A GATHERING OF COMMUNITIES AT JUBILATION 07.15.18 THE LARGEST CELEBRATION OF CATHOLICA 200



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St. Boniface, June 22, 2018 - On Sunday July 15th 2018, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface will be hosting *Jubilation* on the grounds of the Saint Boniface Cathedral. It is part of Catholica 200, a year long jubilee commemorating the bicentenary of the establishment of the Roman Catholic mission in Western and Northern Canada.

There are four major elements to the day. Starting at 9:30 am at the Cathedral dock on the banks of the Red River, there will be a historical re-enactment of the arrival of Bishop Provencher to the Red River settlement. A solemn (outdoor) mass presided by Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix will follow at 11:00 am.

Following the mass and commencing at 1:00 pm, a full afternoon of family and cultural programming will be presented for all to enjoy. This includes: choirs, cultural dance troupes, children's games, musical performances, an historical encampment, food trucks, a beer garden, a University of Saint-Boniface alumni concert and a variety of other programming for all ages.

The evening programming starts at 7:30 pm and will include a live outdoor concert *Merci - Megwetch for Humanity - Thank you* inspired by the Seven Teachings of the First Nations peoples. It will feature renowned artists including Tom Jackson, Brad Roberts, Zachary Richard, Connie Kaldor, Heather Bishop, les soeurs Campagne, Martha Wainwright, World Village Gospel Choir, Luc De Larochellière and more! The mass and evening concert will be broadcast on Salt + Light Television and livestreamed on <u>saltandlighttv.org/live</u>. The mass will also be livestreamed at <u>Radio-Canada.ca/manitoba</u>.

Archbishop LeGatt declares, "We invite all Catholics of Manitoba, our sister Christian churches, friends of all faiths and spiritualties, and indeed all members of the community to join in the celebrations on July 15, 2018 as we seek the path of reconciliation, peace and friendship."

There will also be an ecumenical service at 7:30 pm on Friday July 13th at the St. Boniface Cathedral and on Saturday July 14th, Cardinal Lacroix will host a presentation titled *Walking on the Shoulders of Giants*, 9:30 am-12:00 pm in French and 2:00 pm– 4:30 pm in English, in the Martial-Caron Theatre at the University of Saint-Boniface.

All activities are free of charge. Donations are welcome.

For more information please visit <u>www.catholica200.ca</u> or contact: Catholica 200 Coordinator: Anne-Marie Thibert – 204-231-8326; <u>team2@mts.net</u>

Detailed performance schedules, parking shuttle routes and other information will be added as it is confirmed.





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