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# Exploring Our Faith Together



## Youth evangelizing youth

A gift to the diocese – that's how Youth Ministries Coordinator Shannon Granger describes the Diocesan Retreat Team, a group of enthusiastic young people ready and willing to share their faith.

"These young people are so amazing in what they can do and in the creative ways in which they share their faith," says Granger.

For more than a decade the team has provided faith enrichment to young people in the diocese. Their presentations are geared to the Grade 9-12 age group.

The Diocesan Retreat Team is prepared to offer retreats, rallies or workshops on request, and can tailor their presentation to the needs of a parish or a youth group, says Granger, urging anyone interested in booking the team to contact her at the Catholic Centre 242-1500 to discuss program content and costs.

Team members are enthusiastic about their ministry to other young people.

"I keep coming back because I learn so much from the youth we meet, and I grow so much in my own faith," says Erin McKay, a team member for the past six years.

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# GREETINGS FROM THE BISHOP

## Dear Friends:

Images are so important: they feed our vision and direct our efforts. Since Vatican II several complementary images have fed the church's vision of itself and directed its efforts of renewal and growth.

The image of the Body of Christ speaks to our being the Spirit-filled sacramental presence of the crucified and risen Christ in our world. The image of the People of God speaks to our common baptismal identity and the participation of all in the life of the Church. Another powerful image that has also come to the fore with the renewal of the spirituality and life of the Church which continues to proceed from Vatican II is that of communion

In his Apostolic Letter *At the Beginning of the New Millennium* Pope John Paul II states "It is in building this communion of love that the Church appears as sacrament, as the sign and instrument of intimate union of God and of the unity of the human race." (# 42) He declares therefore that our great challenge as we enter this new millennium is "to make the Church, the home and the school of communion" and that for this "we need to promote a spirituality of communion, make it the guiding principle of education wherever individuals and Christians are formed, wherever ministers of the altar, consecrated persons and pastoral workers are trained, wherever families and communities are being built up." (# 43)

This newsletter sets out various initiatives of education, formation and community building being offered in our diocese in the coming months: Foundations sessions, Ministry Development workshops, Youth Retreat Team initiatives, marriage enrichment efforts, website development, etc. So much is happening in our diocese.

It's good to remind ourselves of the ultimate goal of all these efforts. While ideas are shared and skills and participation are enhanced, the Spirit is at work leading us to conversion and growth in holiness that will be marked by an even greater communion amongst us, a true and collective spirituality of communion.

In reflecting on this spirituality of communion Pope John Paul says: "A spirituality of communion indicates above all the heart's contemplation of the mystery of the Trinity dwelling in us and whose light we must also be able to see shining on the face of the brothers and sisters round us ... an ability to think of our brothers and sisters in faith within the profound unity of the mystical body and therefore as those who are a part of me. This makes us able to share their joys and sufferings, to sense their desires and attend to their needs, to offer them deep and genuine friendship ...

also the ability to see what is positive in others, to welcome it and prize it as a gift from God. A spirituality of communion means finally to know how to make room for our brothers and sisters, bearing each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2) and resisting the selfish temptations which constantly beset us and provoke competition, coercion, distrust and jealousy. Let us have no illusions: unless we follow this spiritual path, external structures of communion will serve very little purpose." (# 43)

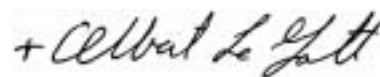
Communion: that's my deep hope and prayer. I ask God's blessings upon us as we engage the many activities of formation and participation present in our parishes and in our diocese, that the Spirit makes us into a people of communion, a people of solidarity.

This will be very much the focus of the second part of the Parish Vitality Reflection which will begin in the fall, starting with our Diocesan Congress. There we will deepen our understanding of solidarity as we consider the Shepherd/Kingly mission of Jesus who came to unite all in His Kingdom of love. He calls the church to carry out this mission in charity and justice so that His great desire that all may be one (John 17:22) might be fulfilled.

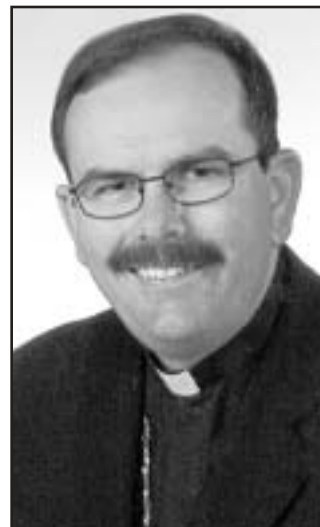
Therefore in the months to come as we gather and work together, people of different ages, gifts and talents, of different concerns, spiritualities and desires for the church, may the Spirit help us to enrich each other in a spirituality of communion. Even more, may the Spirit help us to discover Christ in each other and in our midst. For ultimately our communion is only realized in Christ, in the person of Jesus Christ.

Conversely a new evangelization, the renewed proclamation of Jesus Christ will only be heard and received by those we reach out to if they see in us the lived reality of communion. "They'll know we are Christians by our love".

God's blessings upon all of you.



Most Rev. Albert LeGatt  
Bishop of Saskatoon



## Diocese launches redesigned website

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

The diocese of Saskatoon website has a new address and a new look. Officially launched Jan. 15, the revised website can be found on the Internet at [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

Although an electronic connection can never replace human contact, the Internet is an effective tool for gathering and sharing information, even across a large geographic area, said Catholic Centre director Dorothy Fortier. "Improving our presence on the Internet is one form of inculturation."

Anyone visiting the old address will be automatically forwarded to the new site, said web designer Louis O'Reilly.

"The site has a more modern look, and has greater consistency in its presentation," he said of the new design. The redesigned site is also much easier to use, he added.

A standing menu at the top of the web page ensures that even when browsing within menu categories, the user can always navigate through the entire site. "Everything in the menu is accessible from every page," explained O'Reilly.

A new internal search engine permits users to check the entire site for information about a key word or phrase. A site map at the bottom of the web page provides access to information even for computers that can't support graphics or "html" documents.

Frequent visitors to the site will find something new every day, O'Reilly noted. "It's not a static web page, it will reflect the life of the diocese."

Daily Mass readings, an ever-changing inspirational quote, upcoming events, and access to diocesan ministry



Louis O'Reilly and Dorothy Fortier review the new site.

resources are among the features of the redesigned site.

As a member of the diocesan faith community, O'Reilly said he tried to incorporate design features his own family would find helpful. He recalled times when he turned to the Internet seeking information about reconciliation services at area parishes, or about the Sunday readings. "Hopefully the site's new features will meet needs shared by practicing Catholics across the diocese," he said.

He also hopes the site will also be a vehicle of evangelization and outreach. "I want the website to be something that could help people connect with the church, whether they are seeking to have their child baptized, or wanting to get married, or struggling with an issue."

## Music workshop focuses on youth involvement

By Shannon Granger  
Coordinator of Youth Ministries

The diocese of Saskatoon Office of Youth Ministries presents "**Music with Youth for Liturgy and Prayer**" a hands-on active workshop for youth, young adults and all leaders of music in parishes who are interested in a contemporary approach to music ministry.

The weekend workshop will be held at St. Mary's parish in Saskatoon, Friday, March 12 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration will be \$10 and forms are available on the

diocesan website at [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com) or from parish youth contacts.

Facilitator Denise (Wilson) Paquette will offer practical strategies for involving young people in music ministry at celebration of the Eucharist, tools for liturgy planning, and options for using a variety of songs for prayer and praise.

The workshop will highlight the *Spirit & Song* hymnal. Participants are invited to bring guitars and everyone should come prepared to sing.

Denise is the coordinator of Youth Ministry for the diocese of St. Paul, Alberta and serves as a consultant to parishes and schools in youth ministry resources, planning and programming. She holds a B.Ed. degree from the University of Alberta, and a Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies.

## Youth evangelizing youth

(RETREAT TEAM continued from FRONT PAGE)

Thomas McKay says he appreciates the opportunity to share Jesus with others through the retreat team. "Of all the youth groups and activities I'm involved in, this is definitely my favorite."

"The team includes a fun bunch of really great people who all share a common faith," agrees Brandon Jean, a Grade 12 student who has been on the team for the past two years.

Breanne Collin joined the team this year after hearing about it in a Christian Ethics class at school. "It's lots of fun," she says, adding that her involvement on the team complements her work as a camp counselor. - KLY

## YOUTHLEADER†

An awesome week-long summer program of faith growth and leadership development for young people and those working with them. For more information, interested parish teams can contact Shannon Granger, Coordinator of Youth Ministries (306) 242-1500 Toll Free: 1-877-661-5005



**MARRIAGE TASK FORCE** – A task force has been established to find ways to support and enrich marriages within the diocese of Saskatoon. The group met recently at St. Philip Neri parish: (*standing at back, left to right*) Bishop Albert LeGatt, Shirley and Wayne Handley, Marc and Darcie Lich, Shaun and Katarina Nechvatal, Jeanine and Bob Loran, Tom and Rose Rogers, Adele and Jim Longstaff; (*seated at front, left to right*) Darren and Wendy Dale, Colleen and Mark Stocklein; missing from the photo: Krystyna Wlodarczyk.

## Marriage Preparation / Engaged Encounter / Marriage Encounter

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

#### PARISHES

(*Marriage Preparation is offered at several parishes. Contact your local parish to inquire about availability.*)

#### CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

##### Weekend Marriage Preparation

Workshops, Saskatoon  
Friday 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(Lunch included)

**Feb. 6 - 7, 2004**

**April 2 - 3, 2004**

**May 28 - 29, 2004**

These courses are designed to help couples learn to better communicate feelings and ideas on relationship issues. They are open to anyone regardless of religious affiliation. Contact Catholic Family Services  
Phone: 244-7773;  
E-mail: [staff@cfsaskatoon.sk.ca](mailto:staff@cfsaskatoon.sk.ca)

### WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

By Suzette Szumutku

(*These marriage preparation workshops do not have a specifically Catholic perspective.*)

Sessions are held Friday 7 p.m.- 10 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Upcoming Saskatoon dates:  
Feb. 27 - 28; April 23 - 24;  
June 25 - 26; Aug. 27 - 28; Nov. 5 - 6.  
A "Remarriage Preparation" session will be held March 26 - 27, 2004.

Contact:

Suzette Szumutku

1-800-652-1251;

E-mail: [marriageprep@sasktel.net](mailto:marriageprep@sasktel.net)

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

(*Engaged Encounter is a "weekend away" in which couples explore their feelings and dialogue about their future together*)

#### Engaged Encounter Saskatoon

**Feb. 27 - 29, 2004**

**May 7 - 9, 2004**

Contact: Sherry & Al Richert 373-9889

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

**Engaged Encounter,  
St. Peter's Abbey,  
Muenster  
April 16 - 18, 2004**

Contact: Carol & Dezi Monz 682-3175

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

(*A Marriage Encounter weekend is an opportunity for a married couple to take time to rediscover one another and focus on their relationship in a loving encounter.*)

**March 12 - 14, 2004 :**

Parktown Hotel, Saskatoon

**April 23 - 25, 2004:**

St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster

**November 4 - 6**

Parktown Hotel, Saskatoon

Contact:

Marc and Anita Loiselle: 258-2192

E-mail: [loiselle@sasktel.net](mailto:loiselle@sasktel.net)

## Congress will promote “culture of vocations”

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Creating a “culture of vocations” will be explored at a Diocesan Vocation Congress 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at St. Patrick’s parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon.

The gathering is open to everyone, said Fr. Hans Eibich, Vocation Director for the diocese of Saskatoon.

Congress participants will hear more about a pastoral plan entitled *Fostering a Culture of Vocations* which came out of an international vocation congress held in Montreal in April 2002, he said. The local congress will hopefully generate “real hands-on ideas and activities to implement for future awareness and diocesan events,” he added.

A vocation is the path by which each person lives out the baptismal call to holiness and shares in the mission of Jesus – whether the call is to ordained priesthood, to consecrated life as a religious brother or sister, to marriage or to single life. Expanding vocation promotion to include all these manifestations of God’s call is an ongoing challenge, said Eibich.

The idea of a “preferential option for the young” which



**Youth representatives gathered Jan. 8 in Saskatoon in preparation for a Diocesan Vocation Congress.**

came out of the Montreal congress will also be explored at the diocesan gathering, he said.

A group of 45 Saskatoon youth met Jan. 8 in preparation for the upcoming Diocesan Vocation Congress.

Representing Catholic high schools, St. Thomas More College, Catholic Christian Outreach and parish youth groups, the young people reflected on their own faith experiences and discussed ways to discover and find support in living out a vocation to marriage, single life, priesthood or religious life.

“We rely on your input and value your wisdom,” vocation team member Terry Cratty told the assembled youth.

The diocese vocation team also plans to organize similar youth gatherings at the deanery level involving young people who live outside the city of Saskatoon in the ongoing discussion about vocation promotion, Eibich said.

In discussion sessions at the city gathering Jan. 8, youth participants identified which elements of the Catholic faith are most important to them. Their list included the Eucharist, belonging to a parish community, Catholic social teachings, universality, the sacraments, the role of Mary and the communion of saints.

“I really value the fullness and the diverse experience of our relationship with Jesus,” said one student. “The relationship is personal, but it’s also experienced as part of a community.”

Participants reflected on opportunities for experiencing the “call to holiness and service” and suggested initiatives that might help individuals to discover and understand their vocation.

Suggestions raised by the group included introducing different prayer forms to young people, establishing a discernment house for men similar to the one which the Sisters of Presentation of Mary presently run for women, providing formation to young families about the need to foster vocations, establishing support groups for newly-married couples, providing access to spiritual directors, and offering more concrete information about how to explore and discern one’s vocation.

***A vocation is the way in which each person lives out the baptismal call to holiness.***

## Faithful love recognized on World Marriage Day

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

World Marriage Day will be celebrated Sunday, Feb. 8 in communities around the world.

Couples, families and parishes are encouraged to take time to reflect on the importance of marriage in society, and to honour the marriages being lived out in faithful love all around us, say local World Marriage Day coordinators Michelle and Dean Yurkowski.

“With all the pressures facing couples today, it’s time that we recognize marriage and thank married couples for their commitment,” said Michelle.

“This can be an opportunity to congratulate couples for living out their love in the world,” said Dean.

The event began in 1981 when Valentine’s Day was proclaimed “We Believe in Marriage Day” in one American city. The idea was presented to Worldwide Marriage Encounter leaders and in 1983, the name was changed to “World Marriage Day” to be celebrated on the second Sunday in February. Since then the idea of the celebration has continued to spread throughout the world and in 1993 Pope John Paul II imparted his apostolic blessing on the event.

Although World Marriage Day is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, it is not directly tied to that experience, noted the coordinators. “This event is about celebrating marriage, regardless of the faith expression of the couples, or whether or not they have participated in a Marriage Encounter weekend,” said Dean.

Parishes or individuals seeking more detailed information or other ideas for celebrating World Marriage Day can contact Michelle and Dean Yurkowski at 373-2741 or by e-mail: [theyurks@shaw.ca](mailto:theyurks@shaw.ca)

# MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEDULE SPRING 2004

DATE	DEANERY AND TOPIC	LOCATION	CONTACT
Saturday, January 31	<b>SASKATOON CITY DEANERY</b> <b>Practical Concerns Regarding the Initiation of Children:</b> A diocesan workshop for RCIA and RCIC teams \$10 (includes lunch)  Dolores Crawford	St. Anne parish 217 Lenore Dr. <b>Saskatoon</b>	Dolores Crawford (FAX registration to 931-4784 before Jan. 26)
Saturday, February 28 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>OUTLOOK DEANERY</b> <b>Liturgy Workshop: Principles and Practice for Liturgical Ministries</b> (for hospitality ministers, procession, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, etc.)  Karen Schreiner	St. Theresa parish <b>Rosetown</b>	Sr. Marie Gartner 859-2201
Friday, March 12 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday, March 13 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>DIOCESE OF SASKATOON</b> <b>Music with Youth for Liturgy and Prayer</b> for young adults, youth and adults \$10 registration  Denise (Wilson) Paquette	St. Mary's Parish 211 Ave. O South <b>Saskatoon</b>	Shannon Granger 242-1500
Saturday, March 20 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>KERROBERT DEANERY</b> <b>Introduction to the Bible Workshop:</b> For catechists and lay preachers  Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers	St. Eugene de Mazenod parish <b>Luseland</b>	Lynn Walz 372-4928
Saturday, March 20 9:30 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>EATONIA DEANERY</b> <b>Workshop for Baptism Preparation</b>  Dolores Crawford	Little Flower parish <b>Leader</b>	Sheril Dietz 623-4411
Eleven evening sessions Mid-March through May  40 participants maximum	<b>SASKATOON CITY DEANERY</b> <b>Grief Ministry:</b> Training for Bereavement Teams  Dr. Brian Chartier Tracey Waskovic	<i>Location to be announced</i>	Marci Deutscher 242-1500

## Resource Library locations offer faith development materials

A wide variety of materials for faith growth and development are available at two Diocese of Saskatoon Resource Library locations.

Videos, audio cassettes and books are available to enrich religious education programs for all ages or to enhance any individual's spiritual journey. The library catalogue can be explored on the website: [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

**The Saskatoon Resource Library** is located on the lower

floor of the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 100 - 5th Avenue North, Saskatoon. It is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. For requests and information, phone 242-1500; toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

**The Humboldt Resource Library** is located at 521 - 7th Street (south door), Humboldt. Hours are Monday to Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Phone 682-1534 for further information.

## Perpetual Help Devotions broadcast weekly

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

A television ministry by the Redemptorists is creating a national prayer community centred on devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Perpetual Help Devotions are broadcast on Vision TV every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m., right after daily Mass on the Canadian multifaith religious cable television channel.

The program is a way to reach out to those who are shut in, or who are unable to attend church, says Fr. Leo English, CSSR, of St. Mary's parish in Saskatoon.

It is also a continuation of the Redemptorist call to make Mary known to the world through the Perpetual Help icon that is so closely associated with the missionary order. In the 1860s Pope Pius IX gave the icon to the Redemptorist order and asked them to make Our Lady of Perpetual Help known throughout the world.

"Wherever there are Redemptorists you will find Our Lady of Perpetual Help," English says of the icon that shows Mary comforting the child Jesus as two archangels show him the instruments of his Passion.

"It reminds us of the incarnation, of the humanity of Jesus,



of our God who became one like us," said English, noting the icon's poignantly human image of the child's sandal falling off when he runs to his mother.

The Perpetual Help Devotions are founded on sound Marian theology which focuses on how Mary always points us to Jesus, stresses English. "Every time we say 'Mary' she says 'Jesus.'"

The television program, produced in Toronto, includes prayers, music and usually includes two talks, one by a Redemptorist priest and another by a layperson. Different cultural traditions are often included in the prayers and music. Prayer intentions from across the country are also shared during the half-hour broadcast.

A free prayer card featuring the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is distributed in conjunction with the program, and can be obtained by contacting "Perpetual Help TV Devotions", 426 St. Germain Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 1W7; telephone (416) 789-3217; fax (416) 789-9266 or e-mail: [perpetualhelp@redemptorists.com](mailto:perpetualhelp@redemptorists.com)

Locally devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help are held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. and at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary's parish, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon.

## Prayers for peace offered during vigil

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Representatives of different faiths and cultures gathered for a New Year's Eve peace vigil at St. Paul's Cathedral in Saskatoon.

Songs of peace, sacred writings and prayer were part of the vigil, which began with individuals placing a votive candle on a large map of the world. Leaders from several faith communities participated in the program and two young people spoke about peace issues.

"I believe peace is the key to life," said Naima Timayare, relating how her family fled from civil war in Somalia, surviving harsh conditions in a Kenyan refugee camp before coming to Canada. "We knew we would get peace here," the young Muslim woman said.

Miriam Katzman called for an end to division everywhere, including Saskatoon. "I believe peace is achievable ... but only if racism is eliminated." She stressed the importance of education in ending ignorance about other cultures and called for a celebration of differences, not mere tolerance.

Readings from the prophet Isaiah in English and in Cree, from the Psalms in Sudanese and English, and from the Koran were followed by the Muslim "Call to Prayer."

Prayers of intercession were then presented by Rev. Dean Susan Charbonneau (Anglican), Margaret Bremner (Baha'i), Lata Prasad (Hindu), Rabbi Roger Pavey (Jewish), Sr. Anne



**Sr. Kay MacDonald, NDS, places a candle on the map of the world during a New Year's Eve peace vigil at St. Paul's Cathedral in Saskatoon.**

Keffer (Lutheran) and Bishop Albert LeGatt (Roman Catholic). Participants were also invited to sign a postcard urging the Canadian government to stand against a proposed ballistic missile defense system.

Sponsored by the justice and peace office of the diocese of Saskatoon with assistance from Multi-Faith Saskatoon, the vigil was led by Carol Zubiak and musicians Gord Mortson and Garth Horn.

## FOUNDATIONS: EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER JANUARY to APRIL 2004

**General Information:** The cost of each course is usually \$5 per person, per two hour session.

The number in brackets after the title of the course indicates the number of sessions.

Classes are from **7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** unless otherwise indicated. Please note that anyone in the diocese is welcome to attend sessions – it is not necessary to be a member of the parish organizing the event.

**Pre-registration with the contact person is required.**

Course	Parish	Dates	Contact	Resource Person
<b>Lent — Triduum — Easter (1):</b> A look at the 90 days of the season, the nature of each of the aspects of this time, with concentration on the Triduum, the heart of our faith.	Holy Family, <b>Saskatoon</b>	Wednesday, March 10	Joan Rudolph 374-7981	Sr. Charlotte Beler
<b>Jesus and His Land (2)</b> With slides and narration about the geography and history of Israel, this course helps us to understand the Jewish background of Jesus. A knowledge of the land of Israel, the "fifth Gospel", gives us deeper insights into the four Gospels.	Holy Spirit, <b>Saskatoon</b>	Mondays, March 22 & 29	Gladys Coombes 374-1425	Rita Gilles
<b>The Seven Last Words of Jesus (1)</b> A meditation of Jesus' words from the cross leads us into the mystery of "letting go" and finding new life.	St. Anne's, <b>Saskatoon</b>	Wednesday, March 31	Dolores Crawford 931-4700	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz
<b>Take Time to Forgive (1)</b> The process of forgiveness can teach us much about ourselves, relationships and God. We will consider the stages of forgiveness and the lessons at each stage.	St. Francis Xavier, <b>Saskatoon</b>	Monday, January 26	Irene LeGatt 933-1108	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz
<b>Lighting a Fire (1)</b> In this pluralistic world, and as the largest member of the Christian family of churches, what makes us uniquely Catholic? With a contemporary hunger for "soul-food" in society at large and the challenge to evangelize through attraction, we need to learn to articulate the tenets of our Catholic faith with clarity and joy. This talk will take a look at seven "pillars" of our Catholic faith, which shape our very being and which respond to universal human longings.	St. Francis Xavier, <b>Saskatoon</b>	Thursday, March 4	Irene LeGatt 933-1108	Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers
<b>Planning for a Christian Funeral (1)</b> A look at the many decisions asked of those planning a funeral. What happens after you contact the funeral home? The Church service: the new Order of Christian Funerals. What about pre-planning?	St. Francis Xavier, <b>Saskatoon</b>	Tuesday, March 16	Irene Legatt 933-1108	Don Keindel & Lyle Burkell
<b>Prayer: A Response to God's Presence in My Life (1)</b> We will explore prayer as a response to the presence of God in the various aspects of our daily life.	Ursuline Sisters, Cree Cres., <b>Saskatoon</b>	Tuesday, March 9, 2 p.m.	Sr. Dianne Sehn 242-5566	Fr. Bill Bernard

<b>Course</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
<b>Portraits of Jesus Through the Centuries (1)</b> Using slides of Jesus in art from the catacombs to the present day, we discover various ways in which the person and mission of Jesus have been interpreted by faith communities for two thousand years.	Ursuline Sisters, Cree Cres., <b>Saskatoon</b>	Wednesday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.	Sr. Dianne Sehn 242-5566	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz
<b>Praying with Scriptures (1)</b> Various methods of praying with the Scriptures will be introduced and experienced.	Guadalupe House, <b>Saskatoon</b>	Wednesday, March 17	Gerry Grimard 653-4945	Sr. Dianne Sehn
<b>Are You a Pew Potato? (2)</b> Since the Second Vatican Council, much effort has gone into training the special ministers for service in Liturgy, such as Readers, Communion Ministers, Music Ministers, etc. Little or nothing has been done for the vast majority of the faithful in the pew to help them to enter into "full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations..." (S.C.#14). This course will explore the Spirituality of the Christian Week, the participation of those in the pew, the four presences of Christ in the Eucharistic Liturgy, and the Sunday-Monday cycle.	St. Aloysius, <b>Allan</b>	Thursdays, March 4 & 11	Marie Grumetza 257-4286	Fr. Michael Koch
<b>Lent — Triduum — Easter (1):</b> A look at the 90 days of the season, the nature of each of the aspects of this time, with concentration on the Triduum, the heart of our faith.	St. Gabriel the Archangel, <b>Biggar</b>	Thursday, March 11	Barbara Diederich 948-3330	Sr. Charlotte Beler
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<b>Marriage as a Vocation (1)</b> This session will focus on communication and sexual intimacy in marriage. The session is designed for married couples of any age. NOTE: Married couples should register and attend together.	St. Augustine, <b>Humboldt</b>	Thursday, March 25	Angie Punk 682-2106	Jim & Adele Longstaff
<b>With Burning Hearts (1)</b> The video and guide offers an opportunity to experience 'The Emmaus Story' with the spiritual mentor, Fr. Henri Nouwen. Father Nouwen will inspire the viewer with a new appreciation for the Eucharist and its power to touch the soul.	Assumption of Our Lady, <b>Kerrobert</b>	<i>Date to be announced</i>	Sr. Felicitas Drobig 834-2269	Mary Comeault

## FOUNDATIONS: EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER (*Continued*) JANUARY to APRIL 2004

**General Information:** The cost of each course is usually \$5 per person, per two hour session.

The number in brackets after the title of the course indicates the number of sessions.

Classes are from **7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** unless otherwise indicated. Please note that anyone in the diocese is welcome to attend sessions – it is not necessary to be a member of the parish organizing the event.

**Pre-registration with the contact person is required.**

Course	Parish	Dates	Contact	Resource Person
<b>Fulfilling our Prophetic Mission (1)</b> Every day we have opportunities to provide feedback to people we live and work with. Yet most of us are uncomfortable or unskilled at telling people what we have noticed. This session will describe an approach to speaking the truth to people in a way that brings life and builds relationships.	Assumption of Our Lady, <b>Kerrobert</b>	Tuesday, March 9	Sr. Felicitas Drobig 834-2269	Marcel D'Eon
<b>Women and Spirituality (full day)</b> Using Joan Chittister's book "The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in every woman's life" as a basis for reflection, we will explore the lives of Ruth and Naomi in an effort to find inspiration, strength and encouragement for our calling as women today.	St. Joseph, <b>Kindersley</b>	Saturday, February 14 9:30 – 4:30	Bernie Schwartz 463-4258	Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers
<b>Lighting a Fire (1)</b> In this pluralistic world, and as the largest member of the Christian family of churches, what makes us uniquely Catholic? With a contemporary hunger for "soul-food" in society at large and the challenge to evangelize through attraction, we need to learn to articulate the tenets of our Catholic faith with clarity and joy. This talk will take a look at seven "pillars" of our Catholic faith, which shape our very being and which respond to universal human longings.	Sacred Heart, <b>Lancer</b>	Sunday, January 18 (After morning Mass)	Paulette Andreas 689-2889	Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers
<b>Exploring Charity and Justice (1)</b> This session will look at the two feet of the Christian call to action: charity and justice. Connections will also be drawn between our concepts of spirituality and our commitment to justice.	Immaculate Conception, <b>Major</b>	Thursday, March 25	Sr. Felicitas Drobig 834-2269	Gertrude Rompre
<b>Take Time to Forgive (1)</b> The process of forgiveness can teach us much about ourselves, relationships and God. We will consider the stages of forgiveness and the lessons at each stage.	Canadian Martyrs, <b>Middle Lake</b>	Monday, March 15	Ramona Fischl 367-2023	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz
<b>Mary, Woman of Our Day (1)</b> This session explores our images of Mary—as a vibrant woman, whose example and life teaches us how to live our Baptismal commitment.	St. George, <b>Naicam</b>	Wednesday, March 10	Frank Garchinski 874-2305	Sr. Dianne Sehn

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<b>Marriage as a Vocation (1)</b> This session will focus on communication and sexual intimacy in marriage. The session is designed for married couples of any age. NOTE: Married couples should register and attend together.	St. James, <b>Wilkie</b>	Wednesday, March 17; 6:30 p.m.	Pat Holzman, 247-2014	Jim & Adele Longstaff

## “Couples for Christ” holds thanksgiving celebration in Saskatoon

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

The joy of journeying in faith together was celebrated Nov. 8 at a Couples for Christ thanksgiving celebration at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Saskatoon.

Representatives from the Couples for Christ organizations in Edmonton and Calgary joined the fledgling Saskatoon group to celebrate and to tell the story of the worldwide Catholic program with members of the local community.

“This is our way of saying thank you to the parish, to the diocese and to all the people who were instrumental in getting us where we are,” said Jeff Chavez, who along with his wife Nova co-ordinates the Saskatoon branch.

Couples for Christ is a Christian family life renewal ministry which began in the Philippines in 1981, and is now operating in 115 countries, with an adult membership of over 1.4 million.

The ministry begins with a 12-session Christian Life Program open to all adults, single or married (*see related story on this page*). After completing that program, participants gather in individual homes to continue journeying as a small Christian community.

Through its family ministries and groups such as Kids for Christ, Youth for Christ, and Singles for Christ, the organization is able to reach everyone, said Jun Cruz of Calgary.

“It’s all in the family. No one is left out,” he said of the various groups that operate under the Couples for Christ banner.

In addition to evangelization and the renewal of Christian families, Couples for Christ works to “bring glad tidings to the poor,” Cruz said, describing Couples for Christ initiatives in the Third World to provide housing, livelihood, education and health improvements.

During the Saskatoon event, several members shared stories of faith enriched through the organization.

“Before this, I was afraid of committing myself to the community,” said Vanessa Velasco, who said she found a deeper relationship with other Christians and with God when she joined Singles for Christ.

Rey and Cheryl Guinsatao of Calgary described how

years of activism and social justice work without a spiritual foundation left them longing for more. They said they remain activists working to eliminate poverty, but their lives have been energized and renewed through the Christian community they found through Couples for Christ.

“Now that we have made Christ the centre of our life, our family life is better, our kids are much happier, and the Bible is being opened now,” said Cheryl.

Belonging to a Christian community will transform your life, said Beng Cruz. Her husband Jun agreed: “We thought it was enough to go to church on a Sunday, but there is much more to being Christian.”

## “Couples for Christ” offers Christian Life Program

Couples for Christ will offer a 12-session Christian Life Program Saturdays at 7 p.m beginning Feb. 21 at St. Peter the Apostle parish, 1121 Northumberland Ave, Saskatoon.

The program is designed to lead participants into a renewed understanding of God’s call to them as Christian couples and individuals.

The Christian Life Program will begin Feb. 21 with an orientation session and a talk on God’s love.

The program’s first four-session module presents the absolute basics of Christian life. The second module presents the kind of life that God calls us to, and helps participants reorient their lives around Jesus. The third module helps the couples or individual participant experience the power of the Holy Spirit, and provides the basis for continuing spiritual growth.

After completing the program, participants are welcome to continue journeying in a small Christian community through Couples for Christ and its family ministries which include all age groups, and involves single individuals as well as married couples.

For more information contact Jeff and Nova Chavez at 242-3723.

## **“Rise Up” celebration marks 15th anniversary of Catholic Christian Outreach**

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Student leaders from across Canada joyfully brought in the New Year with praise, worship and thanksgiving during a Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) Rise Up conference Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 in Saskatoon.

“I honestly couldn’t imagine a better way to start a new year,” said delegate Crystal Koral, a commerce student at the University of Saskatchewan.

“This is a party that feeds our spirit,” agreed fellow student Steve Sikora, attending Rise Up for the third time.

“For myself, it’s like getting your batteries recharged,” Sikora said. “Being with other young Catholics facing the same challenges, being encouraged by their faith, and being presented with orthodox Catholicism... it’s energizing. We’re equipped to go out and evangelize in love and faith.”

The five-day Saskatoon event marked the fifteenth anniversary of CCO’s campus ministry, which began at the University of Saskatchewan in 1988 with four students attending a Bible study. Today the organization operates on several university campuses across Canada and plans are underway for a CCO service project this summer in Halifax.

Founding members Angèle and André Regnier traveled from Ottawa to participate in the conference. The group’s first spiritual advisor, Fr. Claire Watrin, CSB, was also one of several speakers to address the 300 student delegates from across the country.

Participation from British Columbia to Newfoundland gave this year’s CCO conference a truly national feel, said Angèle Regnier. Young adults attending Rise Up are energized by seeing so many like-minded people committed to their faith, she said, describing CCO as a “student movement.”

“Young people are at university for only a short time, but they are ambitious and energetic, eager to bring about changes in society,” she said, noting that historically, university students have sparked revolution and change.

Reflecting the CCO mission to challenge “students to live in the fullness of the Catholic faith, with a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world,” the Rise Up conference focused on developing faith leaders who are living out their baptismal call, said André Regnier.

“When this generation of young

people rises up they will bring integrity and love to everything they do. These will be people who are laying down their lives for other people. That’s what our country needs,” he said.

“I believe we are in the midst of a great resurgence in the church, the dawn of a new era. The Holy Father has spoken about a new springtime of evangelization and this is part of it,” said André. “There is a groundswell of young people ready to rise up and from the rooftops shout out what we know to be true: that Jesus is Lord.”

Saskatoon CCO chaplain Fr. Marc Mireau agreed: “This conference shows that the youth of Canada are alive and well, praising God in His church. These young leaders will go forth and share that faith and commitment with others.”

Creating faith leaders is the goal of both CCO and the Rise Up conference, said CCO president Jeff Lockert. “Hopefully delegates will all go back encouraged, equipped and empowered to be apostles, to share the gospels in love and action.”

Rise Up conferences often capture the attention of the media and the hosting community, Lockert said, with hundreds of young people gather during their Christmas vacation, joyfully investing time in faith development.

This year’s conference is the largest held to date, he said, noting that highlights included an evening featuring the sacrament of reconciliation, with priests from the diocese participating. “We have been greatly blessed by the support of Bishop Albert LeGatt and the generosity of the priests of the diocese,” Lockert said.

The five-day event at the Delta Bessborough in downtown Saskatoon also included a variety of speakers, workshops, Eucharistic celebrations, prayer, music, and social events, including a walking tour to the University of Saskatchewan and a New Year’s Eve banquet.

Conference speakers included the Regniers, Fr. Watrin, Msgr. Gregory Smith



**Hundreds of CCO conference delegates gathered at St. Paul’s Cathedral to celebrate the Eucharist on New Year’s Eve.**

of Vancouver and CCO leaders Jeff Lockert and Brett Powell.

Workshop topics included the spiritual life, apologetics, evangelization and leadership, with titles such as “how to get more out of the Mass,” “Catholics and scripture,” “how to imitate Mary’s yes,” “how to uproot the culture of death,” “becoming a missionary in your sphere of influence,” and “next generation leaders.”

Saskatoon Bishop Albert LeGatt led a workshop on “practical ways to live out your baptism,” while visiting Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Halifax led a session entitled “ask a bishop.”

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Jan. 21 - March 31**

**Time Out for Moms**

**Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Holy Spirit parish**

**114 Kingmere Place, Saskatoon**

Each week mothers gather for a morning of Catholic faith enrichment, discussion, friendship and fun, while their children are cared for by dedicated volunteers. New members are welcome. Volunteers who love working with children are always needed.

Contact: Angie Smith, Registrar  
Phone: (306) 374-6981

**Wednesday, Feb. 4**

**Time Out For Moms** (see above)

**“Drawing Near to Jesus – prayer pointers for busy moms”**

**Holy Spirit parish**

**114 Kingmere Place, Saskatoon**

Speaker: Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers  
Contact: Angie Smith, Registrar  
Phone: (306) 374-6981

**Tuesday, Feb. 17**

**Small Christian Communities**

**Introductory Workshop**

**7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**St. Gabriel's parish, Biggar**

Contact: Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers  
Coordinator of Scripture Resources and Small Christian Communities  
Phone: (306) 242-1500  
Toll free: 1-877-661-5005

**Friday, Feb. 20**

**“Celebrating the Word”**

**Workshop for parishes**

**7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**St. Francis Xavier parish,  
222 Willow Street, Saskatoon**

A workshop with Fr. Ruetz, who publishes “Celebrating the Word”, a Scripture resource for Small Christian Communities. (Fr. Ruetz will also meet with the SCC Core Community 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19

at Holy Family parish, Saskatoon.)

Contact: Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers  
Coordinator of Scripture Resources and Small Christian Communities  
Phone: (306) 242-1500  
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**Saturday, Feb. 21**

**“Celebrating the Word”**

**Workshop for parishes**

**1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Little Flower parish, Leader**

A workshop for the Eaton Deanery with Fr. Ruetz, who publishes “Celebrating the Word” a Scripture resource for Small Christian Communities.

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Coordinator of Scripture Resources and Small Christian Communities  
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Toll free: 1-877-661-5005

**Saturday, March 6**

**Saskatoon Friendship Inn**

**& Artists Against Hunger**

**Dinner & Art Auction**

**Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon**

This annual fundraising event will mark the 35th anniversary of Saskatoon Friendship Inn, a downtown helping agency assisting those living in poverty. Tickets for the dinner are \$50 (or \$350 for a table of 8) with a partial tax receipt. Viewing of artwork donated through Artists Against Hunger for the silent auction will begin at 5 p.m.

Contact: Saskatoon Friendship Inn  
619-20th Street West  
Saskatoon, SK S7M 0X8  
Phone: (306) 242-5122

**Saturday March 20**

**“Introduction to the Bible”**

**9:30 a.m. – to 4:30 p.m.**

**St Eugene de Mazenod parish  
Luseland**

A workshop for catechists, lay preachers or anyone with questions.  
Speaker: Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers

Contact: Lynn Walz  
Phone: (306) 372-4928

**Thursday, March 25**

**“The Bully, The Bullied and the Bystander” - Barbara Coloroso  
Partners for Rural Family Support  
Humboldt**

An evening for parents 7 p.m. Thursday March 26 organized by Partners for Rural Family Support (cost \$10 adult, \$3 child under 10), as well as a workshop for professionals Friday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Contact:

Partners for Rural Family Support  
Humboldt; Phone: (306) 682-4135  
Toll free: 1-866-682-4135

**Saturday, March 27**

**“The Bully, The Bullied and the Bystander” - Barbara Coloroso  
Travelodge, Saskatoon**

Evening presentation (cost \$10) 7:30 p.m. March 27, Saskatoon Travelodge. A full day workshop is also scheduled.

Contact: Saskatoon Adlerian Society  
Phone: (306) 975-0885

**Good Friday, April 9**

**Outdoor “Way of the Cross”**

A community social justice walk through downtown Saskatoon beginning at 10 a.m. across from the court house on Spadina Crescent.

Contact: Tony Haynes, Social Outreach  
Coordinator, Diocese of Saskatoon  
Phone: (306) 242-1500  
Toll free: 1-877-661-5005

## Tridentine Latin Mass celebrated in Saskatoon

**Submitted by Roy R. Kappel**

The Pope has allowed the Mass as codified by St. Pope Pius V in 1570 to be celebrated for those faithful who wish to attend the Tridentine Latin Mass.

In Saskatoon, the Latin Mass is said every Sunday at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, on the corner of 20 St and Ave. Y South. High Mass with choir is celebrated 9 a.m. Sundays, with confessions at 8 a.m. and rosary at 8:30 a.m. Low Mass is held 5:15 p.m. on Fridays and on first Saturdays.

The main celebrant is Fr. Bronislaw Kartanowicz, with other priests presiding on a substitute basis.

Shaun Labiuk, a parishioner from the Sacred Heart of

Jesus Latin Mass community has obtained his doctorate in biochemistry and is studying for the priesthood at the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska.

At one time Fr. Bisztyo presided at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Latin Mass in Saskatoon, alternating with Fr. Stan Urbanoski. A farewell for Fr. Bisztyo was held in June, shortly before he went to live permanently in his native Hungary.

Coffee socials are periodically held after the Latin Mass. Baptisms and funerals can be arranged, and there are special Masses on some feast days.

For further information call 374-4428.

## Chaldean rite Catholic community welcomes priest to Saskatoon

By **Andréa Ledding**

SASKATOON - Members of the Iraqi Catholic community welcomed their first Chaldean rite pastor Fr. Mazin David to Saskatoon in December.

Saskatoon Bishop Albert LeGatt joined the Chaldean community to welcome Fr. David, along with Fr. Paul Donlevy, who has been involved with the Chaldean Catholic community for many years, and Monsignor Len Morand, who will be temporarily hosting the Middle Eastern priest at both his residence and at the parish of Holy Family.

"They have waited a long time for this," commented Donlevy about the happy crowd.

"Me, I have waited 12 years since I have been here, but some people have been here 20, 25 years," commented one woman. "We are glad for ourselves, and so happy for our children."

"Catholic is Catholic," added another woman, "but it is so good to have also our own rite and language available now."

The Chaldean Catholic tradition is one of several Eastern rites that are part of the universal Catholic church. Although there are many Chaldean Catholics in Western Canada, David is one of the first Chaldean pastors to arrive here.

## *Pilgrims travel to Mexico for Eucharistic Congress*

By **Kiply Lukan Yaworski**

A pilgrimage to Mexico is being organized by the Ministry to Tourism for the 48th International Eucharistic Congress in Guadalajara October 10 to 17, 2004.

Saskatoon Bishop Albert LeGatt, Canadian Catholic Congress of Bishops (CCCCB) English sector delegate to the Congress, will be the spiritual leader during the pilgrimage.

A number of pilgrimage options are available, with costs starting at \$2,797, said Fr. Ralph Kleiter, director of Ministry to Tourism.

Since the first Eucharistic Congress in Lille, France in 1881, the gathering has served as an opportunity to continue catechesis about the Eucharist, as well as reviewing pastoral practices surrounding celebration of the Eucharist, reservation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and strengthening the central role of the Eucharist in the lives of God's people.

The theme of the Guadalajara Congress in October 2004 is "The Eucharist, light and life of the new millennium."

For details about travel packages contact: Pilgrim Journeys at (306) 934-5306 or Ministry to Tourism at (306) 244-3747, email: [kleiter@shaw.ca](mailto:kleiter@shaw.ca), or visit the website: [www.pilgrimjourneys.ca](http://www.pilgrimjourneys.ca)

Ministry to Tourism is also offering a travel package to Austria during the 12 days of Christmas Dec. 26, 2004 to Jan. 5, 2005, said Kleiter.



**Bishop Albert LeGatt (right) greets Fr. Mazin David who arrived in Saskatoon in December.**

"I know how important it is to be close to the Church ... especially according to your rite as your ancestors have [worshiped] for centuries," said LeGatt.

"I know that you will give the warmest possible support to Fr. David. You've all had that situation [of immigration to Canada], and helped each other as family after family has arrived," said LeGatt.

LeGatt greeted David as a brother and extended a warm welcome from his fellow priests in the diocese. He expressed a hope that in addition to serving the Chaldean community, David would "share his gifts and services with the wider Catholic community."

"I'm impressed with what I have so far seen of Saskatoon in the past few hours, and it seems to be a beautiful place," David said, commenting on the openness, space, and the trees compared to densely populated Istanbul, where he was serving a parish of about 2,000 people.

The Saskatoon Chaldean community numbers about 500, said member Alex Istifo.

The community will celebrate the Eucharist Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. at Holy Family Parish.



**WAY OF THE CROSS** – Participants pause at one of the downtown "stations of the cross" of an outdoor community social justice prayer walk held every Good Friday in Saskatoon. This year's event will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, April 9 on Spadina Crescent, across from the court house.



## St. Peter's Colony: Clergy and religious honoured

**By Kiply Lukan Yaworski**

HUMBOLDT – A celebration honouring clergy and religious brothers and sisters serving in St. Peter's Colony was held Nov. 30 at the Uniplex in Humboldt.

Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, Ursuline Sisters, members of the Order of St. Benedict, diocesan priests, and Bishop Albert LeGatt were presented with certificates of appreciation and hand-made cards created by children from St.

Augustine and St. Dominic Catholic schools in Humboldt. About 400 people attended the event organized by Knights of Columbus councils from throughout the area.

The appreciation evening was one of several celebrations held to mark the 100th anniversary of St. Peter's Colony, the settlement area surrounding a Benedictine abbey founded at Muenster in 1903.

Bishop Albert LeGatt reflected on the years of dedicated service provided to the area by priests and religious brothers of the Order of St. Benedict since 1903, by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth who arrived in 1911, and by the Ursuline sisters who arrived in 1913.

"When they first came here, there was a tent, then a log cabin ... yet they were here with the people," said LeGatt. That solidarity, work and service by clergy and religious brothers and sisters stretches through the century to the present day, he said.

"There is a deep, deep desire to be people of this place, sharing all of your living, wanting to be one with you. You cannot replace that sense of wanting to be one with God's people."

Gifts, services and vocations have sprung

from that dedication and will hopefully continue into the future, LeGatt said. He encouraged all those present to continue to help young people see consecrated life as a full life of "meaning and gladness and hope and joy in lives of service, in lives of belonging to the community, and to the fabric of your area."



**Sr. Adele Schell, Sr. Loretta Bornowsky and Sr. Delphine Berschminsky standing with Knights of Columbus District Deputy Ron Chapdelaine.**



**About 400 attended the event honouring clergy and religious.**



**The Benedictine community of St. Peter's Abbey celebrated 100 years of history in the area in 2003.**

## Volunteers and faithful supporters ensure success of 20th Bishop's Annual Appeal

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

The diocese of Saskatoon Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) has surpassed its goal for 2003.

So far the appeal has raised \$1.25 million, with work by volunteers and parishes now complete, said Charlene Mellesmoen, BAA administrator. The 2003 goal was to raise \$950,000 to support a wide range of ministries and services.

The hard work of a large force of volunteers across the diocese again ensured the success of the BAA, said Mellesmoen. "The enthusiasm of people doing this year after year is so heartening," she said.

"The commitment and support of the diocese over the years is again reflected in this year's results," said Bishop Albert LeGatt. "I have had the occasion again and again and again to see the fruits of the appeal first hand, and the fruits are faces and names and vitality in parishes and in our communities," he said.

Volunteers and parishioners realize the importance of the Bishop's Annual Appeal to the diocese, said Rev. Ken Beck, BAA director. "Their ongoing support is really a



sanction that the people want us to continue in all of these wonderful ministries," he said.

Education of priests and future priests, lay formation, ministry workshops, resource libraries, native ministries, rural catechetics, social justice, and youth ministry in the diocese are among the ministries receiving annual funding through the BAA.

Other groups in the community, including Catholic colleges, hospitals, and Catholic Family Services also receive funds from BAA, as do organizations such as Friendship Inn, Teen Aid, Earth Care, rural life development and pro-life associations.

In its 20th anniversary year, the BAA has many parish volunteers who have helped from the appeal's beginning in 1984, noted Beck.

"That in itself shows the high level of commitment people have to the diocese, to parishes, and to these ministries."

## Queen's House programs scheduled

Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre is offering a number of upcoming programs, including:

- **Feb. 11** – A Day Away – Lucie Leduc
- **Feb. 11** – Parish Secretaries Retreat – Gisele Bauche
- **Feb. 13-15** – Couples Retreat: "Second Marriages, the Challenge and the Gift" – Brian Zimmer and JoAnne Chrones
- **Feb. 26** – Muslim, Jewish, Christian dialogue
- **Feb. 28** – Environment and Art Workshop for Parishes – Rosa Gebhardt
- **March 2** – Living Well in the Presence of Grief – Trish St. Onge
- **March 3** – Journeying Through Luke-Acts – Paul Fchet, OMI
- **March 9** – Taize
- **March 10** – A Day Away – Lucie Leduc
- **March 12-14** – First Nations Retreat: "Here I Am Lord" – Harry and Germaine Lafond, Junior and Shelley Eyaphaise, Sylvain Lavoie, OMI, and Kurt Stang, OMI
- **March 15-17** – Silent Directed Retreat
- **March 19-21** – Lenten Retreat: "Redemptive Suffering and the Servant of God" – Paul Fchet, OMI
- **March 25** – Muslim, Jewish, Christian dialogue

- **March 25-27** – Celebrating the Fifty Days of Easter – Bernadette Gasslein
  - **March 26-28** – Retreat for Young Adults: "Into the Deep" – Oblate Mission Team
  - **April 7** – Journeying Through Luke-Acts – Paul Fchet, OMI
  - **April 10** – A Day Away – Lucie Leduc
  - **April 13** – Taize
  - **April 22** – Muslim, Jewish, Christian dialogue
  - **April 21-May 26** – Journey of Self-Discovery and Conversion – Albina Labonte
  - **May 6** – CWL Twilight Evening – Mark Miller, CSsR
  - **May 14-16** – Spiritual Days Twelve Step Retreat: "Remembering the Goodness of Who I Am" – Helena Fitzgerald
  - **May 21-23** – "Prophets of Fire" – Megan McKenna
  - **May 27** – Muslim, Jewish, Christian dialogue
- Please call ahead or register through the website if you plan to attend a session. Contact:

Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street  
Saskatoon, S7M 0C9  
Phone: 242-1916; Fax: 653-5941  
E-mail: info@queenshouse.org  
Website: www.queenshouse.org

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