote alternatives to unfair social, political and economic structures, he said. Development and Peace also educates the Canadian population about the root causes of global poverty.

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Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer healing for emotional and spiritual pain of abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is working to heal the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time.

Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekends offer "a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion" in a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment, where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions, and begin a process of renewal and healing.

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat in the diocese of Saskatoon will be held Oct. 14-16, 2011.

For more information, contact Bonnie at: (306) 480-8911 or e-mail:

r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net or visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Results of a meta-study recently published in the British Journal of Psychiatry concluded that overall, women who have had abortions have an 81 per cent greater chance of subsequent mental health problems.

When compared to women who delivered their child after an unintended pregnancy, women who had an abortion had a 55 per cent increased risk of experiencing mental health problems.

Nearly 10 per cent of the incidence of all mental health problems was shown to be directly

attributable to abortion.

Leaders of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, a network of individuals harmed by abortion, say the report validates what many post-abortive women already know about the emotional aftermath of abortion.

"This is not just another study. It's historic," said Silent No More co-founder Georgette Forney.

"It combines the results of 22 studies conducted over a 14-year period in six countries involving 877,181 women. And it confirms what Silent No More members have been saying all along – abortion harms women."

"Silent No More" about effects of abortion

BY ANITA SONNTAG
SILENT NO MORE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Silent No More Awareness Campaign seeks to make the public aware of the devastation caused in the lives of the second victims of abortion, the parents of the baby.

Those involved in Silent No More hope to convince other women that abortion is not the answer to an unwanted pregnancy, and thereby save babies and their mothers.

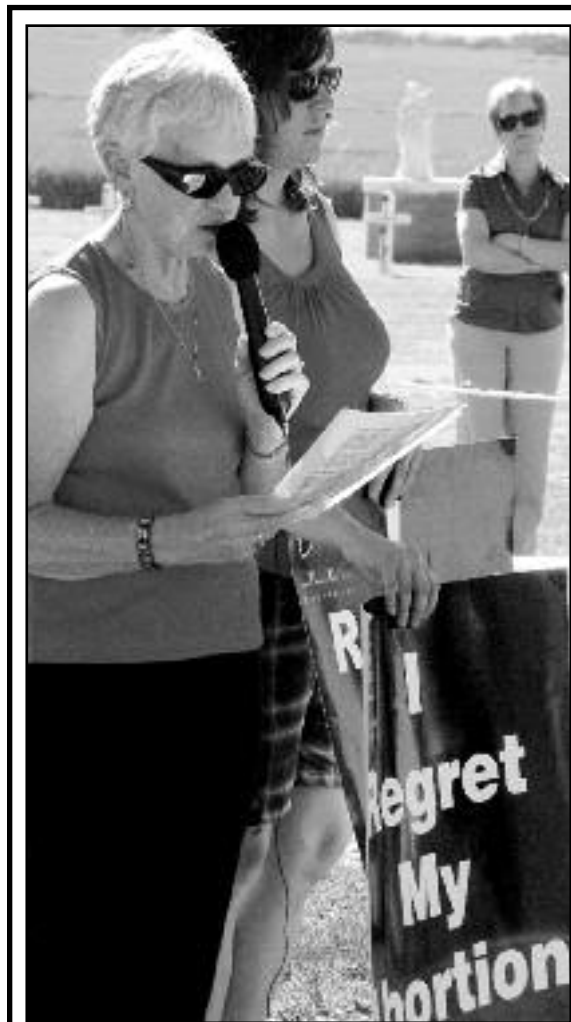
Information released by Elliot Institute (After Abortion.org), an organization that has spent many years researching the effects of abortion on women, shows that:

- 64 per cent of abortions involve coercion or force
- 84 per cent are not fully informed
- 79 per cent stated they were not informed of available alternatives by the abortion provider
- Teenagers who have abortions are six times more likely to commit suicide than other teens

- Abortion increases a woman's risk of future miscarriage by 60 per cent
- 60 per cent of women surveyed after abortion state that "part of me died"
- 65 per cent of women suffer symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress disorder after abortion.
- Women who have abortions have a 65 per cent higher risk of clinical depression than women who have their babies.
- There is an increased risk of breast cancer, cervical cancer and lung cancer
- There is an increase in the use of alcohol and other drugs

These are just a few of the problems that result from abortion. As one post-abortive woman stated in her testimony: "Abortion did not solve my problem, it just gave me more problems."

For more information see: silentnomoreawareness.org or rachelsvineyard.org



Millennium Pilgrimage

Anita Sonntag of Silent No More Awareness Campaign was one of the speakers at a pro-life pilgrimage Aug. 21 at the Millennium Cross site northeast of Aberdeen. She highlighted the need for healing programs such as Rachel's Vineyard (above right) for those suffering from the effects of abortion. For more coverage of this event: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm - Photo by Kiply Yaworski

Speakers address range of issues at pro-life convention in Humboldt

By John Sidloski
Weyburn Pro-Life

(This report was previously published in Pro-Life News.)

"Networking for Life" was the theme of the 2011 Saskatchewan Pro-Life Convention April 15-16 in Humboldt.

The event was hosted by the Carlton Trail Pro-Life Association and attracted a capacity crowd to St. Augustine parish.

Speakers enlarged on all areas of pro-life endeavours, from achievements to failures, covering education, statistics, politics, health issues and governmental issues with pro-life.

Keynote speaker was Michael Coren, columnist, author and a host of a nightly show on CTS television. He brought humour to the convention, as well as serious thought, prayer, and reflection.

Coren informed convention delegates of the horrendous acts of promoting abortion on third world people. Coren compared the killing of down-syndrome children in the womb, with what was done in 1940 Germany.

Coren cautioned that the aged as "mansions of wisdom" must not be fodder for Kevorkian's system of euthanasia. Coren also noted positive changes in society as more and more media are defending protection of all stages of human life.

Other speakers at the convention included "4 My Canada" presenters Sven and Sarah Johnson, who encouraged adults to seek leadership in youth who are more pro-life than ever.

Fr. Jeffrey Stephaniuk of the

Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association presented "A Stone's Throw Away" highlighting the healing retreat centre at Bruno, SK. The priest noted that counselors and specialists often reject faith-based healing. He enlarged on the matter of miscarriages and on post-abortion trauma stress disorder.

Lutherans For Life Canada President Cliff Pyle presented a brief but captivating history of the church, before enlarging on what it takes to win the pro-life fight. Pyle said that the sooner the church weans itself off tax privileges the sooner it will be strengthened to resist the state when the state intrudes on its doctrine. Pyle cited an article entitled "Church must decide which it serves," noting that "Caesar" is welcome to his taxes, but not to worship.

With historical and scriptural backing, Christians need to "walk the talk," he said, "because nothing will happen politically until something happens spiritually."

Speaker Pedro Guevara-Man, producer of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation explained why the world needs the work of Salt and Light more than ever.

Cecelia Forsythe, representing REAL Women of Canada (REAL stands for "Realistic, Equal, Active for Life") also spoke during the convention. She gave a brief history of Canada's abortion laws, noting that Canada has had no law in place since an existing law was struck down in 1988.

She noted how the REAL

Women organization is presently intervening in three court cases.

Forsythe described the damaging nature of polygamy, the tragedy a forced marriages, and "the torture of babies to comply with prophets of society."

She also addressed the use of illicit drugs as medical treatment, noting the yearly cost of \$1 million to support a drug site in Vancouver. In the matter of intervention in a prostitution case, REAL Women of Canada does not support licensed brothels. She also reported the organization's strong positions on

freedom of speech, same-sex marriage, and the de-funding of Planned Parenthood.

Teen-Aid Coordinator Shauna Sparrow gave an informative and light-hearted example of a classroom presentation to youth.

In his address to the convention banquet, MP Brad Trost noted the recent euthanasia Bill went down in a "resounding defeat." The majority of Canadian MPs say that the unborn have some value, he said.

Trost's office spear-headed government de-funding of Planned Parenthood, but the

organization is expected to fight for funding again, he said.

Trost stressed that the basic purpose of government is to protect liberty, property and life.

The Dombowsky Award was presented to Andrew and Louise Novacosky of St. Scholastica Parish in Burr, parents of five children. One of the couple's children was born with cerebral palsy, requiring serious medical attention and intervention during her twelve years of life. Andrew and Louise were recognized for giving Christina their total love and care.



March for Life

The fourth annual Saskatchewan March for Life was held May 12, with groups and individuals from across the province gathering in front of the Legislative Building in Regina. Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association, an umbrella organization for 24 local pro-life groups throughout the province, organizes this event to increase the profile of pro-life issues in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan March for Life coincides with the National March for Life in Ottawa. In another event in Saskatoon, participants witnessed and prayed for an end to abortion at an annual Life Chain gathering Oct. 2 at Idylwyld and 22nd Street organized by Campaign Life Coalition.

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Knights of Columbus



Fr. Patrick Ampani, Fr. Matthew Ramsay, and Fr. Johny Mangalath, VC, (l-r) were among the priests playing soccer at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, during a sports day organized by the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus for priests from across the province.

Knights organize July sports day for priests

By KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

A day of sports and activities for priests from around the province was held July 26 at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster.

The first-time event was organized by the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus state council, led by coordinator Denis Carignan and State Deputy Ed Gibney.

Thirty-two priests from the dioceses of Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert, as well as from the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, participated in the day. They were able to choose from a range of activities, such as golf, soccer,

table tennis, ladder golf and horseshoes, as well as having opportunities to gather together for prayer, socializing and meals.

Participants also had the opportunity to visit the Abbey and view renovations underway at St. Peter's College. Several also visited nearby St. Peter's Cathedral.

"As this was a first, we have learned from the experience. Our observations and feedback from the participants will help us make improvements for next year," Carignan said. "One suggestion was to organize competitions between the priests and the Knights."

Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus attend international convention exploring theme: "So that the world may know new hope"

By PAT MEUSE, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR, SASKATCHEWAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This summer, a delegation of Saskatchewan Knights attended the 129th annual convention of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in Denver, Colorado.

Delegates representing Saskatchewan included three members of the State Board and five elected delegates from around the province. Several other Knights from Saskatchewan were also in attendance.

The annual "Canadian Section" meeting was held prior to the convention opening. State Deputy Edward Gibney of Saskatoon is the current president of the Canadian Section, and so chaired the meeting which included Vice-Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie, Supreme Director Yves Duceppe of Quebec, and Supreme Director Bob Cayea of Ontario. The importance of maintaining and strengthening a good relationship with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops was stressed.

The convention's opening Mass Aug. 2 began with a procession of 84 fourth degree members in regalia; 119 priests; 68 abbots, bishops and archbishops; and ten cardinals.

In his opening remarks, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson declared this year's convention theme, taken from Pope John Paul II's apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*: "So that the world may know new hope."

This theme speaks of the duty of all Knights to spread the hope that is ours in faith, through evangelization. It reminds Knights of Columbus members that the "new evangelization" is an obligation of love; that it is everyone's duty to show to the world the hope that comes from the unity, and solidarity experienced in a communal encounter with the living Jesus Christ, convention delegates heard.

During the opening session, State Deputy Gibney read the convention message from Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The state deputy also received a copy of the new icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe which will be travelling Saskatchewan for the next two years. This special icon has been blessed by Pope Benedict XVI, and it also has been touched to the Tilma cloth on which the original image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared and still remains.

This year over 320 resolutions were submitted to the convention from the various state councils in North and Central America, the Philippines and Poland, dealing with both internal and community concerns.

The most pertinent "community concerned" resolutions include:

- **Honouring Blessed John Paul II** – That Knights of Columbus, along with their families, foster a special devotion to Blessed John Paul II and pray for his canonization; and that we affirm the action of the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus to establish an Archdiocesan Shrine dedicated to Blessed John Paul II in Washington, D.C., including exhibits on his life and legacy.

- **Building a Culture of Life** – That we call for the adoption of laws that recognize and protect in law the right of conscience for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical personnel, guaranteeing that they may not be forced to provide medical services which violate their religious beliefs.

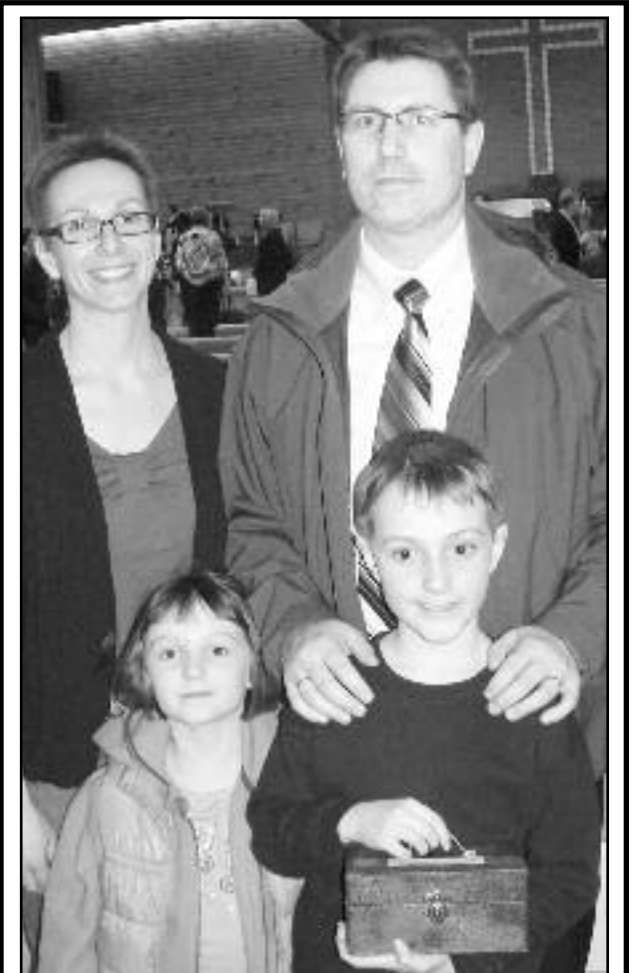
- **Support for Religious Liberty** - That we urge our elected officials and judges to protect the religious liberty rights of all citizens.

- **Support the Institution of Marriage** - That we will never waver in our efforts to promote the Church's understanding of marriage as the faithful exclusive and lifelong union of one man and one woman joined in an intimate partnership of life and love.

- **Support for Catholic Education** - That the Knights of Columbus expresses its strong support for Catholic schools everywhere, and encourages legislation and policies that would establish parental choice in education

In other news, the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus have taken on the effort to raise funds for the solar stained glass windows in the new cathedral in Saskatoon. To this end, a committee has been established to raise these funds, but also to address the growing concern of upkeep on the other cathedrals and co-cathedrals of the province.

However, at the moment the aim is to raise funds for the stained glass in the Cathedral of the



Saskatchewan Family of the Year

Lane and Cynthia Foster, and their children Laurel and Noah, were recognized this spring as the provincial 2011 Family of the Year, receiving the award at the Knights of Columbus state convention in Moose Jaw. Members of St. Francis Xavier parish in Saskatoon, the Fosters are active in parish and community life. Lane works with academic services at the university, and became a Knight in 2004. He has served on his local council, as well as volunteering for the K of C Indoor Games. Cynthia teaches for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, and in the parish assists with Children's Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, Vacation Bible School and Development and Peace activities.

Holy Family. As a fundraiser, the comedy group, "*Hey Nunnie Nunnie*" has been booked for three 7:30 p.m. performances: Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Communiplex in Macklin; Wednesday, Nov. 2 at Sacred Heart Parish Centre in Ituna; and Thursday, Nov. 3 at Prairieland Park Hall in Saskatoon. Tickets are \$30 (in Saskatoon there is an additional Ticketmaster charge of \$3.75). Call Bob Barkman for information: (306) 955-4848.

Another way this committee is raising funds for the windows is through the Knights of Columbus Dream Home Lottery. This lottery also supports many other community initiatives, including the Children's Hospital Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Bosco Homes, K of C Indoor Games, and many other youth and community projects sponsored by the Knights.

Dream Home Lottery tickets are available through each of the K of C councils, or call the toll free number 1-877-490-9998. Tickets are \$200 for a package of three, or \$100 each (50/50 tickets can also be purchased at the same time). The Early Bird draw cut off is Oct. 16, Grand Prize cut off is Nov. 6.



Canada Day celebration

Dale Meier of the Justice Emmett Hall Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus (in regalia at left) presented the prayers of the faithful, while the Knights of Columbus choir provided music ministry during a Canada Day Mass at Holy Spirit parish in Saskatoon July 1. Saskatoon Bishop Donald Bolen presided at the celebration, while Bishop Bryan Bayda of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon gave the homily.

- Photo by Kiply Yaworski

Obituaries

Diocese mourns June 27 death of Fr. Paul Donlevy

Fr. Paul Donlevy, 64, priest and chancellor for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, died June 27, 2011 at St. Paul's Hospital after a long battle with chronic illness.

Donlevy's service in the diocese included pastoral ministry in a number of parishes over 40 years; work on many boards and committees; a passionate interest in law and in issues facing society and the Church; committed care and advocacy for refugees; and outreach to many in need or in turmoil.

"We are pondering the mystery of a life which included such a wide range of things," said Bishop Donald Bolen in his homily at the funeral Mass June 30 at St. Anne's parish in Saskatoon, where Donlevy last served as pastor, before retiring in the spring of 2009 because of his illness.

The bishop described how Donlevy exercised his pastoral ministry with patience and tenderness, while always calling people to faithful discipleship.

"His life served and continues to serve as a signpost which directs us to the very heart of Christ," said Bolen, describing Donlevy's love of God and his people. "Paul's life can only be understood in the context of this relationship."

During the prayer vigil, Fr. Les Paquin recalled Donlevy's love and care for four different "flocks" – his brother priests, the poor and vulnerable, his family, and "the people of God" – particularly those he served as

pastor.

"Paul had a real concern for the broken, for the little people, for those with mental illness, disabilities, for the poor," said Paquin, recalling Donlevy's endless hours working on the Marriage Tribunal, his pioneering work in refugee sponsorship in the diocese, and his efforts to ensure protocols were in place for the protection of vulnerable persons.

As a pastor, he "understood the fact that the sheep did not belong to him," said Paquin, noting Donlevy's respect and love for the flock of the "Good Shepherd."

After years of active service, it was in the "vocation of suffering" that Donlevy provided his greatest witness, suggested Paquin. "He suffered with incredible patience, he remained faithful, he hardly ever complained," Paquin said. "It did not make him self-centred or bitter or useless. He retained his joy and great sense of humour. It made him



Fr. Paul Donlevy

a better instrument.... helping him bring all of us closer to Christ."

Paquin recalled Donlevy's 40th anniversary of priesthood June 12, the feast of Pentecost, marked from his hospital bed. During the joyful celebration, Donlevy said that "he could never repay the Lord for his goodness, and that he hoped it had been as good for the Lord as it had been for him." Reflecting on his life that day, Donlevy summarized: "what a ride!"

Born in Saskatoon at St. Paul's Hospital Nov. 7, 1946, Paul Donlevy was the son of Urban and Helen Donlevy. He was a graduate of St. Paul's High School where he first heard the call to the priesthood. He entered St. Pius X Seminary and attended the University of Saskatchewan, earning his Bachelor of Arts in 1967. He continued his studies at St Paul University Seminary in Ottawa in that same year. He subsequently earned a Bachelor of Theology (1970) and a Masters in Theology (1970).

He was ordained in Saskatoon at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1971, later earning both a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Canon Law from St. Paul University in Ottawa.

As a priest, Donlevy served the parishioners of St. Paul's Cathedral, Coteau Hills Pastoral District (Beechy, Elrose, Forgan, Kyle, Lucky Lake), Langham, Radisson, Blucher, Dundurn, Arlee and Asquith, as well as St. Phillip Neri, Holy Spirit Parish, St. John Bosco, Our Lady of Czestochowa and St. Anne's parishes in Saskatoon.

Donlevy also served as the chaplain of the North Saskatchewan Regiment, and was the bishop's representative to the Catholic Health Services Conference of Saskatchewan, the diocesan spiritual director of the Catholic Women's League, a judge on the Regional Matrimonial Tribunal, and rector of St. Pius X Seminary of Philosophy at the University of Saskatchewan.

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Three Benedictine community members have died in past year

Three Benedictine priest-monks have died in recent months. They were all long time members of St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster.

Fr. Roman Schneider, OSB, died Dec. 26, 2010 at the age of 89.

After an active life as a pastor in the former Muenster diocese, his health began to fail in the last couple of years and he retired to the abbey. After being a resident at the abbey infirmary for over a year, he moved to St. Mary's Villa in Humboldt. He died as a result of a carbon monoxide leak in that facility on the day after Christmas. He was the oldest monk in the abbey community.

Born in the St. Benedict district north of Muenster, Roman Schneider attended St. Peter's College and made his first profession of vows in 1942. After studies as St. John's Abbey in Minnesota, he was ordained in 1947. He spent most of his life ministering in parishes from Watson to Cudworth. His love was being a pastor.

Fr. Leo Hinz, OSB died at age 86 on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 2011, while eating supper with his monastic community. He died of an apparent heart failure.

Leo Hinz was born in the Muenster area, attended St. Peter's College and made his first profession of vows in 1944. After theology studies in Minnesota, he was ordained in 1950.

He studied Canon Law in Ottawa and used his expertise in marriage tribunals at Muenster, Regina and Vancouver. He also helped many religious communities revise their Constitutions after the Second Vatican Council. His work with the marriage tribunals made him very sensitive to difficulties facing married couples. He became involved in marriage preparation courses for young couples and in the marriage encounter movement to foster healthy marriages. Hinz served as resident pastor in many of the larger parishes



Fr. Roman Schneider



Fr. Leo Hinz



Fr. Werner Renneberg

in the area, including Watson, Humboldt, Bruno and Cudworth. He then retired to the abbey where he spent his last years in semi-retirement.

Fr. Werner Renneberg, OSB, died May 3, 2011 at age 86 at St. Mary's Villa in Humboldt, where he lived after retiring from St. Peter's Abbey.

The son of William Renneberg and Ida Pulvermacher, Werner Renneberg was born April 22, 1925, in Leofeld. He received his elementary education from the Ursuline Sisters and attended high school at St. Peter's College in Muenster. He pronounced first vows in 1951, and final profession in 1954. Following his seminary studies in Minnesota, he was ordained in 1957.

He taught classes at St. Peter's College, served as manager of St. Peter's Press from 1959 to 1967, and served parishes in Humboldt, Muenster and St. Gregor. He was also active in Worldwide Marriage Encounter for decades, was chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, diocesan spiritual advisor for the CWL, and a member of Carlton Trail Pro-Life. After his retirement to the abbey, Renneberg served as prior and regularly celebrated Mass for the residents of St. Mary's Villa in Humboldt. In his last few months he was in a care home, first at Lanigan and then at Humboldt.

Oblate pastor Fr. Pius Leibel dies March 30 in Saskatoon

Fr. Pius Leibel, OMI, died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at Mazenod Residence in Saskatoon, SK, at 92 years of age.

Pius Leibel was born on April 26, 1918, at Unity, SK, the son of Helen (Kraft) and George Leibel. He entered the novitiate of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate at St. Charles, MB, professing his First Vows on August 15, 1938. His scholastic years were spent at St. Charles Scholasticate, Battleford, SK, and on June 15, 1943, Fr. Pius Leibel was ordained to the priesthood at Battleford, SK.

Beginning in 1944, he was assigned to pastor small-town parishes for 50 years. Known for his hospitality and good humor, he retired in 1994 to Wilkie, SK. In 2005 he moved to Mazenod Residence in Saskatoon.

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Milestones

Humboldt parish honours Sisters of Saint Elizabeth

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

A century of caring and compassion was celebrated with joy and thanksgiving May 15 as the St. Augustine parish community in Humboldt honoured the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Elizabeth for 100 years of service in the community and beyond.

The centennial celebration in Humboldt began with celebration of the Eucharist with Abbot Peter Novocosky of St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, Bishop Bryan Bayda of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, St. Augustine pastor Fr. Emile April, and a number of priests, including a visiting Franciscan friar from Europe.

Also in attendance were 16 Sisters of Saint Elizabeth from Germany, Austria, Slovakia and the Czech Republic, who were part of a European delegation that traveled to Canada to celebrate with the Saskatchewan community. The Franciscan order was established in Aachen, Germany in 1662 to care for the sick.

Alumni of the St. Elizabeth Hospital (SEH) School of Nursing attended the 100th anniversary celebration wearing their nursing caps and capes, participating in an honour guard, along with members of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League and the St. Elizabeth's Hospital Auxiliary. Representatives of other religious orders from across the province were

also among the special guests at the celebration.

SEH Nursing School graduate Magdalen Dagenais presented a brief history of the order and introduced symbolic items carried forward during Mass: a picture of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the order's patron; as well as bread and roses, a reminder of a miracle associated with the saintly queen, who cared for the poor and suffering.

"God did bless the Elizabethan sisters here with many vocations, and their field of service expanded far beyond their hospital at Humboldt," said Novocosky in his homily. The order's history was highlighted in a display at the local museum and in a book entitled *"And the Prairie Shall Flourish"* written by Joan Eyolfson Cadham, working with a local committee of Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers, Donald Telfer and Ivan Buehler.

The first three sisters to arrive in the area stepped off the train at Muenster on May 14, 1911, facing pioneer hardships and a strange, new land. But within 18 months, a hospital and convent was built in Humboldt, and the religious order began to grow.

Over the years, the Sisters of St. Elizabeth established hospitals and nursing homes around the province, and engaged in other work – such as teaching, housekeeping and pastoral care – across western Canada. Members

of the order also served among the Saskatchewan missionaries in Brazil. Today, most members of the community have retired from active service.

At a banquet following Mass, master of ceremonies Nestor Trach reiterated the history of the local order. Trach expressed thanks to the sisters for their years of caring and compassion, and the crowd responded with a standing ovation for the sisters.

A number of special guests brought greetings and messages of thanksgiving.

Thelma Shedlowsky spoke on behalf of the nurses' alumni of St. Elizabeth Nursing School, thanking the sisters for their many years of training nurses and caring for the sick. "The Sisters of St. Elizabeth have been such an important part of our community."

Sr. Philomena Dobmeier, OSE, responded to the many tributes.

"What a privilege and honor it has been for us to serve you in Humboldt Saskatchewan," she said.

The tributes have been over-



Sr. Clarissa Winters, Sr. Dianne Turner, Sr. Gertrude Marie Twordik (l-r) were among the Elizabethan sisters introduced during the order's anniversary celebration in Humboldt. Sr. Gertrude Marie, 100, is one of the order's centenarians. For complete coverage of this event see: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm

whelming, Dobmeier added. "It is praise I think some of the other sisters should have had, but we're the ones here now celebrating the

100th; we're the privileged ones; we are experiencing what they didn't get to experience at the time."

Fr. Hoffart's anniversary celebrated at home town of Tramping Lake

BY CHRISTINE LANG

ST. MICHAEL, TRAMPING LAKE

Fifty years ago, on June 17, 1961, the little village of Tramping Lake was all abuzz, preparing for a big event.

The community's own Louis Hoffart, son of Ben and Theresa Hoffart was to be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Francis Klein at St. Michael's parish. A banquet took place in the basement of the church for family and friends.

Fifty years later on June 16, 2011, family and friends gathered once again to celebrate 50 years with Fr. Louis Hoffart, OMI starting with Mass at 5 p.m. concelebrated with brother priests Fr. Harold Macinty, Fr. Ray Senger, Fr. Gerard Cooper, Fr. Pius Schroh and Fr. Kevin McGee.

Mass was followed by a

banquet, with a short program. Messages of congratulations were given by Bert Lang on behalf of St. Michael's parish and Knights of Columbus council, Evelyn Richelhoff on behalf of the C.W.L. and Christine Lang on behalf of the Village of Tramping Lake.

In a message written for the anniversary, Fr. Hoffart said: "I am most grateful to God for having inspired and led me to choose this most consoling and precious vocation to the priestly life."

His years of ministry as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate included 18 years serving as a missionary in Peru, and many years as a pastor in Alberta and British Columbia. He was parish priest at St. Mary's parish in Lanigan for five years, and retired at Mazenod House in Saskatoon.

Fr. Daniel Muyres marked 50th anniversary of ordination in June

Fr. Daniel Muyres, OSB, of St. Peter's Benedictine community at Muenster celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination this June. Celebrations were held at St. Peter's Cathedral in Muenster, where he presently serves as pastor, and at St. Gregor, where he grew up.

Other anniversaries of note this year among the clergy in Saskatoon diocese, include the 65th anniversary of ordination for Fr. Gaston Masse, and a 70th anniversary for Fr. Tim Riffel, OMI. Both Fr. Masse and Fr. Riffel reside at Mazenod House in Saskatoon.



Sisters of Mission Service mark 60th anniversary of order

The Sisters of Mission Service, a prairie Saskatchewan religious order founded in July 1951 at Battleford, Saskatchewan, held a 60th anniversary celebration Aug. 23 at Queen's House in Saskatoon. For 60 years, this group of women religious have lived and served in communities across western Canada and in missions abroad, walking with the people in parishes, schools, and hospitals; in retreat houses and in domestic service; in social services and care homes, in communities and organizations. Co-founders Fr. George Kukartz, OMI, and Mary Catherine Cannon envisioned an order of women, missionary in outlook and suited to the needs of the Church on the prairies. SMS members say their community continues to be inspired by their motto: "I came that they may have life and have it to the full. (John 10:10)." For more see: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/news_articles/news_articles.cfm



St. Paul Hospital Nursing Alumni mark 100 years

Wearing uniforms, caps and capes, the St. Paul's School of Nursing Alumni Choir provided the music ministry at an interdenominational prayer service July 8 at St. Patrick parish, part of a three-day reunion in Saskatoon. The event July 7-9 marked 100 years since the first class of nurses completed their training at St. Paul's Hospital. From the first five graduates Sept. 21, 1911, to the closing of the nursing school in 1969, 2,057 graduated from the program established at the hospital founded by the Grey Nuns.

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Course	Parish	Dates	Contact	Speaker
Lighting a Fire: Unpacking our Catholic Treasures of Faith (1) In this pluralistic world, and as the largest member of the Christian family of churches, what makes us uniquely Catholic? With a contemporary hunger for "soul-food" in society at large and the challenge to evangelize through attraction, we need to learn to articulate the tenets of our Catholic faith with clarity and joy. This talk will take a look at seven "pillars" of our Catholic faith, which shape our very being and which respond to universal human longings.	St. Anne Saskatoon	7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU 931-4700	Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers
Holy Yoga (11) Holy Yoga is worship experience created to deepen one's connection to Christ. The introductory workshop examines how we can use our "minds, bodies, and spirits" to de-stress and become more receptive to God in our lives. Use breath, and some primary yoga postures to calm the mind, calm the spirits and relax the body. The sole purpose is to facilitate a Christ-honoring experience that offers an opportunity for participants to authentically connect to God through his word, worship and wellness..	St. Anne Saskatoon	7 p.m. Mondays Drop-in session for 10 weeks (By donation)	Shirley Berthelet 978-7242	Shirley Berthelet
Focus on Seniors (1) This session will look at ways for seniors to continue their life process in a healthy and fulfilling way.	St. Augustine Saskatoon	To Be Announced	Toni Ducklow 373-3453	Bernadette Heintz
Praying with Scripture (1) Discover "Lectio Divina" as a means of growth in relationship with God, others and the whole of creation.	St. Francis Xavier Saskatoon	7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20	Irene LeGatt 933-1108	Lucie Leduc
Celebrating Catholic Education (1) 2011-12 marks the 100th anniversary of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and the 75th Anniversary of St. Thomas More College, a time to reflect on the gift of Catholic Education with which we have been entrusted. What can we celebrate/learn from our past and what challenges/opportunities lie ahead? Reflect on our history, celebrate our present and renew our commitment to Catholic education as we move into the exciting times ahead.	St. Francis Xavier Saskatoon	7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24	Irene LeGatt 933-1108	Gertrude Rompré
Finding God in the "Ordinary" of Life (1) Explore prayer as a response to the presence of God in the various aspects of daily life. Includes engaging in an "Examination of Consciousness."	St. Michael Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18	Myrna Wolfe 242-5150	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU
Exploring Our Images of God as found in the Scriptures (1) Discover the images of each person of the Trinity as found in the Scriptures, and explore our response to these images.	St. Michael Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8	Myrna Wolfe 242-5150	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU
You Are God's Beloved (1) Did you know that you are God's Beloved? Using Henri Nouwen's book <i>Life of the Beloved</i> and various scripture passages, we will experience God's love for us, ground ourselves in God's love, and know that we are God's beloved.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Saskatoon	7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17	Mary Jacobi 653-4945	Mona Goodman
Take Time to Forgive (1) The process of forgiveness can teach us much about ourselves, relationships and God. Examines stages of forgiveness, lessons at each stage and several styles of forgiveness.	St. Theresa Asquith	7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1	Jennifer Gentes 329-4399	Sr, Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
Ethical Decision Making in Health Care (1) Examines how we make ethical decisions, using examples from a health care setting. Includes end of life issues.	St. Michael Burstall	1:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30	Vivien Fiesel 679-2160	Mary Deutscher
You Don't Have to Be an Angel (1) What it means to be a saint, with particular reference to the lives of Dorothy Day and Oscar Romero; followed by group discussion.	Sacred Heart Eston	10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5	Angeline Fleischfresser 962-4382	Michael Murphy
Deepen Your Life's Purpose (1) Answering the most fundamental question: "Why on Earth am I here on this Earth?" Catch a glimpse of how God loves us, and learn five practical expressions of love in order to live our purpose with passion, and love others to life.	Christ the King Foam Lake	7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22	Candace Ruetz 272-4734	Ken Yasinski
A Funny Thing Happened on My Way Through the Bible (1) A search for the use of humour in the Old and New Testament and a discussion about the importance of making the Word relevant to people today.	Assumption of Our Lady, Kerrobert	7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19	Anita Turnbull 834-5668	Blake Sittler
Missionary? Who? Me and You? (1) Pope John Paul II called for a "new evangelization" for all to take up their missionary call. By virtue of our baptism we have all been called to go out and proclaim to the entire world the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. This session will look at the challenges of sharing our faith within the current cultural milieu and discuss how we can be renewed to have a greater capacity to proclaim Christ in our homes, workplaces, parishes, and communities.	St. Mary Macklin	1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29	Jeff Stang 780-753-6969	Christy Dupuis
	St. Mary Wadena	7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16	Holly Parsons 338-2526	Christy Dupuis
Some Women Amaze Us (1) The stories of some truly amazing women – Sarah, Mary Magdalene, Photina – and how they still amaze both women and men today.	Immaculate Heart of Mary Outlook	1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15	Pierrette Turley 493-2747	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
The Future of Farming (1) Where are we headed in the new millennium? Each of us can contribute to what the future of farming becomes. Examine choices and their impact from a Christian perspective.	St. Athanasius Perigord	7 p.m.. Tuesday, Nov. 8	Sylvia Marquette 327-5736	Duane Guina
What's So Special About the Gospel of Matthew? (1) Placed at the beginning of the New Testament, this gospel has been the favorite gospel of the Church. Find out why.	St. Theresa Rosetown	7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25	Betty Ann Rolheiser 882-3741	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU