

Pastoral association of lay ministers decides on a name change at meeting in Saskatoon on Feb. 3, 2009

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SASKATOON – An association of lay ministers first established in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon in 1991 received a new name at a recent meeting in Saskatoon.

Now known as the Pastoral Association of Lay Ministry (PALM), the group is an organization of over 60 lay people employed in pastoral ministry in the geographic area of the diocese of Saskatoon, both urban and rural.

Members of PALM minister in a variety of settings, including parishes, the diocesan Catholic Centre, schools, prisons, hospitals, care homes, retreat centres and on campus.

Objectives of the organization are to build community among lay ministers; to offer professional and spiritual development; to act as an advocate for members; and to nurture collaboration between lay and ordained ministers.

Co-chairs of PALM are Blake Sittler and Madeline Oliver.