



NATHANAEL 2015-2018

A new chapter

Lay Faith Formation
Archdiocese of Saint Boniface

Dear Pastors, and Parish Life Directors,

**RE: Information Kit for Nathanael 2015-2018...a new chapter
And a suggested process.**

Enclosed are the Information Kits for Nathanael 2015-2018.

1. Information Kit Brochure and documents
2. Information for Pastors and parish Life coordinators
3. Letter for Pastors and Parish Life Coordinators
4. Information for Prospective Candidates
5. Admission Requirements & Schedule with Vision
6. *Request for Interview* forms

Turn the page for some additional details and a suggested process.

During the months of January and February 2015, I would be happy to visit during your Deanery Meeting in order to share more about the Nathanael Lay Formation Program. Please note that the wish of Archbishop LeGatt that all parishes benefit from this Lay Formation Program established in the Archdiocese of St. Boniface.

Announcements will be going out in the Diocesan Weekly Bulletin for the **Open Doors Come & See**. Inserts for your bulletin will also be sent out to the office in your parish.

I look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

Lillian Ćulumović, Director of Nathanael
Coordinator of Anglophone Sector

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The 7th generation of the renewed Nathanael Lay Formation Program begins in September 2015.

Over 350 participants from the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface have completed the formation since the inception of the program in 1988. They have grown in their faith and have deepened their commitment as disciples of Christ. They have strengthened their sense of belonging to the Church.

What can you and your Parish Council do?

- ✓ **Pray for discernment** and compile a list of parishioners whom you believe God is calling.
- ✓ Gather the **Nathanael alumni** and ask them to have a prayer brainstorming for potential candidates.
- ✓ Gather the **ARISE Together in Christ groups** and show them how Nathanael is a way to continue to grow in their faith.
- ✓ **Personally call forth people** who you would see taking part in this formation and tell them that you see them as candidates. In keeping with our Theology and Spirituality of **Vocation** we ask you and your parish community to **call** men and women to this formation that gives them a more conscious and authentic response to their baptismal vocation and their mission in today's world
- ✓ Place Brochures on your **bulletin board**.
- ✓ Give a **sermon** on the value of the formation.
- ✓ Ask people to **share** how the Nathanael Formation has enriched their faith walk during the announcements after Communion.
- ✓ Make **contacts** in person or by phone.
- ✓ Gather people in an **information session**. Ask the Nathanael alumni to answer questions about their experience. Speak about the **4 Open Doors Come & See** that will take place in April.
- ✓ Hand out **Info Kits** to those interested. *Requests for Interview* forms would come back to you for your signature before they are sent to the Nathanael office.

Schedule for the Discernment Process. Once we have received the forms from your parish, the prospective candidates will be invited to an interview. Following the interviews, the Formation Team will make a formal recommendation to the Archbishop for which candidates to accept into the Nathanael Lay Formation Program.

Mid February to mid March, 2015	Discernment and consultation and parishioners are invited (by phone or letter) to an information meeting.
March 2015	Information meeting in your parish community. We will send Nathanael Alumni to you if none are available in your parish. Announce the Open Doors Come & See in your Parish bulletin.
April 2015	Open Doors Come & See.
End April 2015	Request for Interview forms are returned to you for your signature.
May 8, 2015	Deadline for forms to be returned to the Nathanael Office.
May to mid June 2015	Formation Team will interview prospective candidates and consult with Pastors and Parish Life coordinators. Following the interviews, the Formation Team will make a formal recommendation to the Archbishop for which candidates to accept into the Nathanael Lay Formation Program.
June 2015	Letters of acceptance will go out to candidates and Pastors and Parish Life Directors.