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Diocesan staff recently bid farewell to the Catholic Pastoral Centre building in downtown Saskatoon, known for its mosaic of the face of Christ on the front of the building. *Photo by Tim Yaworski.*

# ***Move to new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre underway***

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

DEC. 10, 2011 - The doors of a new parish home, diocesan cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre will open this week in Saskatoon.

The Cathedral of the Holy Family has been under construction in northeast Saskatoon since the fall of 2009. Although work will continue on portions of the building interior, the worship space and office areas are substantially complete. The new building also includes two smaller chapels, a hall, meeting areas, pastor's residence, and a resource library.

Holy Family parish will celebrate its first Sunday Eucharist in the new building Dec. 18, 2011 led by pastor Rev. David Tumback, with parishioners also looking forward to celebrating Christmas in the much-needed larger space. The existing Holy Family building has been sold to Sutherland Evangelical Church.

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The new Cathedral of the Holy Family will become the “seat of the bishop,” with diocesan celebrations of transition planned for both the existing and the new cathedral: 5 p.m. Dec. 31 at St. Paul’s Cathedral on Spadina Crescent, and at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 1 at the new building on Nelson Road and Attridge Drive.



Former Saskatoon bishop Archbishop Albert LeGatt, who launched the project and who now serves in the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, will join Bishop Donald Bolen for these diocesan celebrations.

In recognition of its historic status, St. Paul’s has been designated a co-cathedral, and will continue to serve a vibrant downtown parish community. The formal blessing of the new Cathedral of the Holy Family is set for May 13, with a number of events planned that week to celebrate the dedication.

The Catholic Pastoral Centre is closed from Dec. 9 to 18 as staff members make the move to new offices in the Cathedral of the Holy Family. The diocesan centre will reopen Monday, Dec. 19.

“Advent is busy with parish activity, but at the diocesan level this is a rather calm season, so it is the perfect time to put our services on hold for a week. We definitely appreciate people’s patience during our move,” said Blake Sittler, Director of Pastoral Services.

The Catholic Pastoral Centre is home to the bishop’s office, as well as the Chancery Office and Marriage Tribunal, and diocesan ministry offices that provide a range of outreach, parish support and programs. Ministries coordinated from the Catholic Pastoral Centre include: Lay Formation, Restorative Ministry (prison outreach), Justice and Peace, Ministry Development, Marriage and Family Life, Youth Ministry, Diocesan Youth Retreat Team, Vocations, Catechetics, Communications, Foundations and the diocesan Resource Library, all funded by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

The former Catholic Pastoral Centre building next to St. Paul’s Cathedral, constructed in 1963 under the leadership of Bishop Francis Klein, will be rented out after the move

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The new Catholic Pastoral Centre at the Cathedral of the Holy Family will also soon house diocesan archives, which have been stored at Ogle Hall student residence (the former Pius X seminary building) on the University of Saskatchewan campus. That building was recently sold to the university.

Funds for constructing and equipping the \$28.5 million project were raised over several years by Holy Family parish, as well as through a diocesan *Uniting in Faith* capital campaign. The diocesan effort involved parishes across the diocese, and brought in individual donations at every level of giving, both one-time, and pledged over five years.

Fund-raising continues for some of the building's features, including the solar stained glass windows in the spire (with the help of Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus), as well as for the non-solar stained glass artwork in the sanctuary, all designed by Canadian glass artist Sarah Hall. There are also plans to raise funds for the installation of a pipe organ in the worship space.