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Exploring Our Faith Together

Ministries across diocese highlighted during annual Administration Day

Information about a variety of ministries happening in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon were highlighted at a gathering of parish representatives Sept. 7 held to launch the start of another season of outreach, ministry and service.

The annual diocesan Administration Day included the launch of the 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal (see article on Page 3), and words from Bishop Donald Bolen.

In a "Bishop's Forum," the bishop expressed appreciation for the wide range of ministry happening in the diocese.

"The special character of the life of the Church here includes the way in which the clergy and lay leadership work very closely together; the good spirit which prevails; and the vision which has come forth from the diocese," Bishop Bolen said, before offering a brief reflection on the *Rooted in Chris* Diocesan Vision.

Other speakers throughout the day presented information about Youth Ministry, Steps in Faith, RCIA, Justice and Peace, Ecumenism, the Brazil Mission, Restorative Ministry, Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan, and Catholic Family Services.

Check inside for more about these and other ministries and programs – as well as for information about a wide range of faith enrichment opportunities in the diocese.



Youth DIG event explores morality

Youth from several parishes gathered at Pike Lake Provincial Park Sept. 18 for a day of activities focused on moral decision making in the first diocesan "Dig Into God" event of the year. Knowledge-testing contests and "morality survivor" games were held throughout the day, which also featured prayer, reflection and a hot dog roast. Diocesan Youth Ministry was highlighted in a presentation at a recent Administration Day for parish leaders. (See Page 4.)

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 1:6). This was St. Paul's greeting to the Christians in Rome in his letter probably dated 55-56 A.D. While he was writing to the church in Rome, this message comes to you from the church in Rome, where I am attending a conference for new bishops from throughout the world – colloquially known as bishops' school. It provides an opportunity to hear and learn from representatives of several key offices of the Roman Curia, about different aspects of the life and mission of the Church.

As a way of standing in continuity with the visioning process undertaken in this diocese in recent years, I have been reading and pondering the pastoral vision finalized in Oct. 2008. In a month's time, I hope to offer a pastoral letter which enters into dialogue with some of the fine suggestions in that document.

For now, let me firstly express my heartfelt thanks for the extremely warm welcome, support and encouragement which you have given to me in the six months since my episcopal ordination. I have already had the opportunity to visit perhaps one third of the parishes in the diocese, and look forward to continuing the process of visiting each and every parish, and hopefully, meeting all of you who make up the church of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

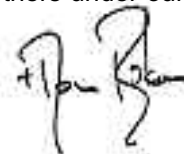
Many people have asked about my initial impressions of the diocese, about the transition from Rome to Saskatoon (via Balgonie, SK.), and about adapting to life as a bishop. I want to tell you that I have been greatly encouraged by what I have seen of the diocese thus far. We have a vibrant church, where the Spirit of God is clearly at work. Dedicated priests and religious, and very many committed lay people serve competently in many capacities throughout the diocese, assuring that the gospel is heard, and the Church's sacraments are celebrated: in our churches and schools, in prisons and hospitals, in city and country, in the pursuit of justice and peace, in programs of formation, support, catechetics, and the building of community.

The same generosity which has led to the building of a splendid new cathedral is at work sustaining the life and ministry of the Church in countless ways – including the ongoing and generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I thank each one of you for every gift you bring to our diocesan family, large or small, as well as for every prayer, and every contribution of time or talent. In this regard, let me add that I have been edified by the perseverance and courage in evidence in farming communities amidst great adversities these past months. My prayers are with all those who are facing economic hardship at this time. I am mindful that for many this means they may not be able to give as much to the Bishop's Annual Appeal as they have in the past. Please know that support of any kind – including your prayers – is greatly appreciated.

I have also appreciated the healthy ecumenical relations found in the diocese, and the close working relationship with our sisters and brothers in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon. And as always, I have found joy in the beauty of the prairie landscape, walking down dirt roads with vast horizons or driving under great sheltering skies.

At the heart of St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he also speaks of vast horizons and a sheltering presence, but of a different sort. He assures his hearers, and us with them, that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:37-39). May each of you know ever more profoundly that divine love which gives us life, and may it continue to spread to others under our sheltering skies through your faith, your discipleship, your joy.

Yours in Christ,



Bishop Don



BAA supports ministry and outreach across diocese

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

The 2010 goal for the Bishop's Annual Appeal is \$1.5 million, needed to support a range of ministries and outreach in the diocese, parish leaders heard at a diocesan Administration Day Sept. 7 in Saskatoon.

The goal and details of this year's Appeal were presented by Cathie Rogers and Don Gorsalitz of the newly-created Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation, which is coordinating the Bishop's Annual Appeal for the first time.

The Catholic Foundation was established to assist in meeting financial needs at both the parish and diocesan level, through planned giving and a focus on stewardship, as well as through the BAA.

"The reason for this year's requested increase by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is that our faith community has many unmet needs," Gorsalitz said.

While BAA supporters were asked this year for an increase, Gorsalitz stressed that every gift, large or small, is needed and appreciated – and that the non-monetary gifts of prayer, time and talent are also vital to the mission of the church at both the parish and the diocesan level.

"The Bishop's Annual Appeal is only one expression of the unity that we are all striving for as a diocesan church," he said. "And the ministries funded by the BAA are all about outreach and service, inclusion and belonging."

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports such diocesan ministries as the **Youth Ministry** office, **Vocations** promotion and the **Education of Seminarians**, as well as a **Hospital Chaplaincy** office coordinating Catholic spiritual care at Royal University and Saskatoon City Hospitals.

In all of these areas, people have identified a need to continue to expand what is happening in the diocese, Gorsalitz said.

"Reaching out and building the faith of young people is more important than ever," he said of the work of the Youth Ministry office. As well, the diocese is blessed with nine young men currently studying for the priesthood, and the BAA assists in providing for their education, as well as funding the diocesan Vocations office, which works to create a "culture of vocations" in our families and parishes.

The need to provide Catholic pastoral and spiritual care in the large hospitals that serve the entire region is increasingly recognized, Gorsalitz added. "There is still a long way to go to meet the needs of



the sick, the lonely and the suffering," he said, observing that spiritual care is not always a priority in secular institutions.

Restorative Ministry, which provides outreach in prisons, was previously funded by an external foundation and an individual parish. As of this year, it will be supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. "There is a huge need for healing and reconciliation in our world," Gorsalitz said. "Through the BAA's support of Restorative Ministry we are responding to the gospel call to reach out to those who are imprisoned."

Other vital diocesan ministries funded by the BAA include:

- **Lay Formation**, which nurtures individuals in faith and understanding and community, in order that they can live out their baptismal call more fully in love and service;

- **Rural Catechetics**, which provides support to parishes and parents in rural areas who are striving to teach children the Catholic faith;

- **Ministry Development**, which provides training for laypeople in answering pastoral needs in their parish and community (*see chart on Page 9*);

- **The Office for Justice and Peace**, which works with others in the community to address justice issues in our community and our world.

The BAA also provides ongoing support for the **Priests' Pension Fund, Marriage and Family Life, ecumenism, the diocesan Resource Library and Native Religious Ministry**, as well as a number of external agencies and ministries that are meeting important needs in the community, including **L'Arche, Catholic Family Services, groups in support of life, and Friendship Inn**.

"When the people of our diocese learn that there is a need, they have always responded as generously as they can. Together we can continue the good work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal that has provided much needed ministry in our parishes and diocesan community for the past 26 years."

STEPS IN FAITH

Youth Ministry and the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team are supported by the BAA.

For more information check with your local parish or contact the diocesan Youth Ministry office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon: 242-1500 Ext. 225 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

Youth invited to reaffirm their faith

Parishes across the diocese are phasing in a **Steps in Faith** program, which invites youth to deepen and reaffirm their Catholic faith. **Steps in Faith** includes teaching on the Creed, as well as retreat and prayer experiences, a service project and an invitation for **young people in Grade 8** to re-affirm their faith publicly at a parish celebration. The **Steps in Faith** program is part of the call for ongoing faith formation after baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist – a life-long journey for people of all ages! This fall, "town hall" information meetings have been held at deaneries across the diocese to provide more information and suggest ideas and resources for starting this program in parishes. For more information contact Youth Ministry coordinator Colm Leyne at the Catholic Centre.

Youth Ministry, Steps in Faith highlighted at diocesan day

By KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

Youth Ministry and a new diocesan Steps in Faith process were introduced in one of several presentations at an Administration Day held Sept. 7 for parish and ministry representatives from across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

Colm Leyne, coordinator of Youth Ministry in the diocese, described the work of his office to support parishes and build up a network of collaboration with youth ministers, parents and volunteers across the diocese.

A parish that is youth friendly and family friendly is a vibrant parish, he said, describing some of the tools and resources his diocesan office can provide to assist parishes in evangelizing and drawing upon the gifts of young people.

"Don't panic, you can all do this," Leyne said, stressing that youth are part of the Church – today and tomorrow and yesterday. "We need the youth. We don't want to separate them," he said, challenging parishes to consider ways to encourage multi-generational events and connections.

The goal of youth ministry is no different than any other ministry, Leyne said. It is to bring people to Christ and welcome them into the faith community, where they can "belong, become and transform."

Resources, support, advice and assistance is available from the diocesan Youth Ministry office, he said, describing upcoming monthly diocesan youth events, dubbed Dig Into God (DIG) for high school students, and the move into new media such as Twitter, Youtube, Facebook and blogs.

Myron Rogal, coordinator of the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team and the Vocations Office, joined Leyne in describing ongoing efforts to establish



Youth ministry networking

Youth ministers in the diocese of Saskatoon meet regularly to discuss, plan and support each other in their outreach to young people. The first monthly gathering of the 2010-11 year held at St. Anne's parish in Saskatoon included: (back, l-r) Brandon Jean of Holy Family, Matthew Courchene of St. Peter the Apostle, Rachel MacDonald of Holy Spirit, Cody Redekop of St. Anne, Janine Baier of St. Augustine, Maria Rogal of St. Mary; and (front, l-r) Jonathan Phang of St. Philip Neri; Jonathan Courchene of the Trinity parishes of Vonda, St. Denis and Prud'homme; and diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator Colm Leyne. All youth ministers are welcome to attend, whether paid or volunteer. For more information, call Colm: 242-1500 or 1-877-661-5005 or youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Steps in Faith as a faith formation and affirmation process for youth in Grades 6 to 8. A number of parishes in the diocese have already initiated Steps in Faith, while others are examining ways to begin the process.

Steps in Faith has four elements: teaching about the creed, Christian service, a retreat, and a public reaffirmation of faith for Grade 8 students within a parish celebration. Parishes are encouraged to adapt the process to suit their needs, Rogal said, adding that support, resources and ideas available from the diocesan Youth Ministry office.

As well, the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team will provide a specific Steps in Faith retreat to parishes upon request, and a diocesan-wide Steps in Faith youth rally for students in Grades 6-8 is planned for Saturday, April 30, with Bishop Donald Bolen in attendance.

"Steps in Faith can become a way to offer Youth Ministry for middle-school-aged youth," said Rogal.

The Steps in Faith process was initiated by former Bishop Albert LeGatt to address the need for life-long faith formation after Catholic Christians receive the initiation sacraments. For children who were baptized as infants, the initiation sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist now happen in about Grade 2, highlighting the need for ongoing youth ministry and faith formation, said Rogal.

Rogal and Leyne have been traveling to deaneries across the diocese this fall to meet with parish representatives, volunteers and parents to provide information, gather feedback and answer questions.

Gatherings have already been held in the Eatonia, Humboldt and Kerrobert deaneries with upcoming Steps in Faith meetings planned for Wadena Deanery 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 and Outlook Deanery 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13. Saskatoon Rural and Saskatoon City deanery gatherings will also be held in the near future: watch for dates and times or for more information contact Colm Leyne at 242-1500; toll free at 1-877-661-5005 or email: youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Youth Ministry is also on twitter: y.m.o.s.a.s.k.a.t.o.o.n or visit:

www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/youthministry

Upcoming Youth Events:

DIG: WhyTune?! Dig Into God is a monthly event for high school students sponsored by the Youth Ministry office of the diocese. This year's theme is **WhyTune?! -** an exploration of moral issues through contemporary culture.

7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8 - DIG: "Highway to Hell: Understanding the Choices we Make" will be held at St. Philip Neri parish, corner of Taylor St. and Munroe Avenue in Saskatoon (Grades 9 to 12).

6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15 - Basketball evening for Grade 8 to 12 youth with Bishop Don Bolen and priests of the diocese. Contact Colm at 242-1500 or 1-877-661-5005 if you are interested in attending this event at Bethlehem high school.

Theology On Tap - faith discussion for young adults, 19-35 at Lydia's Pub on Broadway, features an introduction of Bishop Don Bolen 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19; and Bishop Bryan Bayda speaking on celibacy 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Impact of Restorative Ministry shared with parish representatives at annual gathering

Restorative Ministry in the diocese was explained at a diocesan Administration Day gathering held Sept. 7 in Saskatoon.

Dianne Anderson, coordinator of the diocesan Restorative Ministry office, and prison chaplain Peter Oliver described the ministry, with testimony from Julie Rogal and a young man named Darwin about the impact of the ministry, which includes outreach in prisons.

Restorative Ministry is about reconciliation, stressed Peter Oliver, adding that reconciliation is a concept that is completely foreign to the corrections system. "Here is where people in the Christian community can show the way," he said. "In a society addicted to revenge there is another alternative."

Ministry at two prisons – the Regional Psychiatric Centre and the provincial Correctional Centre – was described; as were efforts to reach out to all those impacted by crime, including survivors, family members and the community at large.

"In order for a spirit of justice to prevail, we as a faith community need to awaken to the importance of healing journeys for all individuals: victim and offender," said Julie Rogal, who works with the chaplain in the Saskatoon Correctional Centre.

"Forgiveness and celebration are at the heart of community. These are the two faces of love," Rogal said, quoting Jean Vanier.

Darwin described the lifeline that Christian outreach offers men struggling to find their way through the corrections system to a better life.

Dianne Anderson described the impact of outreach happening in the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, with volunteers now coming from six different parishes.

She recalled one poignant Sunday Liturgy of the Word led by parish



Peter Oliver, Julie Rogal, Darwin, and Dianne Anderson (left to right) talked about Restorative Ministry, including the impact of outreach happening in prisons.

volunteers, in which inmates were invited to hold the crucifix before passing it on to the next person.

"I saw how each man was fully present to the crucifix, with prayer and respect," Anderson said. "What I see and learn from the volunteers is openness to this ministry. They come with open hearts, without blame or judging. If we could all walk that way, we would truly be walking in Jesus' footsteps."

This year, the diocesan Restorative Ministry office will receive support from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, after being supported in recent years by an external foundation and an individual parish. - KLY

A Justice and Peace Gathering: **Be Doers of the Word**

Tuesday, Oct. 5

St. Paul's Cathedral, Saskatoon

5:30 p.m. - Supper (*freewill offering*)

6:30 p.m. - Program

• **Bishop Donald Bolen**

• **Bert Pitzel, Archdiocese of Regina:**
"Hope Where Are You?"

A reflection about Pope Benedict's encyclical
Caritas in Veritate – "Charity in Truth"

• **Open Forum** about Justice & Peace issues

If you plan to attend the light supper at 5:30 p.m., please notify the Office for Justice and Peace **before 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4**, by calling Tony Haynes at the Catholic Centre: 242-1500; or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, or e-mail: justpeace@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

All are welcome!

The Office for Justice and Peace is supported by the BAA.

Justice issues and ecumenism discussed at Administration Day

BY KIPLY LUKAN YAWORSKI

The Office for Justice and Peace and the Saskatoon Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism were among the ministries highlighted during an annual Administration Day held Sept. 7 for parish representatives from across the diocese of Saskatoon.

Tony Haynes, director of the diocesan **Office for Justice and Peace**, provided updates about a number of issues and initiatives, including the campaign to build Station 20 West, a grassroots project to provide nutritional, health, employment and housing services in Saskatoon's core neighbourhood.

Christian church leaders with Saskatoon Bishop Donald Bolen, are working together to assist in raising funds and awareness about Station 20 West, Haynes reported. Fundraising efforts continue for the \$6 million project, which will include space for support agencies, and a grocery store for the core neighbourhood, which is presently a "food desert" with limited access to a full-service grocery.

In his presentation Sept. 7, Haynes also referred to the implications of Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical *Charity in Truth*, written in response to the worldwide collapse of the financial system, destroying the livelihood of so many middle and low income people.

Later in the day, Nicholas Jesson, the diocesan ecumenical officer, also gave a presentation, reporting on the work of the **Commission for Ecumenism**, which works closely with the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism is a joint initiative of the diocese and six other Christian churches in the community.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT: FALL & WINTER 2010

| TOPIC AND FACILITATOR | DATES AND REGISTRATION |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding at a Funeral Vigil</p> <p>Facilitators: Karen Schreiner and Fr. Tony Bidgood, CSsR</p> <p>This workshop will help laity called to preside at a funeral vigil in the basic concepts of presiding, preaching and offering care to the family. If possible, please bring a copy of The Order of Christian Funerals.</p> | <p>Saskatoon Deanery: St. Anne Church, 217 Lenore Drive Saskatoon</p> <p>October 19 and 26 <i>Two Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</i></p> <p>\$10/person or \$25/parish For more information: Karen Schreiner at 931-4700</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Parish Pastoral Council Workshop</p> <p>Facilitator: Blake Sittler, MDiv</p> <p>This workshop will give all members of Parish Pastoral Councils, including the pastor, the opportunity to reflect on how they can more effectively model the pastoral model of parish councils that the diocese of Saskatoon has been promoting for many years.</p> | <p>Kerrobert Deanery St. Gabriel Parish, 109 7th Ave West Biggar</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 30 9 a.m. - registration 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - workshop</p> <p>\$25 per person or \$150 per parish <i>(includes lunch)</i>; Registration: Marci Deutscher, 242-1500, ext 222 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Reconciling with Reconciliation</p> <p>Facilitator: Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers</p> <p>Oh no, confession! Of all the sacraments, this one wins the prize for evoking in most Catholics strong negative reactions. What is it about this sacrament that has caused so many unhappy memories and wide-spread dis-use? It's time we put it all on the table and reflect together as mature Catholics.</p> | <p>Saskatoon Deanery Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place Saskatoon</p> <p>Saturday, Nov. 6 9:30 a.m. registration 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. workshop</p> <p>\$15 per person <i>(includes lunch)</i> For more information or to register contact: Blake Sittler at 242-1500, ext 229 or 1-877-661-5005</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Grief Ministry: Helping Others Mourn</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Brian Chartier, PhD</p> <p>An 11-week introduction to current insights about the psychological, social and theological aspects of grieving, related to providing pastoral ministry. Intended for lay or ordained, for volunteers or professionals, this course provides tools and insights that will assist all who care for those who mourn in faith communities and hospitals.</p> | <p>Outlook Deanery Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Outlook</p> <p>Jan. 13 to March 31, 2011 Thursdays 7-9:30 p.m.</p> <p>\$95 per person Registration: Marci Deutscher, 242-1500, ext 222 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.</p> |

What do we mean by "Formation" in the Lay Formation program?

By **MONA GOODMAN AND KATHY HITCHINGS**

While education is always "formative", in the Lay Formation Program, education is only one element of the "formation" process.

Lay Formation consists of three equally essential parts:

Education and Learning:

Scripture is the foundation for all teaching in the Lay Formation Program. Founded in scripture, all teaching reflects the dynamic character of our faith. Participants are presented with teaching about scripture, Catholic spirituality, prayer and practice, Catholic theology, history and development of the church, sacraments, liturgy, ministry and community.

Prayer and Development of Relationship with God:

The requirement for a commitment to daily prayer and the invitation to give the two-year journey to God, to allow God's will and presence to emerge, opens the door to a deepening of the relationship with God and an anchoring in a discipline of prayer. The communal prayer offered on the weekends carries the participants through the liturgical year helping them to integrate Jesus' life, death and resurrection into the daily and seasonal rhythms of life.

In the shared program, the opportunity to learn about and experience our rich Catholic prayer tradition, the prayer and liturgy of the East, as well as the prayer customs of Aboriginal peoples and culture, opens the participants to the breath of the Spirit alive and moving in all of creation and all peoples.

Community and Relationships:

Sharing two years of life with all its joys, challenges, disappointments and sorrows; praying for each other; and offering care and support both during the program and in-between the weekends, results in the development of a community that can be described in no other way than a "community of love."

This is the "formation in Christian love" that most people, when supported to safely share their life and story, experience in the two-year journey. "Safety" is intentionally built into the program through a supportive team, personal conferencing, personal check-ins, phone calls and e-mails.

The final Eucharist of the two-year program is a celebration of the gift of service that lay people are to the church and the conversion of



Bishop Don Bolen anoints Marion Sigstad of Christ the King parish in Rose Valley at the 2010 Lay Formation missioning celebration in June. Watch for more coverage of Lay Formation in the large *Diocesan Newsletter* next month (a publication supported by the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*).

the heart that has unfolded through the learning, spiritual growth and warm Christian community that has been experienced. In the Eucharistic Liturgy those who have completed the program are commissioned by the Bishop to "Go forth in joy to extend the mission of Jesus."

Lay Formation involves a two-year commitment: one weekend each month from September to June.

For more information contact Kathy Hitchings or Mona Goodman at the Catholic Centre: 242-1500; toll free: 1-877-661-5005
Lay Formation is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Do you and your spouse long for a weekend away from jobs, kids, chores, phones – to focus only on each other?



If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you are invited to join the millions of couples worldwide who have experienced a

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Marriage Encounter weekends this year include:

Oct. 22-24 at St. Michael's Retreat House, Lumsden

Feb. 4-6 at Ramada Hotel, Saskatoon

April 15-17 at St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster

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- ▶ **Talk** with your pastor, fill in an application and send it to the Catholic Pastoral Centre.
- ▶ We review your application and if it is approved, you **receive** financial support for an experience that benefits you and your faith community.

Questions or Concerns?

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Applications for individuals, groups and projects are at:
http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/laity_education/index.cfm

The Education of Laity Fund is supported by the BAA.

FOUNDATIONS: EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Fall 2010

General Information: The cost of each course is \$5 per person for a single two-hour session; \$10 for two sessions. High school students: free. The number in brackets after the title of the course indicates the number of sessions.

Note: Anyone 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 | Speaker |
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| <p>Images of God (1) A look at the images of God as presented historically and in scripture, which either inhibit or expand our growth in faith, hope and love.</p> | Holy Family Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Monday Sept. 27 | Eileen Materi 652-1289 | Lucie Leduc |
| <p>Touching the Heart of Jesus: The Gospel of John (1) In Jean Vanier's book on the gospel of John we read: "the fourth gospel seems to flow from a deep silence, where the Word of God is revealed as logos, the living word. And it is from this silent contemplation that we are called..." and drawn into the mystery of Jesus who is at the heart of the spirituality of the gospel of John. We will reflect on compassion and forgiveness, brokenness and acceptance, signs of hope and how by opening our heart in trust to Jesus we can experience his healing love and grace.</p> | Holy Family Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 13 | Eileen Materi 652-1289 | Gisele Bauche |
| <p>What's So Special About The Gospel of Matthew? (1) Placed at the beginning of the New Testament, this gospel has been the favorite gospel of the Church. Let's find out why.</p> | Holy Family Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Monday Nov. 22 | Eileen Materi 652-1289 | Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU |
| <p>Sound Spirituality: The Key to Authentic Christian Life (2) Spirituality from the perspective of one's experience. These two talks will be centered principally on ways to live out one's personal Christian life in order to be "stress-free" from being overwhelmed by a busy world.</p> | Holy Spirit Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Tuesdays Oct. 19 Oct. 26 | Shirley Hyshka 374-1425 | Fr. Ephraim Mensah |
| <p>Theology of Johnny Cash (1) Visiting different aspects of Catholic theology using the lyrics of Johnny Cash.</p> | Our Lady of Guadalupe Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 26 | Mary Jacobi 653-4945 | Blake Sittler |
| <p>Prayer: Meeting with God Personally (3) This series teaches a way to enrich your relationship with God through praying with the scripture in a meditative, personal way.</p> | Our Lady of Lourdes Saskatoon | 7:45 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays Nov. 30 Dec. 7 Dec. 14 | Sr. Juliana Heisler, NDS 343-0289 | Fr. Bill Bernard, CSsR |
| <p>Eucharist and Ecological Spirituality (1) The Eucharist celebrates the transforming power of God, changing the bread we grow and the wine we make, into the body and blood of Christ, becoming the model for giving new life to a dying world. Is the recent explosion in ecological awareness and the determination to make practical changes anything less than a resurrection? How is the Christian called to live in harmony with our environment?</p> | St. Anne Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 28 | Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU 931-4700 | Fr. Lawrence DeMong, OSB |

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| Meeting God in The Shack (1) How the "shack" in our life can be the place where we meet God — a very surprising God. | St. Augustine Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Monday Nov. 8 | Sharon Powell 373-3453 | Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU |
| Focus on Seniors (1) This session looks at healthy aging and stages of growing older. | St. Francis Xavier Saskatoon | 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 26 | Irene LeGatt 933-1108 | Bernadette Heintz |
| Meeting God in The Shack (1) How the "shack" in our life can be the place where we meet God—a very surprising God. | St. Francis Xavier Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 9 | Irene LeGatt 933-1108 | Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU |
| An Overview of Church History(1) The establishment and growth of the Church, from the New Testament to Vatican II. | St. Michael Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 28 | Myrna Wolfe 242-5150 | Jeannette Clavelle |
| The Protestant Reformation and the Catholic (Counter) Reformation (1) Including the Council of Trent and its aftermath. | St. Michael Saskatoon | 7 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 5 | Myrna Wolfe 242-5150 | Tom Deutscher |
| Theology of Johnny Cash (1) Visiting different aspects of Catholic theology using the lyrics of Johnny Cash. | Sherbrooke Centre Saskatoon | 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 13 | Rev. Ray Purdy 655-3697 | Blake Sittler |
| Multi-faiths of Saskatoon (1) Saskatoon has become a religiously pluralistic city. Meet your neighbours — Bahá'í, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Islamic, Sikh and Christian — through slide presentations and, if desired, through visits to their places of worship. | Sherbrooke Centre Saskatoon | 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Oct. 27 | Rev. Ray Purdy 655-3697 | Rita Gillies |
| Theology of Bruce Springstein (1)) Visiting different aspects of Catholic theology using the music of Bruce Springstein. | Sherbrooke Centre Saskatoon | 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 3 | Rev. Ray Purdy 655-3697 | Blake Sittler |
| Dorothy Day and Oscar Romero: Saints for Our Time? (1) A look at the lives of Dorothy Day and Oscar Romero and their passion for social justice. | St Theresa Asquith | 7 p.m. Monday Nov. 8 | Jennifer Gentes 329-4399 | Michael Murphy |
| Creative Catholic Families (1) Ritual is an important element of Catholic spirituality, but we maybe don't think about how this translates to home. Based on conversations with Catholic families of different generations, cultural backgrounds, and approaches to spirituality, this presentation outlines and celebrates the ways in which families can truly be the "domestic Church" and cultivate life-long faith in children. | Christ the King Foam Lake | 7 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 23 | Candace Ruetz 272-4734 | Leah Perrault |

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| Evangelization: What is it? What is my role? (1) What does the Church teach on evangelization and what is our responsibility and role as a baptized Christian in regards to evangelization? This session would also look at practical ways that we can simply and clearly share our faith. | St. Theresa Rosetown | 7 p.m. Thursday Nov. 4 | Fr. Pius Schroh 882-2340 | Christy Dupuis |
| Eucharist and the Saskatchewan Soul (1) A reflection on ways in which our "Saskatchewan experience" (environment, way of life) offers a unique appreciation of the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. | Immaculate Heart of Mary Outlook | 7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 20 | Maxine Prentice 243-4308 | Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU |
| Human Trafficking: The Modern Day form of Slavery (1) Canada is a country of destination as well as a source and transit country in human trafficking. Thousands upon thousands of vulnerable women, boys, and girls, from very poor countries or poor regions within Canada are prey to sexual, agricultural, shipping, domestic, and organ exploitation. Canada has the legislation in place to prosecute the exploiters, but does not have the personnel or finances in place to enforce it. We need to step up to the plate and ask our Members of Parliament to address this issue. | St. Francis Xavier Vanscoy (Exact location to be announced) | 7 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 23 | Sylvie Francoeur 668-2141 | Savelia Curniski |

Praying the Psalms



Foundations: Exploring Our Faith presents a four-part series with Gisele Bauche "**Praying the Psalms**" St. Paul's Cathedral Bishop James Mahoney Hall 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. followed by refreshments (Free will offering.)

Everyone welcome!
Attend one or more sessions - registration is not required.

- Monday, **Sept. 27:** Psalms for Daily Living
- Monday, **Nov. 1:** Psalms in Difficult times
- Monday, **Nov. 22:** A Reflection on Psalm 77
- Monday, **Dec. 6:** Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving

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Theology of Johnny Cash

Fr. Emile April reports flood devastation observed during solidarity visit to Brazil mission

Damage caused by floods this summer in Brazil has left many homeless and suffering, reported Rev. Emile April at a Diocesan Administration Day Sept. 7.

At the request of the bishop and the Brazil Mission Awareness Committee (BMAC), April visited the flood-stricken area as a demonstration of solidarity. During the visit he met with diocesan missionaries, area residents and leaders in the Archdiocese of Maceió.

Severe flooding in June wreaked havoc in the archdiocese where missionaries from the Saskatoon area have served for the past 46 years, said April, who showed pictures of the devastation caused to neighbourhoods, homes and infrastructure.

The Archbishop of Maceió, Dom Antonio Muniz Fernandes, has appealed to the bishop and people of the diocese of Saskatoon for prayers and help for victims of the flood, which include the poorest of the poor.

April reported that he was well-received during his visit, with people expressing gratitude for his presence and for the work of the Canadian missionaries. "In fact, everywhere we would go, people would come and say 'it is so good for you to come here. It is so good to know that Canadians haven't forgotten about us.'"

He described relief efforts and ongoing challenges to find shelter,



Margaret Sanche; Sr. Leona Meier, SMS; Rev. Emile April; Rev. Leslie Paquin; Bishop Donald Bolen, Sr. Louise Hinz, OSU, Sr. Jeannine Rondot, SMS, and Marcie Lukan (left to right) met this summer to discuss the flooding situation in Brazil.

clothing and food for those affected by the flooding. The hardships are compounded for the poor or for those who are ill, he said. "When people are sick and in the middle of nowhere just separated by plastic, that is really bad news."

One special project identified by the archbishop Dom Antonio, is an effort to help young pregnant women and their children. "the bishop has asked us as a diocese, as an expression of solidarity, to help with this," April said. The plan is to provide women with transportation and care, and ultimately to work for a law that would ensure all poor, pregnant women would be treated with dignity, he described, noting the slogan is "welcome to the babies." - KLY

CHAS convention focuses on future of Catholic health care

By SANDRA KARY, CHAS

The 67th annual convention of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan will be held Oct. 24 to 26 at the Delta Bessborough in Saskatoon. The CHAS convention theme "What is our Tomorrow? Living the Compassion of Christ in Healthcare" will invite participants to consider how Catholic health care might develop over the coming years, and how each of us can influence that growth.

This year's convention features two dynamic keynote speakers: Sr. Lynn Levo, whose session "Emotional Intelligence: The Compass that Guides Compassion" will explain EQ (emotional quotient), and how personal and social skills can be applied for more success in ministry; and Dr. Nuala Kenny speaking on "Compassion in the 21st Century: Linking Mission, Ethics and Social Justice."

'Being Transformed by Living the Compassion of Christ' is the session title of inspirational speaker, Raphael Amato. Amato has been with L'Arche for the past 26 years, and will share the contribution that those with developmental disabilities have made to his life, and how those lessons can be applied to the challenges of health care today.

Amato will also facilitate the "Town Hall" style Annual General Meeting, where CHAS members will have an opportunity to provide

input on key areas that are impacting Catholic health today. For more information contact (306) 655-5330 or cath.health@sasktel.net

Fox Valley parish hosts camp

By CHARISSA BOSCH

St. Mary's parish in Fox Valley held its fifth Little Children's Catholic Summer Camp July 26 and 27.

This two day camp combined traditional summer camp activities with activities that celebrate our Catholic faith.

A total of 28 children attended, with nine junior leaders to help along the way and parent volunteers assisting with meal preparation.

The children ranged in age from five to nine years, and had a great couple of days learning about different saints and the fruits of the Holy Spirit, as well as participating in Bible boot camp relays and various crafting activities.

The camp ended with an outdoor Mass led by Fr. Modestus Ngwu. Fr. Modestus taught the children a couple of songs over the two days and the children were able to sing one during the Mass.

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Holy Spirit Parish

114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon
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 Sunday, Sept. 19 to
 Sunday, Oct. 31

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 Arch McKay at 373-0993

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES: Marriage Preparation Weekend:

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Contact: 306-244-7773

E-mail: staff@cfsaskatoon.sk.ca

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Friday, March 18 to Sunday, March 20 or Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May

Heather & Craig Stomp at (306) 682-3326 or register online at www.ceewest.com

Queen's House launches "Operation Extreme Makeover"

Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre recently launched a new fundraising appeal, Operation Extreme Makeover.

The target is \$125,000. To date, the campaign has received \$16,000 in donations.

Hosting and sponsoring a variety of programs has caused stress and strain on the Queen's House facility. Consequently, the conference room areas of the house require flooring upgrades with industrial rugs that can stand up to the rigor of high traffic.

Plans are also in place to upgrade the foyer to offer warmth and welcome. Additionally, in order for Queen's House to provide home cooked meals, it is imperative to replace the walk-in freezer and to enhance diversity in cooking by adding a broiler component to the

stove. An air conditioner cooling tower is needed to provide comfort for guests.

Queen's House is working to continue to serve all peoples within the community, diocese and beyond. This goal began over 50 years ago when the Oblate missionaries, with diocesan support and encouragement, put down roots on the beautiful landscape overlooking the South Saskatchewan River. The Queen's House goal is also to honour the Oblate priests, religious and other religious congregations who partnered with the Oblates to respond to the call of service for others by welcoming various faces of the poor, in addition to creating a home away from home for all who visit by presenting a comfortable and inspiring environment.

Organizers say they are confident that the Operation Extreme Makeover goals will be realized through the many individuals, organizations and institutions who continue to partner in the ministry of Queen's House with their generosity and prayer.

Located on the banks of the river at 601 Taylor Street West in Saskatoon, Queen's House offers a wide range of programs and retreats, in addition to hosting many groups in the community. Upcoming faith enrichment opportunities include silent directed retreats, a retreat for women in ministry, a come and go icon workshop series, and a 12-step spiritual retreat. For more information about these or other programs check out the website at www.queenshouse.org or call (306) 242-1916.

Fall events at Saint Augustine in Humboldt

A number of special events and programs are being offered at St. Augustine parish in Humboldt this fall.

The Alpha Course is held every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and also on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Alpha provides participants with a forum to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Christian faith in a welcoming atmosphere. Sessions feature a video talk followed by discussion and sharing, dessert, fellowship, and prayer. For information contact the parish at (306) 682-2106 or staug.marlou@sasktel.net

A **Moms 'n Tots** weekly social is held at St. Augustine parish every Thursday morning.

A **Fully Alive Conference** will be held at St. Augustine parish in Humboldt **Nov. 13 and 14.**

FacetoFace Ministries will present this two-day retreat for adults, which will focus on the Holy Spirit, with dynamic talks, skits, worship and testimonies. Experience presentations rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church, aimed at bringing our relationship with Christ to a deeper level of intimacy. Discover the purpose of your life, through discovering the power of the Holy Spirit. The conference runs Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information contact: Michelle Pratchler at (306) 682-5768.

St. Mary's parish in Colonsay offers a warm, welcoming faith community

BY DONNA KOROL,
ST. MARY'S PARISH, COLONSAY

It takes a lot of commitment to keep a little parish functioning. When you only have 35 families, the active volunteers end up having two or three jobs each.

During the past five years St. Mary's parish in Colonsay has grown. Our young families now have children preparing for the sacraments. Children's liturgy often has eight participants. Three semi-retired couples have moved to our parish, giving us more fabulous volunteers with abundant talents.

Now that St. Mary's has a high school

student involved in music ministry, music at liturgies often includes violin, organ and piano.

This summer the parish had a successful fundraiser, selling chili and pie at the town's 100th anniversary celebration. Total proceeds exceeded \$1,200. That will go a long way in ensuring financial stability.

St. Mary's parish in Colonsay is a small, welcoming community. Why not take a short drive out from Saskatoon, and experience Mass in a friendly, intimate setting?

St. Mary's Colonsay is on a three-week Mass time rotation so phone (306) 255-2613 or (306) 255-2034 to check the schedule.

Ministry to Tourism looks to Holy Land in 2011

"Wherever we travel, wherever we meet people, we discover and are humbled to stand on their Holy Ground," says Rev. Ralph Kleiter of Ministry to Tourism. "We can only gratefully accept... We'll never be the same."

A number of pilgrim journeys are being offered in 2011, including:

- Eastertime Pilgrim Journey to Biblical Lands, May 14 to 31, 2011 - Damascus, Jordan and the Holy Land;
- Autumn Pilgrim Journey to Biblical Lands, Oct. 5 to 24, 2011 - Jordan, the Holy Land and Greece;
- Voyage to Antiquity, Oct. 24 to Nov. 5 - Athens, Egypt, Israel, Ephesus and Istanbul on a Crystal Serenity cruise (*a touch of biblical lands for those with limited mobility and/or strength.*)

Ministry to Tourism's next Travel Presentation "Crossroads on Earth" will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 in Saskatoon, with presentations by Kleiter and by Ryan Mikucki, DSM, of Collette Vacations.

The presentation evening includes information about 2011 programs, including: Biblical Lands (Syria, Jordan, Israel, Greece & Egypt), Crystal Mediterranean Voyages to Antiquity, Russian River cruise, Winter-Costa Rica & Panama Canal. Entertainment, refreshments and door prizes. Admission \$10.

For more information about the presentation evening or any of the tours contact Fr. Ralph Kleiter at (306) 244-3747, kleiter@shaw.ca or visit the website at www.pilgrimjourneys.ca

Are you hurting from the pain of an abortion?

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Saskatchewan offers a post-abortion healing ministry. Visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org or contact Bonnie for details at (306) 480-8911 or email bacameron@sasktel.net



Catholic school celebration

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools chair Diane Boyko carries in the cross at a Mass held at the start of the 2010-2011 school year. The Aug. 27 opening institute included Mass with Bishop Don Bolen and Bishop Bryan Bayda, an introduction of this year's theme "Reaching Out To Transform the World" and a keynote address by David Wells of Plymouth, England. (Watch for more coverage in the large Diocesan Newsletter next month.)

Time Out For Moms offers Catholic faith enrichment for women during Wednesday morning program at St. Philip Neri parish

BY ANNE-MARIE HUGHES

Time Out For Moms, a Catholic enrichment group for mothers in Saskatoon, begins this fall season settled in one spot and moving forward with new volunteers.

After four moves in 13 years of existence TOFM is settled into a regular home at St. Philip Neri parish. "Being settled in one spot allows us to really plan for the future," says chair of the board of directors, Donna McCulloch. "I can't say enough in praise of St. Philip's and the hospitality they have shown to this large group of mothers and children."

"To welcome a group this large with all our toy and childcare requirements is no small thing. The space St. Philip's freely makes available is a gift to us and shows their commitment to family ministry."

McCulloch is equally enthusiastic when talking about new board members, "These new volunteers are all enthusiastic about their faith and already bringing in new ideas."

Many long-term members who have now left the board will still be attending the program. "Wouldn't miss it," said outgoing board member Paulette Wilson.

"I still have small children who love coming and there are still so many great speakers and new moms to meet from across the city," she said.

Wilson added that in her time on the board she met great women with whom she shared faith and prayers. "We all learned so much about our Catholic faith organizing the meetings for other moms. Leaving the board was about giving other moms the opportunity to grow spiritually like many of us had over the last ten years."

This fall's TOFM session includes an opportunity to meet Bishop Donald Bolen on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Other highlights of this session include speakers talking about the Saskatoon L'Arche home, the mystery of suffering, and child behavioural issues. The schedule also features activities which facilitate getting to know other women in the group.

Fostering spiritual development of women is at the heart of the group, with prayer beginning and ending every Wednesday morning session.

Time Out for Moms meets Wednesday Mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave, Saskatoon from Sept. 22 to Nov. 24. Childcare is included in the registration fee.

Look for bright pink pamphlets available at all city parishes or for more information contact Aleah Banadyga at 955-1920 or aliakt@hotmail.com

Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus organize activities across province

BY PAT MEUSE, PR DIRECTOR, SASKATCHEWAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This fall there are a number of interesting events organized by the Knights of Columbus in the province of Saskatchewan, including a festival honouring Our Lady of Guadalupe held Sept. 30 at St. Patrick's Parish in Saskatoon.

Council 1519 in Prince Albert will be celebrating 100 years as a Council Oct. 30, and Council 1517 in Saskatoon will also be celebrating 100 years as a council Nov. 6. For

more information on these events, check out the website at www.kofcsask.com under upcoming council activities.

Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus will hold their yearly Charity Appeal draw Nov. 13 in Kindersley. The first prize is \$10,000, with proceeds going to fund such worthwhile causes as Special Olympics, Teen Aid and special council projects. To purchase Charity Appeal tickets, contact your local Knights of Columbus council members.

This fall, some councils will sponsor the

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. Youth ages 10 to 14 kick soccer penalty shots, and depending on where the ball hits the net they score different amounts. Youth first compete at the local level with the winners going on to compete regionally, provincially and if their scores are high enough internationally.

Knights of Columbus are working on organizing a men's retreat in March 2011. More information on this worthwhile weekend will be forthcoming in the near future. Watch the website for details,

The Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation is busy trying to raise funds to help flood victims both here and abroad.

The foundation also has bursaries available through the three Catholic colleges in the province.

For more information contact the Foundation through the Charitable Foundation link on the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus website: www.kofcsask.com

HISTORY OF SISTERS OF SAINT ELIZABETH, HUMBOLDT

The Prairie Does Flourish: 100 years of blooming on Canadian Soil

is the title of a new history book being prepared to mark the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of Saint Elizabeth from Austria to Canada in May 2011. Only pre-ordered books will be printed. If you are interested in ordering a copy of this special book, please contact: Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, Box 1941 Humboldt, SK S0K 2A0; Phone: (306) 682-1540 Fax: (306) 682-5692; e-mail: osegen@sasktel.net before Nov. 1, 2010. The cost of the book will be between \$30 and \$40 depending on the numbers printed.

Special liturgy held in diocese to offer prayers for victims of sexual abuse and to pray for reconciliation and healing

By Blake Sittler

A liturgy was held at St. Paul's Cathedral in downtown Saskatoon May 12 to pray for those who have been sexually abused by members of the church. The service also included prayers for reconciliation and eventual healing and forgiveness of the perpetrators of the crimes.

Similar liturgies were held in Davidson, Rosetown, Humboldt, Wadena, and Unity on the same night.

The liturgy in Saskatoon was presided over by Saskatoon Bishop Don Bolen, with some 150 people attending.

The prayer service was a creative Liturgy of the Word, featuring a reading from the gospel of Mark about the woman with a haemorrhage who was healed by touching the cloak of Jesus. The reading was then presented by eight readers, one who read the gospel, followed by the others speaking the thought fragments of an abuse victim, a parent, a priest, an Aboriginal elder and other people affected by sexual abuse.

Those present were invited to process to the front of the church to pick up one of the stones piled on the floor and to place it at the foot of a large resurrection cross. Many of those who placed stones by the cross did so emotionally, and at times couples placed the stones by the cross together hand-in-hand.

"I was there and I found it to be quite moving," said a local priest. "I was particularly struck by the sense and spirit of contrition and humility in the service. I also appreciated the very frank talk about abuse, especially during the dramatic reading of the Gospel...it was

refreshing to be talking about abuse so openly in church."

In his homily, Bishop Donald Bolen began with a story of a woman who gave birth in a grave in which she was hiding from the Nazis during the Shoah. A man hiding in the next grave later said that surely only the Messiah could be born in the heart of human suffering. "If there is a Messiah, if there is a God of love, then that Messiah must be born into the heart of human suffering... or the redemption gained will not reach us in our deepest darkness," Bolen said.

The bishop said that the prayers offered during the liturgy were for all those hurt by abuse as well as for health and forgiveness of the abusers themselves.

"We gather as a community to pray for all those touched by the reality of abuse... for those who were abused in secrecy, for those who did not deal promptly [with the allegations]... for those who perpetrated the abuse on the most vulnerable members of society... for ourselves as we struggle to see God's presence in this broken body of the Church," Bolen said.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon responded to the issue of sexual abuse in 1991 when Bishop Mahoney formed a committee to develop diocesan procedures when dealing with allegations of sexual abuse by clergy and parish employees.

In October 2008 the diocese further developed the policy to include prevention, response and a victim's committee. This three-part document titled, "Working Together for a Safe and Respectful Church Environment," opens with a statement of hope that the church would be a place of safety for the vulnerable.

"This policy is our Church's response to the need to protect those most vulnerable in our church and society. In our society and indeed in the church itself, sad experience has shown the need for vigilance and awareness to provide safe space and practices in order that all, especially the most vulnerable, may feel and be at peace in a safe environment," states the text.

The 35 page document is aimed at protecting both the children as well as vulnerable adults. "Vulnerable adults" may include those mentally and physically challenged and those who may be in particular need because of their emotional, social or material circumstances. The policy applies to clergy, religious and laity involved in parish or diocesan ministry.

The policy can be downloaded from the diocesan website, at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/privacy_and_policy/

Catholic Family Services

To register for any of these programs:

PHONE: (306) 244-7773 or

E-MAIL: staff@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca

Bridging The Gap (For Parents of Out-Of-Control Teens): Thursdays 7 to 9 p.m. (ongoing)

Raising Girls . . . Great as U R; For parents and daughters ages 8 to 12: Wednesdays 4 to 5 p.m. Oct. 20 - Dec 8 (8 weeks)

Raising Boys . . . Building Heroes (For parents and sons ages 8 to 12): Tuesdays 4 to 5 p.m. Oct. 19 - Dec. 7 (8 weeks)

Taming The Worry Dragons (For parents and children ages 8 to 12): Mondays 4 to 5 p.m. Oct. 18 - Dec. 6 (8 weeks)

Active Parenting 1, 2, 3, 4 (For Parents of Children ages 1 to 4): Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 20 - Nov. 10 (4 weeks)

Active Parenting Now (For Parents of Children ages 5 to 12): Saturday, Oct. 16 (1 day) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Active Parenting of Teens: Saturday, Nov. 20 (1 day) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OTHER OFFERINGS:

Family-to-Family Ties is a family support/family-mentoring program dedicated to strengthening families, promoting self-reliance and building community through family partnerships. Volunteer families always needed. Call 244-7773 for information.

A Teen Parent/Early Childhood Centre is coordinated through Catholic Family Services. Contact Anita Burkell at 659-7802

Also available:

- Individual, couple, and/or family counseling
- EFAP: Employee and Family Assistance Programs
- Event speakers, workshop presentations and consultations
- Community volunteer opportunities

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Cathedral cross lifted into place

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

The final section of a large central cross was recently raised into place on top of the new Catholic cathedral under construction in Saskatoon.

The cross on the new Cathedral of the Holy Family rises 176.5 feet into the sky. Weighing 10,000 pounds, the final 40-foot-high section of the cross was put into place by construction crews Aug. 26 on a hot, sunny afternoon.

"The cross is really one continuous unit that extends all of the way through the roof structure," said Jim Nakoneshny, chair of the building committee for the project, stressing how the central cross locks the structure together in the architect's design for the building.

"The cathedral is literally built upon the cross, with the core of the cross physically holding the building together. As inspiring as the raising of that final element was, I would stress the integral nature of the cross to this building, and by extension to the nature of Catholic life," said Nakoneshny.

The cross is visible from different points on both sides of the city, he noted. When the building is complete, the base of the soaring exterior cross will also be visible from inside the cathedral's worship space. "It really is a key element," he said.

In a brief ceremony the day before the cross was lifted into place, Holy Family pastor Rev. David Tumback blessed the cross and prayed



Holy Family pastor Rev. David Tumback prayed a blessing over the cross in a brief ceremony the day before it was raised up.

for the safety of workers on the site.

"May this cross be a sign of glory for all, may it be a beacon of welcome and hospitality to the stranger, may it be a sign of comfort for all who see it and may it be a vessel of hope for all who desire to find peace," prayed Tumback.

Under construction on the corners of Attridge and Forest Drive next to St. Joseph Catholic high school, the 6,000-sq-m (65,000-sq-ft) building will provide a new parish home for the Holy Family parish congregation, as well as serving as the cathedral and Catholic pastoral centre for the entire diocese.

The building will incorporate a wide variety of functions, including parish church, diocesan cathedral, private residence, meeting space, office building, library, archive storage, banquet hall and community centre. The worship space will seat 1,200 in the main area, or up to 2,000 when an overflow area is used.

Estimated completion date for the \$28.5-million project is Advent 2011.



A large crane lifted the cross into place, and then workers lifted by a second, smaller crane secured it to the structure August 26, 2010.

St. Peter's College holds student orientation day

The academic year for students, staff and faculty at St. Peter's College in Muenster recently started, with approximately 150 students, parents, staff and faculty attending a Student Orientation Sept. 7.

Orientation Day was organized to assist students with the transition to university. The day also provided students and parents an opportunity to attend an information session on academics and college life, tour the college, purchase textbooks and meet staff and faculty and fellow students.

St. Peter's College Vice-President Rob Harasymchuk welcomed everyone. The students had an opportunity to learn about academic responsibilities and student life from a presentation by Rebecca Cross, Special Projects Manager, and Dr. Barbara Langhorst of the Academic Centre for Excellence at St. Peter's College.

"Enrolment has increased again this year," reported Val Koroluk,

Special Projects Manager. "The College has a lot to offer. We are attracting students from beyond the local area," Koroluk added. "The increase in students is largely due to our excellent core programming, student supports, numerous opportunities and exciting student life."

Students attend St. Peter's College to begin their university degree in arts and science, agriculture, kinesiology and business or to fulfill the entry requirements to the professional colleges such as education, law, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, and medicine.

"Students and parents see St. Peter's as a positive choice for a number of factors," said Koroluk.

"We offer them an excellent choice of programs, exceptional instruction, lower tuition and cost of living and smaller class size," said Koroluk, "This, combined with the exciting student life and friendly supportive environment makes the transition from high school to university easier."

Taizé Prayer for Christian Unity at Queen's House**8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Second Tuesdays: Oct. 12, Nov. 9 & Dec. 14**

This hour of prayer in the style of the ecumenical community at Taizé, France, consists of simple praise, petition and thanksgiving, short readings from scripture and a period of silence. (Donation appreciated).

A Day Away retreat at Queen's House, Saskatoon**9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Second Wednesdays: Oct. 13, Nov. 10 & Dec. 8**

A time away with a focus for claiming our identity as Beloved of God and developing an expansive spirituality. Attend sessions by guest presenters, along with Lucie Leduc and Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI; or enjoy a few hours of quiet reflection. Cost \$25 includes lunch and refreshments. Please call ahead if you plan to attend: (306) 242-1916.

Basketball youth night with bishop and priests**6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15 at Bethlehem Catholic High School**

Youth in Grades 8 to 12 are invited to attend an evening of basketball with Bishop Donald Bolen, Fr. Kevin McGee and other priests and seminarians from the Diocese of Saskatoon. Teams will be created that evening, and the final game will feature youth vs. priests. Everyone is welcome – whether to participate or to cheer on the action and enjoy the prayer, fellowship and food which will also be part of the evening. Youth in Grades 8 to 12 who are interested in attending are encouraged to contact their parish youth minister or notify Colm Leyne at the Diocesan Office for Youth Ministry, 242-1500, toll free 1-877-661-5005 or e-mail: youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Auction in support of St. Mary Parish Nurse Program

Saturday, Oct. 16 beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Parish Hall, Ave O & 20th Street W, in Saskatoon, this giant auction will feature new items, gift certificates, computers, sports collectibles, electronics, crafts and artwork and much more. A lunch counter will be available, as will lots of free parking. St. Mary's Parish Nurse provides care and services to those living on the margin in Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods. Your support of this auction helps to bring hope to our community.

St. Aloysius Parish Fall Supper, Allan, SK

Sunday, Oct. 17 at Allan and District Communiplex, (located at the north end of Princess Street in Allan, the Communiplex is wheelchair accessible) This annual St. Aloysius supper will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 17 with continuous seating, followed by a food auction, raffle and prize draws. Adults \$12, Students 12 and under \$5, pre-school free.

"Encounter Emmanuel" young adult retreat

Oct. 22 to 24 at St. Joseph Church, Saskatoon - a weekend retreat for young adults, ages 18 to 35 years Open to those who are single, dating, married or in religious life, the weekend will include daily adoration, praise and Mass as well as speakers including Fr. Tom Rosica of Salt + Light Television and Jean-Luc Moens of the Emmanuel Community. Saskatoon Bishop Don Bolen will preside at the opening Mass. Cost is \$50 per person, \$15 per child, children under five are free. Childcare will be provided and all meals and snacks are included. For information contact Doug and Diane Porter at (306) 343-9070; Curtis and Simone Mann at (306) 291-2931; Sarah and Dan Denis at (306) 292-6270; or Richard and Lindsay Schlichemeyer at (306) 241-2332.

Cowboy Poet Supper:**Saturday, Oct. 23 at Vanscoy Circle Hall, Vanscoy, SK**

Enjoy a beef supper and cowboy poet entertainment featuring Jim Boswell and Bernadette Gruel on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Vanscoy Circle Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. for this community event sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Vanscoy. For more information or tickets call Lorraine at (306) 933-2417

CWL 40th Anniversary, St Peter the Apostle, Saskatoon

Saturday Oct. 23, beginning with Mass at 5 p.m. followed by cocktails at 6 p.m., supper at 7 p.m., as well as a short program and entertainment. Tickets are \$20. Contact Dorothy Benard at (306) 242-9927 or Kathy Kautzman at (306) 384-2551 (*please leave message*).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Share the Spirit" Gala Friday, Oct. 29

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation will celebrate its 17th annual "Share the Spirit" Gala Evening Friday, Oct. 29, at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Saskatoon, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 (*each ticket receives a \$50 charitable receipt*). This fundraiser is an opportunity to celebrate Catholic education and the Foundation's work with various business and community partners. The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation invests in students by providing financial support for spiritual growth, academic excellence and innovative programming for some 15,000 students attending Catholic schools in Saskatoon, Viscount, Biggar and Humboldt. The Foundation has provided \$3.4 million in disbursements since 1993. A fundamental goal of Catholic education is to prepare students for successful futures, personally and as socially responsible individuals, whose values are rooted in faith. It is the combined effort of home, school, church and community – working together – that truly make a difference. For Gala tickets or more information contact the Foundation office at 659-7003 or e-mail: catholicscs@scs.sk.ca

Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti**Performances in Clavet Oct. 24 and Saskatoon Oct. 30-31**

Resurrection Dance Theatre is made up of orphans and former street children of Haiti who have performed all over North America in support of St. Joseph's Family, a group of charitable homes in Haiti. The dance troupe will tour Saskatchewan from Oct. 12 to Nov. 27. Public performances in the Saskatoon area will be held **7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24** at the Clavet School Gym in Clavet, SK; as well as at **7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31** at The Refinery in Saskatoon. The dance troupe will also perform **at a charity dinner and silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov 12** at the Odeon Event Centre in Saskatoon. The dance tour is sponsored by Broken Wings Missions Inc., a Clavet-based registered charity, founded by children's author and storyteller Peter Eyvindson. Two of the three St. Joseph's Family homes were destroyed in the recent earthquake, leaving many orphans, and abandoned and disabled street children without adequate support. Proceeds from this tour will help build and maintain a new home. Broken Wings Missions: (306) 931-8072; e-mail: peter.eyvindson@sasktel.net or visit: www.broken-wings.ca

100th Anniversary of Saskatoon Knights of Columbus

Saturday, Nov. 6 - All Knights and guests are invited to attend the 100th anniversary of Council 1517 in Saskatoon. A Meet and Greet Social will be held from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bishop Mahoney Hall at St. Paul Cathedral, followed by Mass at 5 p.m. with Bishop Don Bolen, Bishop Bryan Bayda, and Abbot Peter Novocosky. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. and a dinner at 7 p.m. at Sheraton Cavalier Hotel. Tickets: \$45. Contact: Reg Handfield at 665-8445 (work), 652-4441 (home), or Walter Hader at 374-8394. Deadline for ticket sales is Oct. 31.

Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning**Free information evening 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12**

at Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God, 122-105th St. W. Everyone welcome: registration is not necessary. For more information about the Billings Method contact NFP Saskatchewan at nfpsask@sasktel.net or call (306) 369-2701.

"Time with Therese: Silent Before the Crib"

7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec 5 at St. Therese in Bruno, Sk. Cost is \$75. Contact Carolyn at (306) 369-2555.

"Triumph program" at St. Therese Institute in Bruno

Oct. 29 to Nov 7 or a Youth retreat Nov. 12 to Nov. 21 a nine-day inner healing, spiritual growth program for transforming lives through the sacraments, adoration and teachings. Discover life as God meant it to be. Contact Carolyn at (306) 369-2555. More info: www.sttherese.ca