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The Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program

To Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

I am pleased to announce to you all the launch of the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program. The Diocese has been working on this program for the last two years, and it is the key reason for the arrival of the Verbum Dei Sisters.

The Mission of the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program is to provide academic, human, and spiritual formation for young men and women who have discerned a vocational pathway to the priesthood, religious life, or towards a professional lay ecclesial ministry-leader. The academic formation program, which results in a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Philosophy major, fulfills the requirements for admittance to various Master of Theology programs, including the Masters of Divinity.

Students enroll both through the Diocese and through St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan. The academic formation is chiefly handled through St. Thomas More College, while the human and spiritual formation program is handled by the leadership of the Verbum Dei Sisters, and several qualified clergy and laity from our Diocese.

This part of the program features three years of formation, as follows:
Year 1 - Human Formation; Year 2 - Intellectual Formation; and Year 3 - Pastoral Formation.


Other features of the program include: A Rule of Life; Intensive Spirituality Training; Yearly Formation; and end of year Spiritual Exercises Retreat.

Please see that enclosed information to summarize the program, and who to contact for further information.

On this the memorial of Saint Eugene de Mazenod, OMI – we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bring God's blessing and renewal to our Diocese's efforts to call and support the priestly and religious vocations in our Diocese.

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Most Rev. Mark A. Hagemoen

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