

Diocesan Bulletin

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Sept. 13, 2020 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming events

From Mourning to Dawn is the diocesan grief support group for widows and widowers. Program facilitators (who have experienced the death of a marriage partner) engage with participants on an eight-week journey of transformation and healing, offering support and encouragement for bereaved spouses. Open to participants who have been widows/widowers between two months and two years, the program will be offered as either an afternoon session or an evening session, held every Tuesday at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, on the second floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, **beginning Tuesday, Sept. 15** and ending Nov. 3, 2020. Sessions will abide by COVID-19 restrictions. Cost of this program is \$35. To register or for more information, contact Dianna Knaus at dknaus@sasktel.net or (306) 382-0535.

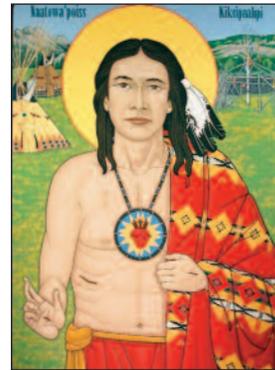
The 40 Hours for Life campaign will be conducted Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, **starting Wednesday, Sept. 23 and running until Oct. 30** with prayer and witness offered along Queen Street in front of Saskatoon City Hospital. Signs are provided. Volunteers are needed to take one-hour shifts to pray for an end to abortion and to offer women a better choice. There are three one-hour time slots each day (Monday to Friday): 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and 11 a.m. to 12 noon. To commit for any of these time slots, daily or weekly, e-mail campaignlifesk@gmail.com or call (306) 249-2764.

Transitions - Ministry to those who are divorced or separated: If you've been divorced or are separated and are feeling disheartened and abandoned, know that you are not alone and there is help. The diocese of Saskatoon offers a peer ministry program called Transitions, facilitated by those who have already experienced divorce or separation, and found healing. Beginning **Sept. 30**, the 11 Wednesday evening sessions will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon, consisting of learning about, reflecting on and discussing issues you are experiencing as you journey through this healing process. In compliance with COVID-19, numbers are limited. For more information contact Sharon Powell at (306) 374-1425 or by e-mail: spowell@rcdos.ca

Life Chain – An hour of peaceful pro-life witness calling for an end to abortion will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 4** at the corner of Idylwyld Drive and 22nd Street in Saskatoon, as well as at the Civic Park in Humboldt, SK, and at 1st Avenue East (in front of the Armada Motel) in Unity, SK. Signs will be provided.

Impact of the Amazon Synod - Friday Oct 23, 2020 marks the one-year anniversary of the Amazon Synod. The first of a three-part online series will take place at 6:30 pm Oct. 23, to look at its impact. Featured keynote speakers will be Archbishop Donald Bolen and Harry Lafond. For more information contact Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5841.

Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education



(Icon of the Sacred Heart 2017 in collaboration with Romeo Crow Chief of Siksika Nation, written by Andre J. Prevost)

Jointly sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, St. Thomas More College, and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, the **Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education** is a continuing education certificate program for Catholic Indigenous and non-Indigenous clergy and lay ministers, led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors, modelling respectful and reconciling relationships.

Why take the program?

- To participate in a concerted effort to answer the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action.
- To learn about the history of the interaction between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples including the impact of Roman Catholic missionaries on Indigenous communities.
- To discuss areas of culture convergence/divergence.
- To further Catholic social and moral teachings.
- To support the building of right relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics in Western Canada.

Who should take this program?

Clergy / Lay ecclesial ministers / Catechists / Catholic school teachers / Youth / Family ministry leaders

Schedule and Registration:

Course 1 (Introduction to First Nations Studies) will be held **4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on nine Tuesday afternoons, from Sept. 22 to Nov. 17, 2020**, offered online via Zoom.

Future online courses in the certificate program are: Course 2 (*Indigenous-Settler Relationship*) Jan. 11 to March 12, 2021; Course 3 (*Contemporary Effects of Colonization*) March 29 to May 28, 2021; and Course 4 (*Reconciliation: the Church and Indigenous Peoples*) Sept. 20 to Nov. 19, 2021. Each course is 18 hours including some out-of-class reading and course work.

COST: \$200 for each course

Register for Course 1 online (Sept. 18 deadline):

<https://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education>

or contact programs@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5831

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Public celebrations are gradually returning in our diocese as restrictions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus are eased. Check with your local parish for details, as arrangements and protocols for attending Mass will vary, depending on the local situation. Numbers are limited by health care directives. Bishop Mark Hagemoen's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in place. Updates and resources related to COVID-19 are on the diocesan website: <https://rcdos.ca/Covid-19-updates>.

Live-streaming of Mass by a number of priests in the diocese of Saskatoon are posted online at <https://saskatoonmass.com>.

Parish support during difficult COVID-19 times: Online giving is available at <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory> for those who have not yet returned to Mass but wish to continue to support their parish. You are also able to direct support to a particular diocesan ministry at <https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support>

The Msgr. Michael Koch Resource Library is once again open, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, second floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road (Attridge Drive and Forestry Farm Park Drive), Saskatoon. Drop by and see the wide variety of material available to borrow. If you have material out, please return it either directly to the Resource Centre, or to the drop-box at the base of the stairs in the Cathedral of the Holy Family, by Sept. 30, 2020. Info: contact Lois at (306) 659-5837 or e-mail lmckay@rcdos.ca

Compassionate Healers' Mass – Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) has announced that the 14th Annual Compassionate Healers' Mass will take place at 9:00 a.m. **Sunday, Oct. 4** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon, with Bishop Mark Hagemoen presiding. This Mass will be live-streamed at <https://saskatoonmass.com> and at <https://rcdos.ca>. In-person attendance is according to COVID-19 regulations, with pre-registration required online at <https://holycathedral.ca> or by calling the parish at (306) 659-5800 during regular office hours (numbers are restricted, and a mask is required at this celebration.) CHAS has also invited all parishes to take the opportunity to offer a blessing to the caregivers in their parishes during celebrations Sunday, Oct. 4 – including personal care assistants, nurses, doctors, first responders and those caring for loved ones.

Ignite Young Adult Ministry is a Ministry of the Redemptorists of Canada, proclaiming the Good News of plentiful redemption in the person of Jesus Christ. An **upcoming Ignite online series** will provide an intense reflection on the life of Jesus and the disciples using the movie "The Chosen" as the conversation piece. There are three days of viewing and discussion, with times in between to watch four episodes at your leisure. The schedule includes: **Tuesday, Oct. 6, Episode 1** Watch Party, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sask. time; followed by watching Episode 2 and 3 at your leisure; **Tuesday, Oct. 20, Episode 4** Watch Party, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sask. time, followed by watching Episode 5 and 6 at your leisure; and concluding with a **Tuesday, Nov. 3 Episode 7** Watch Party from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sask. time. Visit the Ignite web page for more information: <https://ignite-canada.ca/watch-party-the-chosen>

Update your contact information with the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation to ensure you receive receipts for your charitable donations and other timely and important information: <https://dscf.ca/update-your-contact-info>

Adult Faith Enrichment (AFE) openings

Six spaces have opened up for the diocesan Adult Faith Enrichment program to be held one Saturday per month from September to June at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Join Year 2 participants on this journey of faith enrichment, prayer, community and learning which resumed Sept. 12. (Please note that completion of Year 1 is NOT a pre-requisite for this year's AFE program.). The format has changed this year and AFE, which was previously known as Lay Formation, is no longer a live-in program, and new material has been added for those who may have previously participated. All government COVID-19 regulations regarding social distancing and food service will be followed.

A fee of \$750 for the 10-month program includes:

- **One full day in-person** from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. one Saturday each month at the Cathedral
 - Speakers on a variety of topics including Scripture, Catholic teachings and theology
 - Breakfast, lunch and supper
- **Nine short courses from the Augustine Institute**
 - Each course takes 3-4 hours to complete, and includes videos, reading and reflection
 - Upon completion of the nine courses, you will receive a certificate in Core Theology from the Augustine Institute
- **Two or three webinars** (presented by Saskatoon speakers)

To learn more about AFE, see the website at: <https://rcdos.ca/adult-faith-enrichment>

To register, contact Jenny Petersen, AFE Coordinator, (306) 659-5846 or jpetersen@rcdos.ca

Saskatoon CWL Clothing Depot update: The CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon is now open to receive donations of good used clothing and household items on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring your donations to the back door of the Clothing Depot, which is located at 619-20th Street, Saskatoon. Thank you for your patience and your on-going support of the Clothing Depot, which has now re-opened for shopping two days a week. Clothes racks have been rearranged to make the aisles wider to allow for social distancing and large arrows on the floor help to direct traffic flow. A warm "welcome back!" to all customers and volunteers.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all those struggling with mental health challenges. May we reach out in love and support to all who are suffering.

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