# **UNITED** MORE THAN EVER **IN CHRIST**

## Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface.

Contrary to what we had hoped, the waves of the pandemic continued to rock the world in 2021. Many of us have experienced great trials this past year sickness, the deaths of loved ones, isolation, loss of employment, juggling work and family life, among others. I pray that God would protect you. I also sincerely thank those who have dedicated themselves to the well-being of others despite the risks they faced.

In 2021, the Diocesan Centre personnel continued to support parish efforts of providing spiritual nourishment to the faithful, ensuring their safety, as well as reducing the financial burden of the pandemic on their parish. In many ways, we have conquered the distance within our vast archdiocese during the pandemic. We are united, more than ever, thanks to many meetings and our ongoing activities, including formation, carried out using new technologies.

Despite the challenges, we have experienced some high points within our Church: Christian Mutombo's ordination to the priesthood, Serge Buissé's internship at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish, and his and Paul Nguyen's ordinations to the transitional diaconate. Our parishes also continued celebrating baptisms, First Communions, confirmations, and marriages.

Through the Good Shepherd Campaign, I once again appeal to your generosity in support of the formation of our seminarians and to help us ensure the ongoing formation of priests. Please continue to help us offset the enormous impact of the pandemic on our parishes. Since the start of the pandemic in 2020, we have been very cautious in terms of our expenses, while ensuring that our team is in place to fulfill its unifying role among our parishes and providing them the services they need. The loss of revenue has meant that the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface experienced a deficit in 2020, but please know that your donations were instrumental in tempering our financial situation.

Please dare to generously support the Good Shepherd Campaign once again; the vitality of our archdiocese depends on it! I invite you to prayerfully discern how you could contribute this year.

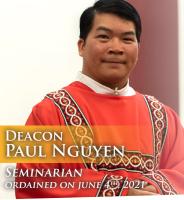
With gratitude, in Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd,



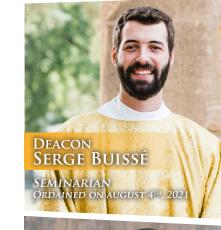
"SO WE, WHO ARE MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND INDIVIDUALLY WE ARE MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER. (ROMANS 12.5)

# UNITED IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF NEW PASTORS

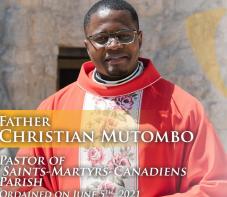
The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface celebrated three ordinations in 2021. Since September, five seminarians are pursuing their studies at St. Joseph Seminary, in Alberta, or at St. Peter's Seminary, in Ontario, in order to serve Christ within our archdiocese. Thank you for your continued support, through your prayers and donations, of this cause that is essential in ensuring the future of our parishes.



"In 2016, Archbishop LeGatt visited the seminary where I was studying in Vietnam, and he invited me to join the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. I was so surprised and struggled a lot with his invitation, but I realized that God was calling me for a mission. Now that I am deacon, I continue to trust in God who will guide me in my ministry."



"From a young age, I have just known that I am called to love and to do the best I can to help others, and I have known that God is good. I really began growing in my faith in the 11th grade, through the camps at the Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo. As soon as I began receiving God's love, I knew I had to say yes. Mary was always a model for me, and I began to discern what this yes could mean for me. I want to be faithful to God's call for my life."



"When I was 10 years old or so, I felt a desire to become a Catholic priest. As a newly ordained priest, I am filled with gratitude toward God who called me to the priesthood; toward my parents who have been a source of support, hope, and courage for me through prayer and counsel; and toward the people of St. Boniface for their prayers and donations in support of my formation."

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"DURING THE PANDEMIC, the Archdiocese helped us in very concrete ways. The Communications Coordinator, Daniel Bahuaud, worked very closely with our parish team to install the necessary equipment for the live streaming of Masses. From the 1st Sunday in Advent, we were able to join our parishioners in their homes. Further, the Diocesan Centre organized pastoral meetings and communicated with us regularly to share information and advice, such as workshops on the family, instructions concerning health measures and financial advice. In this regard, it helped us to obtain government aid. The Archdiocese also reduced the Diocesan Tax, for which we are extremely grateful. It truly has remained close to its parishes during the pandemic! Thus, I would like to ask the faithful to consider the pastoral life of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. The Archdiocese has helped us, and now we too have to help it financially."

# A SNAPSHOT OF THE 2021 GOOD SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN

- 100% of your gift goes toward the FORMATION OF SEMINARIANS AND PRIESTS, and the Archdiocese's RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC in support of its parishes.
- The overall financial objective: \$350,000

#### Three Ways to Give

- Visit our WEBSITE at www.archsaintboniface.ca, click on the Campaign icon and follow the prompts
- Place your completed donation card and your gift in the COLLECTION BASKET
- Send by MAIL

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# UNITED TO BUILD A LIVING CHURCH...

## "THE DIOCESAN COORDINATORS OF CATECHESIS.

Koreen Hrizai and Diane Bélanger, have put forth formations for the parish catechism coordinators. They have proposed different options and have helped us explore, firstly in prayer, what we could do in different circumstances. Together, we found solutions that allowed us to continue ministering during the pandemic, such as forming individuals, sacramental preparation, supporting families in continuing to grow in their faith and in union with Christ. Thanks to the support of the diocese, we have felt less alone, and more united as a community of children of Jesus Christ. In gratitude for this support, I encourage you to give generously to the Good Shepherd Campaign."

# A FEW OF THE ARCHDIOCESE'S INITIATIVES:

- In 2021, the DIOCESAN TAX WAS REDUCED from 20% to 15% and the parishes' contribution to the Clergy Pension Fund was reduced from 4% to 3%.
- Receipt of ONLINE DONATIONS designated to the parishes.
- REGULAR COMMUNICATION to ensure the safety of the faithful.
- COLLABORATION between the diocesan Pastoral Services team and the parish coordinators.
- Presentation of SPIRITUAL RESOURCES ONLINE and LIVE STREAMING OF THE MASS.
- LETTERS AND MESSAGES that could be adapted by the parishes to meet their needs.

