

PROCLAIM



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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF SASKATOON

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Bishop's Message

The Diocese of Saskatoon is very eager to launch this Fall's Faith Formation initiatives, which can be summarized as "Proclaim, Awaken, Encounter." The proclamation of the Lord Jesus Christ – His word and life – awakens in each of us our hunger and thirst for abundant life, which is nurtured and strengthened by prayer, community, ongoing catechesis and formation, and service to others. As Pope Francis emphasizes in his exhortation 'The Joy of the Gospel' (Evangelii Gaudium), every member of the Church is like the Church herself: we don't merely have a mission – we are a mission."

The call to mission is a major theme for Pope Francis, who also states, "My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off; it is not an 'extra' or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world." (EG #273)

I am excited and eager to continue to support our clergy and laity as this Gospel mission calls each of us to a renewal of heart and life, that both deepens our union with the Lord, and inspires us to bring to bear the Good News on our world of today.

Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon

Message from Marilyn Jackson

Director of Ministry Services

God left nothing to chance when He created the world. The more intimately we get to know Him, the more we can discover how every little detail surrounding our existence has been carefully planned. The Church exists to evangelize and every one of us has a unique role to carry out. Evangelii Nuntiandi tells us, "the Lord entrusts to the Apostles the task of proclaiming the Word. He chose them, trained them during several years of intimate company, constituted and sent them out as authorized witnesses and teachers of the message of salvation. And the twelve in their turn sent out their successors who, in the apostolic line, continue to preach the Good News."(EN 66)

A discussion group was created earlier this year, made up of representatives from parishes of all sizes from across the Diocese, including clergy, religious and parish leadership. This group was tasked with reviewing the current model of adult faith formation and assessing the needs of adults in both rural and urban parishes. What we heard over and over was that the faithful of our diocese value good catechesis and building community.

The group was also invited to consider the goals of the

Diocesan Pastoral Plan as they considered recommendations for future adult faith formation initiatives. The Pastoral Plan is the lens through which we should view everything that we do in the diocese. Our formation is not about programming, process or strategy but about striving to be holy and holiness is more about perseverance than perfection.

Catholics across the diocese are telling us that they want to move beyond talking about evangelization and are ready to embrace the practical "how to". We are so excited to introduce our brand-new format for adult faith formation which will feature three unique elements and we named them PROCLAIM, AWAKEN & ENCOUNTER.

PROCLAIM is a movement where our Evangelization & Mission Leader will accompany both parishes and individuals in a Discipleship Making Model for the purpose of multiplying missionary disciples. Individuals and parishes will learn how to develop and nurture small faith communities.

AWAKEN will provide an opportunity for individuals to consider their call to share in the mission and life of the Lord. Four-session modules will be offered three times a year between September and May, with instruction that is grounded in Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Participants can choose to take part in one module or all three!

ENCOUNTER are large group events to help create an environment for growth in discipleship and holiness. This year, we will be offering a Transform Conference, a Diocesan-wide Lenten Retreat and Flourish (a Speaker/Dessert Night) later in the Spring.

You are invited to join us this fall in the mission to **Proclaim Christ and God's Kingdom Today**, become awakened (or re-awakened) to God's presence and love for us and to encounter our Lord in community with other followers. We look forward to serving you!

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“God is opening before the Church the horizons of a humanity more fully prepared for the sowing of the Gospel. I sense that the moment has come to commit all of the Church’s energies to a new evangelization and to the mission ad gentes. No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples.”
 –Redemptoris Missio 3

The opportunity to reach people with the message of the Gospel has never been greater... or more important. The Diocese of Saskatoon is inviting all members of the Church to become Missionary Disciples. Through Proclaim, we hope to see more and more lay people and parishes embrace their missionary identity by taking the initiative to share Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, motivated by love and leave the ‘results’ to God. As you think about embracing your missionary identity and being more intentional in witnessing to your faith, you might feel overwhelmed with the task or might not know where to begin.

There are many programs designed to provide you the opportunity to lead others to discover or re-discover their faith, in a clear and simple way. Two of these are the Alpha Program, and Discovery

Discipleship Series. Each of these programs are designed to invite participants to become personally engaged in their faith, and are easy to lead. Parishes that run Alpha or Discovery often share that these programs build momentum for their communities, and lead to new people coming to their churches.

Evangelization and Mission Leader, John Hickey is available to help any individual or parish community to build a movement of evangelization, particularly through reaching people through these programs. He can help you with every stage of the process, from crafting invitations, managing contacts, leading with excellence, and how to grow future participation.

If you would like to explore how you or your parish can lead evangelization, or to have him speak to your parish leadership teams, contact John at 306-659-5847 or at jhickey@rcdos.ca



JOHN HICKEY

John Hickey serves as the Evangelization and Mission Leader for the Diocese of Saskatoon. He has been employed as a missionary for Catholic Christian Outreach since 2005, where he continues to work on a part-time basis as a Parish Consultant. John has a passion for speaking about Intentional Accompaniment and Evangelization, and for mission-oriented leadership development. He and his wife Heather have four children.

John says on the CCO website: “While I was baptized as an infant, and grew up in the Church, faith was just a small interest in my life. After being away from the Church for about a year as a university student, it was through my involvement with CCO that I had an encounter with Jesus which changed everything.”

Fall & Winter Sessions

Cathedral of the Holy Family, Bishop Klein Room
 123 Nelson Road Saskatoon, SK



MODULE 1: SCHOOL OF THE WORD
Facilitated by Verbum Dei Missionaries
 Tuesday Evenings 7 pm to 9 pm
 October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 2021

The Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity is an International Catholic contemplative-active community founded by Fr. Jaime Bonet in Mallorca, Spain in 1963. Their community is present in thirty-two countries, dedicated to prayer and preaching of the Word of God.

A four-week series of formation in a meditative-contemplative way.

We are so blessed in the Diocese of Saskatoon to have Sisters Marta, Malou and Claudia live and work in our faith community. They are currently involved in the development and support of several formation programs and ministries.

School of the Word is a School of Prayer formation for all those who would like to learn how to pray with the Word of God in a meditative-contemplative way. The series consist of one-hour formation/instruction on the four basic steps of praying based on Sacred Scripture (adapted Lectio Divina) followed by personal time with guided meditation and/or contemplation of a specific Scripture passage and small groups sharing.

These sessions are also an excellent resource for those who are leading small prayer groups in their parish or home.

Please bring your own Bible and Prayer Journal/Notebook
 Cost is \$40.
 E-transfer to tclarke@rcdos.ca or by cash or cheque made payable to the Episcopal Corp. of Saskatoon, at the first session.
[Register Online!](#)

MODULE 3: CATHOLIC LITURGICAL AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE
Facilitated by Fr. Geoffrey Y.
 Tuesday Evenings 7 pm to 9 pm
 January 11th, 18th, 25th and Feb. 1st



Each session begins with a presentation by Fr. Geoffrey Young followed by a question and answer session. [Register Online!](#)

Week I – Why worship?
 As the People of God, the Liturgy – particularly the Most Holy Eucharist – is the fons et culmen (‘Source and Summit’) of our Christian life. Drawing from the Scriptural and Magisterial tradition, we will begin to examine the nature and purpose of liturgical worship in our lives.

Week II – The Church: Model and Mission
 Drawing particularly from Lumen Gentium, we will try to understand the nature of the Church, and how God continues to work and sanctify through her the People of God. The role of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of the Church and model of discipleship.

Week III – A Sacramental People
 Because of the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals himself truly and fully through Christ, the God-Man. That which is unseen and eternal manifests and reveals himself when the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We will continue to examine how the Sacramental rites and Christian life continues to be an encounter with Christ and his bride the Church.

Week IV – Our Call to Holiness
 In the public liturgy, and popular piety of the People of God, we are called to holiness and happiness in this life – and in the next. Our concluding talk will reflect on the place of prayer, public and private: what is popular piety and how does enrich our liturgical life. We will examine how the life of the Saints and the liturgical year sustain and strengthen our spiritual life.

Note: Module 1 and 3 will be available in person or via Zoom.

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MODULE 2: MINISTRY SERIES

Dates are November 16th, 23rd, 30th and December 7th
Sessions run from 7 pm to 9 pm
Bishop Klein Room, Cathedral of the Holy Family 123 Nelson Road
[Register Online!](#)

You Got Booked!

Dianne Anderson, Restorative Ministry Coordinator
November 16th 2021

You Got Booked is a tool to teach about the criminal justice system and how it impacts people in different ways. It points to how the different intersections of identity can lead to varied experiences of justice for different people. Participants will travel around a life-sized game board trying to build resources and avoid prison. The goal of the game is to inform participants about the injustices of the criminal justice system and provide ideas and tools to advocate for change.



Evangelization and the Mission of the Church

Office of Evangelization & Catechesis
November 23rd 2021

Evangelization has always been at the center of the mission of the Church, but how are we as Catholic people called to partake in this mission? Evangelization and Mission Leader John Hickey will break down how we can approach relationships in order to share our faith with others in a way that is relevant to people of today. You will learn how to witness to your faith in a way that reaches people where they're at, in order to encounter Jesus and become missionary disciples.

KAIROS Blanket Exercise

Myron Rogal, Justice & Peace Coordinator
December 7th 2021

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise was developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and educators. The KAIROS Blanket Exercise (KBE) is an interactive and experiential teaching tool that explores the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the land we now know as Canada.

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Palliative Care & End of Life Issues

Jacqueline Saretsky, Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator
November 30th 2021

Jackie will present education around end of life issues and caring for others during these difficult times. She will talk about palliative care and how it is different from euthanasia. The goal of this session is to raise awareness around what some may experience at the end of life and how the power of human presence can make a difference. You will hear about the vital role of volunteers.



Please note: Ministry Events are only available in person because of the experiential nature of the presentations. If you are interested in bringing the ministry series to your parish or deanery, please contact Marilyn at 306-659-5836.

Transform Conference

October 22nd and 23rd 2021
St. Anne's Parish, 217 Lenore Drive
[Register Online Now!](#)

Transform is a two-day event hosted by the Diocese of Saskatoon. The purpose of Transform is to inspire, equip, and send the people of our diocese to be missionary disciples. Our hope is that Transform will inspire our people to share their faith empowered by the Holy Spirit and take the mission back to their parish. This year, we are excited to have two speakers:



ERIC MYATT

Eric Myatt is the Canadian regional Coordinator at Divine Renovation. He served with Catholic Christian Outreach for nearly 15 years, focusing

on bringing university students into a relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. Eric has led worship for almost 20 years, and currently serves in the music ministry at his own parish, Saint Benedict in Halifax.



ERIC CHOW

Eric Chow currently serves as the Director for Proclaim and Associate Director for Ministries and Outreach at the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Eric finds life in roles of leadership, strategy, and mentorship. He loves working through others, seeing them succeed, and mentoring/coaching people in their gifts and talents.



"They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap." Psalm 92:13-14

Flourish

Cathedral of the Holy Family
Thursday, April 28th 2022
7 pm to 9 pm

Dessert & Speaker night
Speaker: TBA
\$20, Registration will be on the website [rcdos.ca](#) in the new year



Lenten Retreat

Queen's House
Sunday, March 20th 2022
3:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Two sessions and Musical Adoration
Cost to attend is \$20, dinner is included.
Registration will be on the website [rcdos.ca](#) in the new year



To learn more about launching an evangelization initiative in your parish, call John Hickey 306-659-5847



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Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/212366023749052>

Ministry Series – Various Speakers

“You Got Booked!” (Nov. 16th)
Evangelization and the Mission of the Church (Nov. 23rd)
Palliative Care & End of Life Issues (Nov. 30th)
KAIROS Blanket Exercise (Dec. 7th)

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/212385789393269>

Catholic Liturgical and Sacramental Life – Father Geoffrey Young

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St. Anne’s Parish
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Lenten Retreat, March 20, 2022,
Queen’s House, registration info will be on the website in the new year

Flourish Dessert & Speaker Night,
April 28, 2022, Cathedral of the Holy Family, speaker TBA, registration will be on the website in the new year.



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