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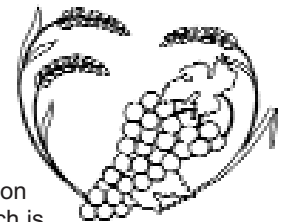
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Exploring Our Faith Together



A journey to the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in 2007 was launched June 18 on the Feast of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. An outdoor Eucharistic procession was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, led by Fr. Bernard de Margerie.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress preparation period underway



By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Members of a planning committee for next year's Diocesan Eucharistic Congress presented an outline of the event to priests and parish leaders from across the diocese at an administration day Sept. 7.

Committee chair Dick Nieman, along with program coordinators Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU, and Fr. David Tumback, provided details about the goals of the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, and plans that are already in place for the event in October 2007.

A highlight will be the diocesan celebration of the Eucharist Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007 at Credit Union Centre (SaskPlace).

A liturgical music workshop with musician Bob Hurd will be offered in conjunction with St. Thomas More College. Keynote speakers during the three-day event will be Bishop Raymond Lahey, Fr. Ed Foley and Sr. Theresa Koernke. A variety of special interest sessions will also be offered.

The next year will be spent preparing and

deepening understanding about the Eucharist, in preparation for the Congress, which is itself a preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Quebec City in June 2008.

Bishop Albert LeGatt noted that the Congress will coincide with the final PVR (Parish Vitality Reflection) message about the priestly dimension of the baptismal call, which will be launched in the diocese this fall and continue throughout 2007.

Copies of a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress prayer card (as well as resources and programs related to the Eucharist) were presented as part of the diocesan administration day. Educational efforts for the next year will focus on the Eucharist.

The theme of the 2007 Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is "Bread of Love, Life for All" and a logo has been created by Rosa Gebhardt.

More details about the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress are available on the diocesan website: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

Fall has arrived and life is taking on a more regular routine after the summer months. I hope you were able to enjoy some relaxation and family time. I took a two-week holiday in British Columbia, canoeing in the mountains south of Prince George – a very good tonic for body, heart and soul.

As I write this, I'm finalizing the last preparations before leaving for the *Ad Limina* visit of the Bishops of Western Canada to Rome, Oct. 2 to 14. This *Ad Limina* visit, which is undertaken every five years or so, is the opportunity to re-express and reinforce the ties between each of our diocesan Churches and the universal Church.

Altogether as a group we will be visiting the various congregations (or departments) of the Holy See, discussing the pastoral initiatives undertaken in our dioceses and the various challenges we face as we shepherd our dioceses. Then individually each of us will have a private audience of 15 minutes with Pope Benedict XVI. This being my first such *Ad Limina* visit (the prior one was in 1998), I am looking forward to this visit with much anticipation.

In preparation for this visit, each bishop has to prepare an extensive report on all aspects of the life of the diocese. This has been the occasion for me to take stock of all that is happening within our diocese and its 93 parishes or missions. We face several challenges – a shortage of priests, rural depopulation, an increasingly secular society with a very relativistic sense of truth and morality, and, hence, a sense of disconnect between truth and daily public life.

In contrast, there are many strengths within our diocese. We have a committed and very hardworking clergy, as well as many fine and generous religious sisters. We have a laity that is being increasingly educated in the faith many of whom - beyond living out their faith daily in family, work and community - also give much time and many talents to build up the parish community. Hence, as I go off to Rome it is with a deep sense of gratitude to God for the vibrant action of the Holy Spirit amongst the people of God in

this local Church of Saskatoon.

However, beyond this vision, the pastoral life of the diocese goes on with several things of note in the coming year. This year we begin fully implementing the Restored Order of the Sacraments of Initiation. Therefore, every child preparing for first communion this year in all our parishes will also be preparing to receive confirmation at the same celebration.

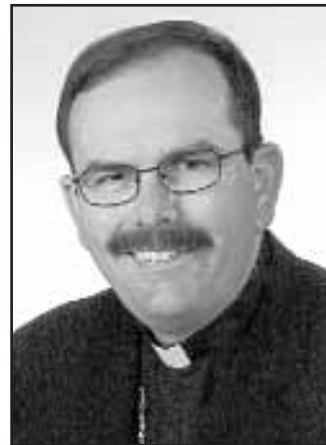
We are busily preparing for our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, Oct. 26 to 28, 2007 when we will begin to reflect more fully on living out the priestly mission of Jesus Christ. We continue through the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Council of Priests to consider how to meet the pastoral needs of our parishes, through the cooperation of parishes, including the hiring of pastoral associates. As well, we are looking at the process and the criteria by which a very small and declining parish may move towards amalgamating with a neighbouring parish when the time has come to do so.

There is much on our plate, and many challenges to face. However, as I said earlier, the Spirit is indeed very much at work amongst us. Please pray for me as I participate in the *Ad Limina* visit. I will be praying for all of you in a special way at the tomb of St. Peter in Rome.

Sincerely in Christ



Most Rev. Albert LeGatt
Bishop of Saskatoon



Oblate Mission Team returns to Cudworth and St. Benedict Nov. 12-14

The Oblate Mission team has booked a return mini-mission to St. Michael's parish, Cudworth, as well as to the parish in St. Benedict from Nov. 12 to 14.

The theme will be discipleship. The event will begin with Fr. Al Hubenig OMI preaching at the Sunday Masses Nov. 12. Br. Louis Andreas, OMI, will provide the music ministry. The "Great Assemblies" will begin Sunday evening.

The mini-mission follows a community-wide Oblate Mission last fall, which included

"Great Assemblies", youth gatherings, home visits and the establishment of small faith-sharing groups throughout the communities of Cudworth and St. Benedict.

Mission team member Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI, also visited the area this summer. "He had time for lunch and a visit with Hayley Yuzdepski at her home where he prayed with her and gave her his blessing. Fr. Ron had also been able to visit Hayley during her stay at Edmonton's Stollery Hospital where she underwent surgeries for her scoliosis

condition," said Bernice Jungwirth of Cudworth. "After seven weeks in traction and two surgeries she is walking tall. We believe she had a miracle with the expertise of her doctors and medical staff," added core team leader Carol DeMong.

Representatives of the Oblate Mission Team attended a recent diocesan administration day to provide more information about the long-term mission experience that they offer. An Oblate Mission was also held in Rosetown in 2005.

Birthright volunteers needed to help moms

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

Compassionate volunteers with listening and loving hearts are desperately needed to respond to the women who come through the door of Birthright Saskatoon seeking help with an unplanned or problem pregnancy.

Hours of operation at the downtown Birthright office are limited right now because of a lack of volunteers, says director Alice McMillan.

Volunteers receive training, and can determine how much time they are able to donate.

Sometimes people mistakenly fear that volunteering at Birthright might require them to provide counseling or find a way to solve all of a woman's problems, admits McMillan. But the role of the Birthright volunteer is to listen and support, while referring pregnant women to needed services that already exist in the community, she says.

"Our job is to inform, encourage and support all those who come to us; being there for them as a friend and helping when needed, as often and as long as necessary," describes Lorraine Reiter, who has volunteered with Birthright for some 15 years. "We need to listen very closely and ask open-ended questions, and often they will solve their own problems."

Help offered by Birthright is free and confidential and only given when requested.

"The essence of Birthright is love. We should not underestimate the power of love," says Reiter, recalling how a loving and accepting heart will help seemingly tough young women open up and begin to "pour out their soul".

"Sometimes they're so scared, they're so hurt, they just want to run away and escape the problems. You listen very actively, help them to calm down, show them ways of coping. It's giving them the gift of hope, helping them to see there is a future, so they can begin to go forward, one step at a time."

As for the rewards of volunteering, it's a blessing to know



Nicole Pyle of the Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association (right) delivers a donation to Birthright director Alice McMillan and volunteer Lorraine Reiter (left).

that you may be the one making a crucial difference in the life of a woman. Reiter recalls with emotion the time a mom returned to the office two years after coming there for help, bringing her little girl and saying thank you.

Many times a volunteer does not know what happens in the lives of the young women who come for help – "after they go through that door, all you can do is pray for them," says Reiter, adding that prayer is an essential part of her own volunteer work at Birthright.

"Birthright Saskatoon provides an invaluable service bringing concrete aid and hope to women facing an unplanned pregnancy," says Bishop Albert LeGatt. "It offers light in troubled times and compassionate aid that fosters the respect for life we treasure so much."

"As a diocese we are happy to be able to support Birthright through our Bishop's Annual Appeal," he said, adding that he would encourage people to learn more about Birthright and to volunteer if possible.

A spirit of love and acceptance is the cornerstone of Birthright, which passes no judgment and puts no pressure on the young girls and women who come looking for help. Run entirely by volunteers, Birthright receives no government funding and relies solely on donations to offer its free, confidential help to women coping with an unwanted pregnancy.

Founded in Toronto in 1968 by Louise Summerhill, a mother of seven, Birthright operates under a strict charter that ensures the vision of non-judgmental loving care continues to be followed in every branch. Birthright's guiding principle is expressed in the charter's first article: "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."

In offering women alternatives to abortion, Birthright never uses pressure or scare tactics, emphasizes McMillan. Support provided might include pregnancy tests, finding medical services, referrals to helping agencies, and providing a layette of newborn clothing and a quilt to moms who might otherwise have nothing for their baby.

But Birthright's main offering is hope and a compassionate connection, says McMillan, and to offer that, dedicated volunteers are a must.

Hours at the Birthright office at 1001 201 21 St. E. in Saskatoon are presently 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. With more volunteers Birthright could achieve the goal of being open 9 to 5 every weekday, perhaps even opening one evening a week, says McMillan, noting that the Birthright organization also has a toll free 24-hour telephone service (1-800-550-4900).

Any one interested in volunteering can call Birthright director Alice McMillan for more information at 374-1460.

Diocese - Deanery connection goal of new liaison positions

Parish leaders were introduced to eight new Diocesan Deanery Liaisons during a diocesan administration day Sept 7 in Saskatoon.

The new role was created as a result of a diocesan services review, in which local areas were consulted in a series of visits by pastoral services director Dorothy Fortier.

Feedback from those meetings included a desire for more face to face communication.

The new deanery liaisons will provide a personal presence and an ongoing

dialogue in each deanery across the diocese, Fortier said.

The new Diocesan Deanery Liaisons are:

Mary Wrishko - Eatonia

Blake Sittler - Kerrobert

Agnes Rolheiser - Outlook

Kathy Hitchings - Saskatoon Rural

Donna Donaldson - Saskatoon City West

Marci Deutscher - Saskatoon City East

Mary Comeault - Humboldt

Lynda Statchuk - Wadena

Catholic health care brings moral reasoning to debates about provision of health services: a blessing worth keeping

(This editorial was written by Fr. Mark Miller in response to controversy surrounding the ban on tubal ligations at the Catholic hospital in Humboldt - see related article on opposite page.)

**By Fr. Mark Miller, CSSR,
Ethicist, St. Paul's Hospital**

The situation in Humboldt concerning the availability of tubal ligations raises some fundamental issues about the provision of health care services in Canada. One of the consistent health care providers in Canada has been various branches of Catholic-inspired service.

Catholics have been involved in providing health care in Saskatchewan for 100 years. Indeed, long before government took any responsibility for such services, Catholics were often at the forefront of care for the sick, the suffering, the elderly and the dying. And, contrary to one stubborn myth about whom we serve, everyone who has come through our doors has received the same skilled care.

When Canada turned to a single-payer system, Catholic and other faith-based providers were assured that their commitment to providing health care would be respected. Such affiliates have consistently been recognized and supported as an integral part of the health care system and have been assured that they can continue to provide these services in accord with their own values and consciences.

In Catholic moral reasoning, sterilization falls more or less into the same category as contraception. Both of these interventions are seen as denying a fundamental purpose of human sexuality, the openness to procreation. Catholic moral teaching is based upon this sense of the intrinsic nature of human sexuality such that to intentionally block the possibility of procreation would be to contradict the God-given reality entrusted to us as human beings. Hence, the ethics guidelines for all Catholics and Catholic facilities prohibit sterilization for contraceptive purposes.

We understand that our moral position is not a popular one. But it is a *moral* position, not simply a faith or religious belief, although the nature of the Catholic community is such that religious authority plays an important

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role in drawing up a consistent ethic.

What does this mean for Catholic health care facilities within a publicly funded system?

First, I would suggest that if health care providers cannot follow their consciences in providing services, then we as a society had better be careful that we do not impose a uniform set of medical standards (really values) without an awareness of ethical and ethically justified differences.

For example, if the laws around euthanasia change, then health care systems will be *obliged* to kill people in accord with the provisions of the law. I suspect that our country will lose many skilled and excellent health care providers who in conscience cannot kill or participate in killing people.

Second, the provision of health care services today is a complex, intricate, multi-faceted enterprise in which not all services can be provided safely or economically in every institution or every town or even every province. Decisions about where services are provided are often made for medical reasons — too few procedures in a small hospital becomes unsafe — or for economic reasons (recall the closure of many hospitals in Saskatchewan in 1992). It would seem tragic if care providers were not allowed to include or articulate moral factors (which in fact are always present) in such decisions.

Third, the nature of health care changes over the decades. How one defines health care determines what will be done. Catholic health care would not consider the provision of sterilization to fall under the care of the sick, the suffering and the dying. All health care systems make such decisions. For example, most cosmetic surgery does not fit under the mandate of health care (even though health care providers are the ones with the skills to do these procedures) because it is not considered a response to the needs of persons who are ill. As a society we determine that there are only so many resources to go around *and* that there are certain things which we judge worthy of health care coverage while others, worthy though

they might be in their own right, are not. This latter point is a matter of moral decision making.

Fourth, the situation in rural facilities is complicated by numerous factors concerning what services can be offered and what not. The first criterion is generally safety in the provision of services. But there are also factors such as availability of human resources and skills, critical mass factors, local pride and history, etc. — and the political dimension which is ever present in health care decisions.

Some of the protest about tubal ligations being transferred to Saskatoon seem to miss the point that a lot of health care services are provided in Saskatoon, even some that with a few different choices, could be provided locally. I concede that it would be more convenient to have procedures done locally — but would that not be a priority for people who are truly sick and for whom travel is a heavy burden?

Fifth, Canadians do have a right to the provision of health care services that are covered by the provincial health care plan. Provincial governments and health regions have the responsibility of providing these services, even to the point of occasionally flying patients to other provinces for proper care. However, there is no such thing as a right to every procedure in every facility. Health regions balance and adjust multiple needs, pressures, interest groups, resources, etc. (including the ubiquitous politics) in order to give the best possible service given the complexities. Catholic moral sensitivities, in my experience, are relatively minor issues and easily dealt with in this larger picture.

Finally, let me tie these points together from the perspective of Catholic health care. Catholic facilities have provided top-notch health care in many areas for many decades. Patient response surveys continually show high satisfaction and gratitude for services received and the compassion shown in Catholic facilities. We are not perfect, but we do a fine job of looking after the sick, the suffering, the frail, the elderly, and the dying. ***continued on next page***

Catholic hospital in Humboldt stops all tubal ligations

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski

A hospital board decision to stop performing tubal ligations at the Catholic hospital in Humboldt has become a source of debate in the Saskatoon Health Region.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital board of directors decided in June that the sterilization procedure would no longer be provided at the hospital in order to more fully comply with the Catholic Health Care Ethics Guide.

During an audit of policies and procedures, it was discovered that doctors were not complying with the hospital's existing tubal ligation policy, said board chair Jerome Strasser. That policy called for an ethical reflection and application in light of the Church's teaching. It replaced an earlier policy in which an ethics committee reviewed requests for the procedure.

Given the non-compliance, and after discussion and legal counsel, the board decided to ban the procedure entirely. There were other issues, including the lack of a full-time anesthetist in Humboldt to handle emergency surgeries, Strasser noted, but the decision boiled down to being true to the hospital's identity as a Catholic institution. "We need to be what we say we are."

Catholic teaching as expressed in the Catholic Health Care Ethics Guide is that:

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In conscience we cannot provide sterilizations on demand. The nuances of Catholic moral reasoning do permit some sterilizations for medical reasons, but that is not at issue here. The Saskatoon Health Region takes responsibility for the full range of services, and sterilizations will be provided accordingly. Catholic facilities will continue to partner in providing the services which we have traditionally offered in accord with the values of caring for the sick, the suffering, and the dying.

If I might be permitted to conclude with a personal note. I would hope and pray that the excellent care that is provided in the long-standing tradition of Catholic compassion for the sick and the dying will not be tossed aside for the sake of an elective surgery that suits the morality of some people, but not everyone.

"Direct sterilization, whether permanent or temporary, for a man or a woman, must not be used for contraception."

"This is consistent with the Church's whole teaching on sexuality, marriage and birth control. Our sexuality has that double dimension: it unites the couple in love, while also being open to life," said Saskatoon Bishop Albert LeGatt.

The Catholic Health Care Ethics Guide was a joint work of the Canadian bishops and the Catholic Health Association of Canada, reflecting Catholic theology and moral teaching as it is practically applied in Catholic health care settings, he said.

Under certain circumstances a tubal ligation procedure could be tolerated in principle in a Catholic setting, as an indirectly intended consequence associated with other serious health factors if such procedures cannot be delayed, or require transfer to another health care facility that would constitute a threat to the life or health of the patient, he said. "And if it was a case of life and death at that moment, there is no question that a woman's life and health at that moment would be the primary consideration."

News that women in the Humboldt area would now have to travel to Saskatoon for the procedure prompted local protests, including a petition started by local doctors.

"Several women have filed complaints," said Dr. Carrie Levick, one of the physicians to speak out against the ban on tubal ligations.

"I know the Church doesn't believe in contraception and I respect that. But this decision impacts a large number of people who may not subscribe to that belief and yet are obligated to pay taxes to support the hospital," she said, adding she is concerned that the issue will also have an impact on the ability to recruit physicians to serve in the community.

"The decision opens up a lot of ethical questions about the rights of the individual and about how health care is provided in a publicly-funded system," Levick said.

Catholic hospitals in Saskatchewan operate as affiliates of larger health regions, in a collaborative relationship which recognizes the need for a faith-based facility to operate by its values and principles, said Monica Beavis, CEO and president of the Saskatchewan Catholic Health Organization. The corporation oversees operation of a number of

Catholic health care facilities across the province that were turned over to the Catholic bishops by various religious orders.

It is possible to manage procedures around the provision of tubal ligations in such a way that they can be offered without violating Catholic ethics, as is accomplished in some Catholic hospitals in Canada, said Beavis. "But the St. Elizabeth's hospital board was faced with a situation where its policy was found to be not working. There was a lack of compliance," she said.

"It's a matter of collaborating with the region and with the physicians to provide the care, while respecting the principles of the Catholic hospital," she said.

"A Catholic health care institution exercises a community right, generated by the constitution, based on the freedom of religion and conscience – it cannot be forced to do something contrary to its teachings or its conscience. The same principle would hold for any other faith-based health care institution," said Bishop LeGatt.

"The Saskatchewan Catholic Health Corporation certainly acknowledges the concerns of the community and the feedback we've received related to the tubal ligation decision," added Beavis. "We are collaborating with various stakeholders to look at a plan or a process to ensure that we are in fact serving the community, and yet are doing that within our Catholic Christian values."

Darlene Eberle, chair of the Saskatoon Health Region Authority, said that the region values its affiliate relationships with faith-based facilities. "We accept and appreciate St. Elizabeth's faith-based approach."

However, the Saskatoon Health Region Authority must also consider how best to deliver health care services across the region, she added.

Further discussions about the tubal ligation ban are planned, facilitated by the Saskatoon Regional Medical Association. Discussions will include representatives from the St. Elizabeth's board of governors, the Saskatchewan Catholic Health Care Corporation, the Humboldt physician group and Saskatoon Health Region medical leadership, as well as a Catholic ethicist.

Strasser welcomed the discussions. "We will have to come to some consensus," he said. "This is not a fight. There are no winners in this thing. The community at large is losing."

MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEDULE FALL 2006

Topic	Presenter	Registration
<p>Liturgy Workshop</p> <p>An enriched understanding of liturgy and ritual, the postures throughout the liturgy, including processions and recessions, the liturgical year, and the resources for liturgy are among the topics explored in this workshop. Practical training is included for liturgical ministries such as hospitality ministers, the procession, readers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, sacristans, and those who do the décor.</p>	<p>Zita Maier received her Bachelor of Education from UBC, her Bachelor of Theology from Newman Theological College and her Masters in Liturgical Studies from St. John University. She had a regular column ("Issues in Liturgy") in the Prairie Messenger and was editor of the National Bulletin on Liturgy. She is a member of the Saskatoon Diocesan Liturgy Commission. She has been involved in liturgical music since the age of 14 and has established choirs in Humboldt, Bruno, and Delta, B.C.</p>	<p>Eatonia Deanery</p> <p>Little Flower, Leader</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 28 9 am registration 9:30 am - 3:30 pm workshop Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)</p> <p><i>Contact:</i> Marci Deutscher 242-1500 ext. 222 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005</p>
<p>Assisting Families in Preparation and Planning the Funeral Liturgy</p> <p>Lay presiders, preachers, spiritual pastoral care ministers will learn about the funeral liturgies and how they can use care and compassion to assist the family to prepare for the funeral liturgy. The workshop will investigate the pastoral aspect of grief as well as the actual preparation of the liturgy and how it can be a part of the grieving process.</p>	<p>Brian Zimmer was born and raised in Handel, Sk. He has a Bachelor of Theology from Newman Theological College and a Masters in Pastoral Counseling. He is a spiritual care associate at City Hospital and Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon and is the director of mission for St. Paul's Hospital.</p> <p>Terry LePage is a self-described "prairie-grown girl" who has a Masters of Religious Studies from the University of Saskatchewan. She continues to study theology part-time. As the pastoral associate for St. Augustine parish in Saskatoon, she is involved in sacramental preparation and the Ministry of Care.</p>	<p>Humboldt, Saskatoon Rural and Outlook Deaneries</p> <p>St. Alphonse, Viscount</p> <p>Saturday, Nov. 4 9 am registration 9:30 am - 3:30 pm workshop Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)</p> <p><i>Contact:</i> Marci Deutscher 242-1500 ext. 222 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005</p>
<p>RCIA: The Catechumenate Period, A Time of Christian Formation</p> <p>This workshop will focus on the second period in the rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (and children). Jerry Galipeau will examine the "content" of the period of the catechumenate, with emphasis on the four pillars of Christian formation: catechesis, community, prayer and service. He will also discuss the Dismissal of catechumens and candidates, the Rites during this period, and ways to involve the entire parish in the initiation process. The workshop will address the needs of experienced initiation ministers, as well as those who are new to the RCIA process.</p>	<p>Jerry Galipeau is a resource person from the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Worship Resources Editor at World Library Publications, Galipeau has presented workshops nationally and internationally on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, liturgical spirituality, ritual music, and adult spiritual formation. Dr. Galipeau is past chair of the Board of Directors of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and a frequent team member for Forum's institutes. He is a published musician and has written articles for several magazine. His book, <i>Prayer Services of Parish Life</i>, was released in 2004, while <i>We Send You Forth: Dismissals for the RCIA</i> was released in 2005.</p>	<p>Saskatoon City Deanery</p> <p>St. Anne, Saskatoon 217 Lenore Drive</p> <p>Saturday, Nov. 18 9 a. - 4 pm Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)</p> <p><i>Registration deadline:</i> Nov. 13</p> <p><i>Contact:</i> Dolores Crawford 931-4700</p>
<p>Grief Ministry: Helping Others to Mourn</p> <p>An introduction to current insights about the psycho, social and theological aspects of grieving and pastoral ministry. This session is intended for lay and professionals who care for those who mourn, and for volunteers in faith communities and hospitals.</p>	<p>Brian Chartier, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist and an associate professor of psychology at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon.</p> <p>Tracey Waskowic is a student of clinical psychology.</p>	<p>Eatonia Deanery</p> <p>Immaculate Heart of Mary, Elrose</p> <p>January, February, March 11 sessions, Friday evenings Cost: \$55/person</p> <p><i>Contact:</i> Sr. Marie Gartner 859-2201</p>

Retrouvaille program helps troubled marriages

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon is working with a group from Edmonton to develop a program for couples whose marriages are in trouble.

The name of the organization is Retrouvaille, which is the French word for "rediscovery". The goal of Retrouvaille is to help couples who are on the verge of separation or divorce rediscover themselves, their partner, and the love that they once felt for each other.

The diocesan office of Ministry Development and the Marriage Task Force are assisting the Edmonton group in developing the program for Saskatoon.

"For years, the Church has talked about the importance of marriage, of preparation, and ongoing enrichment. Now we are taking the next important step in offering assistance to couples whose relationship has deteriorated but who want to rebuild their marriages," said Blake Sittler, who works with the Marriage Task Force through the diocesan office of Ministry Development.

"There is a great need for this ministry in the diocese. Hopefully, for some couples, Retrouvaille will help them keep their marriage together, and it will give them the tools to develop a more loving relationship. This is good for marriage and good for families."

The Retrouvaille program consists of a weekend session featuring presenters who have previously taken part in a Retrouvaille weekend. The spouses spend most of the weekend working on a new technique of communication, forgiveness, and sharing with each other about their hopes for a better relationship. They work together to make concrete plans about how they will nurture their relationship.

The weekend is then followed up with six weeks of discussion, practice, and training from the presenting couples.

Over the next year, the diocese will provide education about Retrouvaille to priests, parish life directors, and all who are engaged in marriage ministry. The aim is to have the first weekend in Saskatoon offered by the fall of 2007.

For Saskatchewan couples who are interested in a Retrouvaille weekend but who do not want to wait until this date, Retrouvaille weekends are available in Calgary and Edmonton.

While the program is Catholic in origin, it is open to couples of all faiths.

For more information, contact Blake Sittler at the diocesan office of Ministry Development, 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

Marriage Preparation / Engaged Encounter / Marriage Enrichment

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

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

Engaged Encounter

March 30 to April 1, 2007

St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster

Contact: Tanya and Todd Schuler 682-0777

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

AT LOCAL PARISHES:

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

Holy Family

March 2 and 3, 2007

110 - 104 St., Saskatoon

Contact: Eileen Materi, 374-7981

Holy Spirit

Sept. 24 to Dec. 10, 2006

Sundays, 8:30 p.m.

114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon

Contact: Lee Pion, 374-1425

St. Anne

Feb. 25, March 3, 8, 9, 10, 2007

Various times

217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon

Contact: Karen Schreiner, 931-4700

St. Augustine

Jan. 11 to March 15, 2007

Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

602 Boychuck Ave., Saskatoon

Contact: Terry LePage, 373-3453

St. John Bosco

March 2 and 3, 2007

1202 Ave. 0 South, Saskatoon

Contact: Mary Jacobi 652-1045

St Patrick

Starts Monday, Jan. 8, 2007

3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon,

Contact: 394-1100

St. Paul

Jan. 18 to March 22

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon

Contact Brenda Connell, 652-0033

St. Philip Neri

January 2007 (date to be announced)

1904 Monroe Ave., Saskatoon

Contact: 343-0325

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES:

Weekend Marriage Preparation

Oct 13 and 14, 2006

(Workshops run Friday 6:30 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$150 per couple.)

Contact: Sheila Giesbrecht at 244-7773

E-mail: sgiesbrecht@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca

SUZETTE SZUMUTKU:

Weekend Marriage Preparation

Dec. 1 to 2, 2006

(Workshops do not have a

specifically Catholic perspective)

Contact: 1-800-652-1251 or 783-3778

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide 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.

October 27 - 29, 2006

Ramada Hotel, Saskatoon

January 12 - 14, 2007

St. Michael's Retreat, Lumsden

January 26 - 28, 2007

Ramada Hotel, Saskatoon

March 9 - 11, 2007

St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster

April 20 - 22, 2007

St Peter's Abbey, Muenster

October 19 - 21, 2007

Queen's House, Saskatoon

Contact: Marc and Anita Loiselle

Phone: 258-2192

E-mail: loiselle@baudoux.ca

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENRICHMENT EVENINGS

For those couples who have taken a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend community enrichment evenings are offered, beginning at 8 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006:

St. Francis Xavier, Saskatoon

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007:

St. Francis Xavier, Saskatoon

Saturday, March 3, 2007:

St. Philip Neri, Saskatoon

Contact: Dean & Michelle Yurkowski

Phone: 373-2741 Email: theyurks@shaw.ca

FOUNDATIONS: EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Fall 2006

General Information: The cost of each course is \$5 per person, per two hour session. High school students: no charge.
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.

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. A minimum of 15 people required for course to run.

Course	Parish	Dates	Contact	Speaker
A Walk Through the Mass (1) This presentation deals with the parts of the Mass, what their significance and meaning are and how they make up one act of worship.	Holy Family Saskatoon	7:30 p.m. Monday Oct. 16	Eileen Materi 374-7981	Zita Maier
Prayer - Exploring Our Images of God as found in the Scriptures(1) We will discover the images of each person of the Trinity as found in the Scriptures, and explore our response to these images.	Holy Family Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 28	Eileen Materi 374-7981	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU
The Church's Funeral Liturgy (1) This session will explore how to make the funeral liturgy personal, yet respect its nature as belonging to the whole community. We will explore the options regarding prayers, readings, music, the issue of the eulogy, and who should participate in its preparation and celebration. Perhaps some may even want to begin to prepare the options for their own funeral.	Holy Spirit Saskatoon	7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 26	Gladys Coombes 374-1425	Zita Maier
Elder Care (1) This session will look at how to help the elderly continue their life process - as opposed to simply waiting to die. Ideas will be given to help family and caregivers work through "elder-driven" care.	Holy Spirit Saskatoon	1:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 15	Gladys Coombes 374-1425	Bernadette Heintz
Celebrating Life Events of Youth (1) We will provide a framework for families in honouring events/accomplishments of younger members. This will include prayers, activities and celebrations.	St. Anne Saskatoon	7:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 18	Erin McKay 931-4700	Shannon Granger
Take Time to Forgive (1) 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. Augustine Saskatoon	7 p.m. Monday Oct. 23	Sharon Powell 373-3453	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
Living a Christian Life in Modern Society (1) Together we will reflect on the call to live the Gospel values in the face of opposing cultural values. What are the values of our culture? What are the Gospel values? How can the Gospel values be put into practice today? How do we move from living the Gospel values to sharing the Gospel story?	St. Augustine Saskatoon	7 p.m. Monday Nov. 27	Sharon Powell 373-3453	Dorothy Fortier

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Advent and the Infancy Narratives (1) Luke and Matthew offer uniquely rich and complementary accounts of the conception and birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Yet, we have housed these two distinct accounts in one crèche. Here is an opportunity to compare and reflect on the distinctiveness of each infancy narrative in an exercise that will deepen our encounter with the mystery of the incarnation.	St. Francis Xavier Saskatoon	7 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 28	Irene LeGatt 933-1108	Donna Donaldson
Uncovering the Beauty of Eucharistic Devotions (1) This session will present an historical overview to the many Eucharistic devotions that have evolved during the history of the Church. In addition, participants will learn of the devotions still in practice today and the liturgical guidelines that accompany them.	St. John Bosco Saskatoon	7:30 p.m. Monday Nov. 20	Mary Jacobi 652-1045	Fr. David Tumback
How Did St. Nicholas Get in My Chimney? Santa Claus & Christmas: The Evolution of a Saint and a Season (1) This session will explore the historical roots and evolution of St. Nicholas into Santa Claus. Blake Sittler will also lead a conversation around the varying practices and traditions of Advent and the Christmas season. There will be time to share your family's memories, traditions, and recipes.	St. Joseph Saskatoon	7:30 p.m. Thursday Nov. 23	Patrick Thera 955-9080	Blake Sittler
Ecumenism: Gospel Imperative (2) Where things are at, and going ...	Sts. Martyrs- Canadiens Saskatoon	7:30 p.m. Mondays Nov. 27 & Dec. 4	Camille Lapierre 382-0198	Fr. Bernard de Margerie
Focus on Seniors (1) Healthy aging.	Ursuline Sisters Saskatoon	2:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 8	Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU 242-5566	Bernadette Heintz
Portraits of Jesus Through the Centuries (1) 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 2000 years.	St. Theresa Asquith	7:30 p.m. Monday Nov. 20	Louise Brecht 329-4705 or Jennifer Gentes 329-4399	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
The DaVinci Code: Discussing the Controversy (1) Dan Brown's book and movie make many sensational claims about the history and structure of the Roman Catholic Church. We will separate the grains of truth from the chaff of fiction and speculation. Participants should read the book and be prepared for group discussion. (Just watching the movie will not be enough.) Feel free to bring your dog-eared copy.	Sacred Heart Eston	7 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 8	Karen Serfas 962-4906	Blake Sittler

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Ecumenism: Gospel Imperative (2) Where things are at, and going ...	St. Augustine Humboldt	7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 22	Angie Punk 682-2106	Fr. Bernard de Margerie
Living Wills(1) Guidelines for Living Wills are discussed within the context of Church teachings.	Assumption of Our Lady Kerrobot	7 p.m. Sunday Nov. 19	Trina Duhaime 834-5473	Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR
Living Wills(1) Guidelines for Living Wills are discussed within the context of Church teachings.	St. Joseph Kindersley	11 a.m. Sunday Nov. 19	Toni Fiest 965-2572	Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR
Take Time to Forgive (1) 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.	Our Lady of Fatima Landis	7:30 p.m. Monday Nov. 6	Quentin Sittler 658-2132	Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
Contemporary Catholic Thought (4) Examination and analysis of Vatican II and its effects. Attention will be given to the two most important documents — “Lumen Gentium” and “Gaudium et Spes”	St. Mark Langham	7 p.m. Mondays Oct. 16 to Nov. 6	Marie and Bob Phillips 283-9271	Fr. Ephraim Mensah
Church History (1) An overview of Church history.	Immaculate Heart of Mary Outlook	7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 19	Rita Gifford 867-8085	Tom Deutscher
Prayer Forms (1) Our personality influences the type of prayer form we use. This session will look at why you prefer one type of prayer over another.	Holy Trinity Pilger	7:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 18	Marcella Pomedli 682-4308	Marci Deutscher
Elder Care (1) This session will look at how to help the elderly continue their life process - as opposed to simply waiting to die. Ideas will be given to help family and caregivers work through “elder-driven” care.	St Michael Tramping Lake	7:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 25	Joe Kohlman 755-2067	Bernadette Heintz
Planning for a Christian Funeral (1) A look at the many decisions asked of those planning a funeral. What happens after you contact the funeral home? The Church service: the Order of Christian Funerals. What about pre-planning?	Alphonse Viscount	7 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 14	Bill Comeault 944-4446	Don Keindel and Lyle Burkell

Development and Peace fall campaign targets mining

The 2006 Fall Campaign of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace will bring the message “Canadian mining called to account” to Catholics across Canada.

The campaign describes the environmental and human rights abuses caused by some Canadian mining companies in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It calls on the Canadian

government to hold these companies accountable for their actions in the global south and to deny all federal assistance to these companies.

For more information, contact diocesan chairs Verna Boehm (242-9011) or Brother Walter DeMong (653-3113 ext. 106) or provincial animator Michael Murphy (653-5636). Information is also on the website at: www.devp.org

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2006

L'Arche: affirming and celebrating the giftedness of each person

"The vision of L'Arche is fundamentally about establishing relationships and discovering the gifts of each person who has developmental disabilities. Becoming friends with Pat (and many others) has been a great blessing for me."

*— Robert Sanche
Chair of L'Arche Saskatoon Project*



Friends Pat and Robert share a special moment.

The dream of having a L'Arche community in Saskatchewan is coming true.

Robert Sanche is chair of a Saskatoon group that has been working for the past several years to bring L'Arche to Saskatoon.

Under the name "Led by the Spirit," the group held monthly gatherings to enable people with developmental disabilities and others to build community with one another in the spirit of L'Arche. In November 2004, Led by the Spirit was given the name L'Arche Saskatoon Project and the group was asked by L'Arche Canada to take the next steps towards establishing a L'Arche home in Saskatoon. The monthly gatherings have continued under the name "Friends of L'Arche."

In L'Arche homes, people with developmental disabilities and assistants share daily life together in family-like settings.

The first L'Arche home was founded by Canadian Jean Vanier in 1964 in France, and since then, these faith-based, ecumenical communities have been established throughout the world, including 27 in Canada. L'Arche Saskatoon Project hopes to open Saskatchewan's first L'Arche home in April 2007.

Since that first home was founded by Jean Vanier, L'Arche has become a way of living the teachings of the gospel and affirming the dignity and giftedness of all persons, regardless of ability or disability. Vanier writes, "L'Arche is a family created and sustained by God. Our communities want to witness to the church and to the world that God knows all persons in their deepest being and loves them in their brokenness."

This year, L'Arche Saskatoon Project is one of the many organizations in the community to receive funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

For more information about the Appeal, contact your local parish, or the Catholic Pastoral Centre at 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2006
We Are One Body

RURAL CATECHETICS PARISH ASSIGNMENTS



Department of Rural Catechetics

Restoring the Order of Initiation Sacraments

We are entering the exciting period of phasing in a restored order of initiation in our diocese.

Do you have questions / need materials? Need programs?

Please call the Rural Catechetics Coordinator assigned to your parish (see the table below).

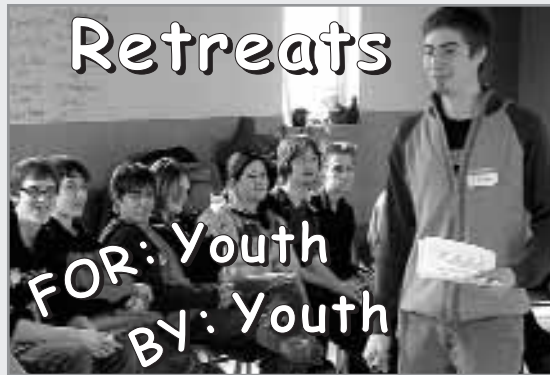
Pictured, left to right: Lynda Statchuk, Mary Wrishko, Agnes Rolheiser and Mary Comeault of the diocesan Rural Catechetics team. Each works half time.

<p>Lynda Statchuk <i>(Resides in Wadena)</i> Ph: 338-3502 Fax: 338-2497 (Mon.-Fri. 9-5) Email: c.l.statchuk@sasktel.net</p> <p> Anaheim Archerwill Englefeld Foam Lake Fosston High Tor Kelvington Lake Lenore Lanigan Leroy Lintlaw Muenster Naicam Perigord Quill Lake Rose Valley St. Front St. Gregor Wadena Watson Wishart Wynyard </p>	<p>Mary Comeault <i>(Resides in Visount)</i> Toll free: Ph: 1-877-661-5005 Fax: 244-6010 Email: ruralcat@saskatoonrcdiocese.com</p> <p> Allan Bruno Burr Carmel Colonsay Cudworth Dundurn Humboldt Imperial / Simpson Liberty Marysburg Middle Lake Peterson Pilger Prudhomme St. Benedict St. Denis Viscount Vonda Watrous Young </p>	<p>Mary Wrishko <i>(Resides in Leader)</i> Ph: 628-3900 (Mon.-Fri. 9-5) Fax: 628-3645 Email: wrishko.family@sasktel.net</p> <p> Biggar Burstall Denzil Dodsland Eatonia Eston Fox Valley Handel Kerrobert Kindersley Lancer Landis Leader Liebenthal Luseland Macklin / St.Donatus Major Marengo Prelate Richmond Tramping Lake Unity Wilkie </p>	<p>Agnes Rolheiser <i>(Resides in Saskatoon)</i> Toll free: Ph: 1-877-661-5005 Fax: 244-6010 Email: ruralcat@saskatoonrcdiocese.com</p> <p> Asquith Beechy Davidson Delisle Elbow Elrose Forgan Kenaston Langham Martensville Milden Outlook Rosetown Vanscoy </p>
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**Financial assistance
for adult faith education**

**Apply for funding to offset the cost
of courses, conferences, workshops, retreats
and other educational opportunities!**

Contact: The Adult Education Opportunities Committee
Dorothy Fortier or Sr. Cecile Fahl
Phone: 242-1500 or toll free 1-877-661-5005



Diocesan Youth Retreat Team

is available to facilitate retreats, sessions and workshops with enthusiasm, courage, and excitement in discipleship

- music
- talks
- drama
- games
- prayer
- small groups

To book the
**Diocesan Youth
 Retreat Team**
 call Erin McKay
 at 242-1500 or toll free:
 1-877-661-5005 or e-mail:
 DYRT@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

*Fee: \$30 per hour,
 plus mileage,
 available Oct. to June*



VOCATION MESSAGE - Diocese of Saskatoon vocation coordinator Donna Donaldson (left) and youth ministries coordinator Shannon Granger were at Rock the Mount Catholic Youth Rally Sept. 2 promoting an upcoming Vocation Discernment Retreat for youth and young adults. "Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening" will be held Friday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 7 at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon. Cost is \$20 per person, with a family rate of \$20 for the first registration and \$15 for each additional family member. The fee includes snacks, meals, a special Friday night event and a new vocation t-shirt (also available through the Catholic Pastoral Centre) with "created for a reason" on the front, and featuring the diocesan Vocation Commission logo on the back. For more information call the Catholic Centre at 242-1500 or 1-877-661-5005.

YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Tap

**SERVING YOUNG ADULTS THE FINEST IN:
 SPEAKERS, CONVERSATION & THEOLOGY**



7:15 pm Thursday, Oct. 19

Fr. Murray Chatlain:
 "God the Creator: A different perspective"

7:15 pm Tuesday, Nov. 21

Gisele Bauche

For more info contact Shannon Granger, Youth Ministries Coordinator -- Phone: 242-1500, Tollfree: 1-877-661-5005

Tap into your life...Tap into your faith...Tap into your heart.

*Sponsored by Ukrainian Catholic Youth and Campus Ministry,
 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon,
 and St. Thomas More Campus Ministry.*



ELBOW PARISH CELEBRATES- Descendants of the Kretsch and Schinold families who helped build Holy Redeemer Church in 1916 gathered in front of the building during a 90th anniversary celebration July 16 in Elbow. Rev. Steve Ripplinger and Rev. Francis Geraldo concelebrated the Eucharist, and parishioners gathered afterward for a barbecue.

Western Catholic Conference of Religious Educators (WCCRE)

**2007 WCCRE Conference:
Nov. 8 - 11, 2007**

LOCATION: Sheraton Cavalier Hotel,
Saskatoon, Sask.



THEME: "Come With Me In To The Field"
inspired by the Gospel of John 4:31-38

FEATURED PRESENTER:
David Wells, Diocese of Plymouth, UK
A Catechist and Mentor to all ages!

HOSTING DIOCESE:
RC Diocese of Saskatoon, Sask.

CONTACT:
WCCRE Chair
Sr. Shelley Grant, cnd, 1-867-633-4708
Diocesan Liaison Chair:
Mary Comeault 1-306-242-1500
or 1-877-661-5005

WCCRE invites all catechists and anyone involved in accompanying faith with adults, youth or children to attend this 2007 event in Saskatoon.
Watch for further details!

Catholic Family Services

To register for any of these fall programs, contact:
PHONE: 244-7773 or E-MAIL: staff@cfssaskatoon.sk.ca

'Children Exposed to Violence' Gaye Schwanbeck at 659-7802.

This group provides children who have been exposed to violence in the home with a safe place to talk about their experiences. A protective parent is expected to attend concurrent group sessions.

Ages: 7-12 years
4 - 5 p.m., Thursdays
Oct. 5 - Nov. 23

There is no fee for this program.

'When Parents Separate or Divorce' This group is designed to support children as they explore their feelings around separation or divorce of their parents. Parents are expected to attend concurrent group sessions.

Ages: 10-12 years
4 - 5 p.m. Tuesdays
Sept. 19 - Nov. 7

Fee: Based on sliding fee scale

'Raising Boys...Building Heroes' A group for boys to help them become heroes in their own life by focusing on their unique strengths and talents to develop self-esteem, social skills, problem solving, anger management, empathy building and friendship skills. Parents are expected to attend a concurrent session called "Raising Boys" that will explore gender differences and how to raise healthy, confident, well-balanced boys.

Ages: 8-12 years
4 - 5 p.m., Wednesdays
Oct. 25 - Dec. 13

Fee: Based on sliding fee scale

'Good Grief — Kid's Talk'

This program is for children who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling. Parents are expected to attend concurrent parent sessions.

Ages: 7-12 years
4 - 5 p.m. Thursdays
Oct. 19 - Dec. 7

Fee: Based on sliding fee scale

**Teen Parent Program
and Early Childhood Centre:**

This program provides a variety of activities to help build and reinforce effective parenting and life management skills. Located at Bishop Murray High School, the Centre provides quality daycare in a nurturing and supportive environment. Designed to meet the unique needs of young parents, under the age of 22, who are registered as full-time students in any high school or post-secondary institution and their children (aged newborn to 30 months). Contact

Families & Schools Together: A collaborative prevention and parent involvement program aimed at strengthening families and children and reducing the likelihood of future difficulties such as substance abuse, violent behaviour, and school failure. F&ST is delivered in partnership with Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Family Service Saskatoon, Saskatoon Board of Education, and other community partners. Contact Barb at 244-7773.

'Celebrating Women'

This group is for women who would like to better understand the way they think and feel about themselves.

**Wednesdays, Oct. 4 - Nov. 22,
6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Fee: Based on sliding fee scale

'Yours, Mine & Our Blended Family' A one-day workshop that will focus on the steps needed to build a positive blended step family.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 9 am - 3 pm
*Fee: Based on sliding fee scale.
(Lunch will be provided.)*

Groups for Parents With Out-of-Control Teens: These groups are for parents whose adolescent is having severe behaviour and/or relational difficulties. *There is no fee for these two programs.* Contact Terry Lowe at 244-7773 or Carol Jabush at 933-5109.

'Reaching Out: When Teens Go Beyond the Limits'
7 - 9 p.m. Thursdays
Sept. 14 - Nov. 16

'Bridging the Gap: A Group for Parents of Out-of-Control Teens' ongoing group
7 - 9 p.m. Thursdays

Family-to-Family Ties:

Family to Family Ties is looking for families, couples or individuals to become part of a supportive family program. Through assessment and matching, volunteers and participants can gain valuable friendships, life skills and community participation. This program is open to anyone in the community regardless of religious affiliation.

Counselling: Individual, couple and family counselling is available at Catholic Family Services. Counsellors are qualified professionals. *Fees are assessed on ability to pay, based on a sliding scale.*

See, I Am Doing a New Thing (Isa. 43:19)

Creative Collaborative Leadership

**The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan
63rd Annual Convention October 22 - 24, 2006
Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, SK**

Public Lecture: 7 p.m., Sunday, October 22
Steve Hill, Mission Director, Alberta Catholic Health Corporation, speaks on "Welcome to our Multifaith Culture."

Convention Keynote Address

Laura Richter, Director of Workplace Spirituality, Ascension Health, St. Louis, MO, speaks on "Taking the Temperature: Challenges Facing Catholic Healthcare Ministry" and "Tools for the Mission-minded Caregiver."

For Convention Brochure or
Registration Forms contact CHAS at:
T 306-655-5330 F 306-655-5333
cath.health@sasktel.net
www.chassk.ca



The Nineteenth Annual Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture

**Religion, Spirituality and Health:
History, research and clinical applications**



Dr. Harold G. Koenig, MD, MHS.

Co-director of the Center for
Spirituality, Theology and Health
at Duke University Medical Center

**Monday, October 23, 2006
7:30 p.m.**

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
1437 College Drive, Saskatoon

Bursaries available for workshop on "Praying Fairly: Liturgy and Justice"

The Western Conference for Liturgy is hosting a weekend workshop Nov. 3 to 5 in Calgary entitled "Praying Fairly: Liturgy and Justice."

The presenter is Dr. Glenn C. J. Byer (co-author of *Parish Liturgy Basics* and *Catholic Catechist's Companion*). Seminar topics include: how we can truly gather in justice, justice in scripture, and Eucharist as a model of justice.

For more information contact Charlotte Beler, OSU at (306) 543-0958 or charlotteb@sasktel.net

The diocese of Saskatoon has two bursaries available for this conference. To request a bursary, contact Dorothy Fortier or Sr. Cecile Fahl for application forms: 242-1500 ext. 223, or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

Queen's House

retreat & renewal centre

october

- 10 Taizé
- 11 A Day Away
- 18 A Day Away with Art
- 21 Spiritual Direction Formation Program (SDFP)
"MYERS BRIGGS" WITH PASTOR DENNIS LUECK
- 25 Minding the Gap
LEO ENGLISH, CSSR, & TOM SARETSKY

november

- 1 Journeying with the Scriptures
Paul Fachel, OMI
- 8 A Day Away
- 14 Taizé
- 15 A Day with Art
GISELE BAUCHE
- 18 SDPF: Discerning God's Will
NANCY REEVES
- 25 Queen's House Fundraising Dinner
& Silent Auction
AN EVENING WITH THE GREYSTONE SINGERS
- 29 Minding the Gap:
LEO ENGLISH, CSSR, & TOM SARETSKY

December

- 4-9 Iconography: Russo-Byzantine Icon Writing
PROTODEACON NAZARI POLATAIKO
- 6 Journeying with Scripture
- 12 Taizé
- 13 A Day Away

Please call ahead or register through website if you plan to attend

601 Taylor Street West Saskatoon SK S7M 0C9
tel: (306) 242-1916 fax: (306) 653-5941
info@queenshouse.org http://www.queenshouse.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Time Out for Moms

Sept. 20 to Nov. 29

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Holy Spirit parish, 114 Kingsmere Place

Each week mothers gather for a morning of Catholic faith enrichment, discussion, friendship and fun, while their children are cared for by dedicated volunteers. Contact: Angie Smith 374-6981

Parish Nurse Fundraising Auction

10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7

St. Mary's Hall, Ave. 0 and 20 St., Saskatoon

St. Mary's Parish Nurse Fundraising Auction sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, with hundreds of new items for sale.

Cathedral Tours: "Celebrating a Leap of Faith"

8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19

A two-day bus trip marking the feast day of St. Luke (someone who took a leap of faith to write the Good News for his community) will incorporate Lukan themes of journey, joy, hospitality at table, and praise. Highlights include the new Shurniak Art Gallery in Assiniboia, Athol Murray College at Notre Dame, Dog River of Corner Gas, Royal Saskatchewan Museum 100th Anniversary, Craik Sustainable Living Project and the Circle H Ranch – places where folks took a leap of faith to make their dreams come true. Accommodations will be at John Paul II Centre in Regina. Cost is \$120 all inclusive, with departure from St. Paul's Cathedral parking lot. Register by calling St. Paul's parish office 652-0033 or Sr. Anna Aulie at 652-7949.

"Be Renewed in Christ" Catholic Charismatic Conference

Oct. 20-21, Holy Cross High School, Saskatoon

Speakers include Bishop Albert LeGatt, Fr. Denis Phaneuf and Fr. Arnel Martinez. Contact: Tony Blom at 373-0254 or Emilie Schira 343-0031.

Civic Elections Wednesday, Oct. 25

Municipal government elections, including Catholic school divisions: watch church bulletins for the pastoral recommendations which candidates for Catholic school trustee have been asked to obtain.

"Share the Spirit" Gala Dinner & Silent Auction

Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation

Friday, Oct. 27 Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon

An evening of music, gastronomic delights and spirited bidding. Cost

is \$95 (\$40 tax receipt), Celebrating Catholic Education - "Out of this World" and featuring a "Balloon Blast" for unique travel opportunities. Contact: 659-7003 for more information and for purchasing tickets by Friday, Oct. 13, 2006

New Beginnings Retreat Weekend

For those grieving the loss of a marital relationship

Friday, Oct. 27 to Sunday, Oct. 29

Queen's House of Retreats, 601 Taylor St. W. Saskatoon

New Beginnings Retreat Weekend is a time of healing, designed for those grieving the loss of a marital relationship either through divorce or the death of a spouse. Held in an atmosphere of hope at Queen's House Oct. 27, 28, 29. Contact: Eileen: 249-4327, Sandra: 933-9778 or Elaine: 955-4403 for details and registration or e-mail eklaassen@yahoo.ca Ongoing weekly support groups are available as well. Contact Mary: 668-4701.

Lifelines: Saskatchewan Pro-Life Conference

Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28

St. Patrick's Parish Centre, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon

Hosted by Alliance for Life, this pro-life conference will feature a number of speakers, including: Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR, Dr. Sheila Harding, Rev. James Dimitroff, Students for Life U of S, and Patrick Bitz. They will address life issues from various perspectives: legal, palliative care, medical, moral and young adult. For further information call: Carmel Grabowski 955-0580, Nicole Pyle 683-0829 or Hugh Brennan 975-0551.

Restorative Justice Week Workshops

Nov. 20, 2006 in Saskatoon

Christmas Concert 2006 at Marysburg Heritage Church

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006

Contact Fr. R. Kleiter, Ministry to Tourism, to reserve your seat on the Pilgrim Journey motorcoach to Marysburg. Phone: 306-244-3747 or e-mail: Kleiter@shaw.ca

New Year's Eve Peace Vigil, an Interfaith event

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Saskatoon



DELISLE CENTENNIAL - Celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of St. Anne's parish were held Aug. 5 - 6 in Delisle. Events included celebration of Eucharist with Bishop Albert LeGatt, a parish picnic and a banquet. (Photo by Dave Pattison)

Ministry to Tourism 2007 travel programs

Pilgrim Journey to Biblical Lands – April 11 or 16 to May 2, 2007 with Rita Gillies, ecumenist and Israel guide.

A visit to Istanbul, Turkey will be followed by a comprehensive presentation of Israel; Amman, Jordan for Mt. Nebo and Petra; Eilat, Israel for the Dead and Red Seas area; and Mt. Sinai, Egypt. A backup is planned in the event that security does not recommend travel to Israel at that time. Join Fr. Kleiter and Rita Gillies at the next Travel Gathering Oct. 23 for full details.

Pilgrim Journey to Rome – departing May 27, 2007.

A cruise, Rome to London, is another option after the Rome visit.

Lovers of Choral Music ... Come, sing along at Sea

– from London to Scandinavia and St. Petersburg, Russia June 10 to June 20, 2007 with Scott Leithead, director and founder of the Kokopelli Choir in Edmonton.

Panama Splendor – Feb. 11 - 25, 2007.

Join the "Mexican Fiesta" extension, Feb. 25 - March 4, 2007

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