

## **Easter Rock Opera**

### **March 30 & 31**

**Eastar** is an energetic rock opera written by Shawn Coughlin which brings to life the story of Jesus of Nazareth. It will be performed by young Manitobans ages 12 – 30 at St. Mary's Academy Alumnae Hall at 7:00 pm Good Friday March 30th and 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 31st 2018. This is the main youth-focused event of Catholica 200 – the celebration year of the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Catholic mission in Western Canada. Tickets are on sale online as of February 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.eastar2018.com](http://www.eastar2018.com).

#### *Synopsis*

The **Eastar** musical appeals to all ages and brings to life the story of Jesus of Nazareth as told in the Gospel. With elements of Genesis and the 1st chapter of John it opens with **"In the Beginning"**. Next **"Eastar"** is a telling of the Christmas story which then moves to **"Get Ready"**, where John baptizes Jesus and proclaims him as the Messiah. Jesus then invites people in **"Walk with Me"** to follow him then **"Rejoice"**. In **"Salt & Light"** he teaches and in **"Heal Me"** he demonstrates some of his many miracles. His disciples are jubilant on their way to Jerusalem in their triumphant song **"Jesus is the Messiah"**.

Some of the Pharisees bring an adulteress woman to Jesus and when he forgives her she sings **"Create in Me"**. **"The Pharisees"** are worried about Jesus being hailed as the Messiah and king. The Romans would destroy Jerusalem so they plot to kill Jesus while he is celebrating the **"Last Supper"** with his disciples. Jesus is arrested and his disciples are **"So Sad"** as he leaves for **"The Crucifixion"**. The disciples are then **"So Glad"** when he miraculously is risen and appears to them. Jesus then instructs them to **"Go"** and share the good news.

*Running time: 1 hour 15 minutes*