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NEW ITEMS

Pope Francis - December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025



It is with profound sadness that the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface learned of the passing of Pope Francis on the morning of April 21st.

"Pope Francis was and continues to be a source of inspiration for Catholics, notes Archbishop Albert LeGatt. He significantly impacted the life of the Church and the life of the world. He will be profoundly missed. His teachings and personal example will surely live on.

"For all in the world, he was a tireless defender of the poor, the downtrodden, victims of war, migrants, survivors of clergy abuse and the marginalized. He continually called for peace and solidarity, as well as a proper stewardship of the environment.

"His heartfelt apology in 2022 to the Indigenous of Canada and his recognition of the Church's role in the repression of their language, culture and spirituality that occurred in residential schools was an important milestone in the continuing journey of reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people across the country, and in our own archdiocese.

"For the Church, Pope Francis brought profound changes through his advancement of synodality, of listening to all as a way to foster a greater participation by all in the Church's life. He brought special attention to young people, families and those distant from the Church. He continued the transformation of the Church's administration and its financial transparency.

"We ask all the faithful to keep the Holy Father in their prayers."

We ask that Pope Francis be welcomed into your presence, O Lord, accompanied by the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi, and all the saints, and that you would bring comfort to us, Pilgrims of Hope, who mourn.

A memorial Mass for Pope Francis, presided by Archbishop LeGatt, will be held this Friday, April 25th at 7:30 PM in Saint Boniface Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

For a prayer card for the repose of Pope Francis, [click here](#).

[CLICK HERE FOR Statement by the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary, and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Passing of Pope Francis](#)



Pope Francis' Funeral and the Next Conclave



***NEW* EWTN Global Catholic Network**

The EWTN Global Catholic Network joins the world in mourning the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Please join the EWTN family and the Church worldwide in praying for the repose of His soul and for His Successor.

Throughout this period of official Church mourning leading up to the funeral of the Pope, EWTN will pre-empt its regular schedule to offer exclusive programming, including live coverage from the Vatican, prayers and a variety of specials highlighting the life of Pope Francis. You can get the updated schedule at [this link](#).

In coming weeks, as the Church transitions into the Papal election process and eventually the announcement of a new Pope, you can log onto www.ewtn.com for up-to-date news and programming announcements.

You may also visit our interregnum page by [clicking here](#).

How to access EWTN...

- On the EWTN website (free access): <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/canada>
- On YouTube Live (free): <https://www.youtube.com/@EWTNcatholicv/streams>
- On mobile devices: Free download on Google Playstore or Iphone app store
- On streaming sites: Refer to <https://www.ewtn.com/apps>
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Parishes may wish to embed EWTN on their websites by using the following Embed Code:

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***NEW* Watch the Funeral Mass for Pope Francis**
Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 3:00 a.m. Central Time

The faithful of the Diocese are invited to unite in prayer and remembrance as we prepare to celebrate the funeral Mass for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His legacy of hope, mercy and service continues to inspire millions across the world.

Join the faithful around the globe for the funeral Mass of Pope Francis, which will be livestreamed from St. Peter's Square on Saturday, April 26, at 3 a.m. our time. The Mass will be presided over by Cardinal Giovanni

Battista Re, with world leaders, religious representatives and thousands of pilgrims in attendance.

Watch live here: www.youtube.com/user/vatican/live

Let us pray for Pope Francis and unite in prayer for the Holy Catholic Church in this time of transition.

Pope Francis in the media

***NEW* Winnipeg Free Press: 'Thank God' for Pope Francis: St. Boniface archbishop - Local Catholic leaders remember pontiff who 'walked the talk'.**

Pope Francis "was like an elder brother to me, showing the way," one Winnipeg archbishop said after the pontiff's death. "It was not him saying, 'Go there,' but saying, 'Come with me,'" Albert LeGatt of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface said of the way the pope, who died Monday, put his words into action. "I thank God we had him as pope."

For the complete article by reporter John Longhurst, [click here](#)

Archdiocesan News



***NEW* Video – Bishop LeGatt's Easter 2025 Message**

As we journey through this Holy Week and prepare ourselves to encounter Christ anew through the Easter Triduum this weekend, Archbishop Albert shares with the entire archdiocesan family his 2025 Easter wishes. Let us truly encounter the risen Lord in a new and even fuller way, and let us be Easter people, not just on Sunday, but every day.

To you and yours, Happy Easter! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: www.archsaintboniface.ca



***NEW* Photo Gallery – 2025 Chrism Mass**

St. Boniface Cathedral was full to bursting on April 15 as Bishop Albert LeGatt presided at the Chrism Mass. Parishioners from all over the diocese turned out to collect the holy oils blessed by our archbishop. The focus of the celebration was on immigration, new Canadians and how they contribute to our diocese and our country. The Mass was also an opportunity to mark the anniversaries of ordination of many of our priests and deacons. Congratulations to: Arthur Massé, omi (70 years), Fernand Desjardins and Édouard Banville (65 years), Robert McDougal (40 years), Anixavier Antony Muthu, OFM Cap., and Gerry Sembrano and Joseph Tràn (25 years). Celebrating 25 years and 15 years respectively as permanent deacon are Ted Wood and Doug Cross. To see the photo gallery, [click here](#)



***NEW* Notice to all choristers! Priestly ordination Peter Tran - Saint Boniface Cathedral - May 31st 2025**

On Saturday, May 31st, 2025, at 10:00 am, the priestly ordination of Peter Tran will take place at the Saint Boniface Cathedral. We need choristers, at ease in both the French and English languages, to partake in this very important Eucharistic celebration. There will be **two choir practices in the Cathedral on Monday, May 12th and Monday May 26th at 7:00 pm**. Please save these three dates. Looking forward to seeing you! For more information, please contact Ginette Roy, 204-770-4572.
RSVP by May 9th. Thank you.



***NEW* Summer Chapels Opening May 18, 2025**

For those of us who go to the cottage or the campground, we can still attend mass to celebrate the Lord's Day. For information on the summer chapels in the Whiteshell and Lake Winnipeg areas, [click here](#). To know the mass times in parishes located near campgrounds, [click here](#).



***NEW UPDATE!!!* RESPONSE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025**

A VERY SPECIAL FREE DIOCESAN EVENT IS COMING TO OUR ARCHDIOCESE!

LET'S ALL SEIZE THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE KNOWN TO OUR YOUTH AN INSPIRING ROLE MODEL ...WHO IS SOON TO BE CANONIZED!

THE EXHIBITION & PRESENTATION IS AT NO COST TO OUR DIOCESE OR TO OUR PARISHES!

***Carlo Acutis, do you know who he is?**

This young Italian (1991-2006) was considered a "computer geek" but his passion was for God and the Eucharist. He used his computer skills and internet savvy to develop a website exhibition on Eucharistic miracles hoping that it would help people to realize that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass. *Click on the link:* [Carlo Acutis 'Eucharistic Miracles' Exhibition](#). At the age of 15 (2006) Carlo died of acute leukemia. The call for Acutis to be beatified began not long after his death. **Carlo Acutis will be canonized a 'Saint' in Rome, by Pope Francis, during the Jubilee of Teenagers from April 25-27, 2025.**

From September 16 to 29, 2025, Mrs. Normandeau will be in our diocese of St. Boniface to present: "The International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles", created by Blessed Carlo Acutis who will have been canonized a 'Saint' by the time he visits our diocese. She also brings with her, a 1st class relic of Carlo. For more information, about the Exhibition in our diocese, [click here](#). To read a news report dated **March 18, 2025**, by Marilyn Bergeron, a reporter from the diocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, [click here](#).

***Mrs. Normandeau will give a presentation of the Exhibition to our English Parishes. Place, date and time to be determined.**

She will present in French and translation to English will be provided.

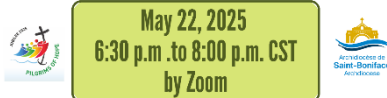
There will be a time for Veneration of the relic. Various pamphlets, books, bookmarks, holy images & medals will be available for free or for purchase.

If your parish is interested in attending such an event, please respond to this email before FRIDAY MAY 9, 2025 at the following email: gmarion3@mytmts.net.

*For further information, please contact:
Gabrielle Marion 204-470-4792*



Adult Faith Formation



Join us for a Special Tenth Anniversary Event in this Year of Jubilee!
Celebrate a decade, as Sister Lorraine St-Hilaire, snjm expertly guides us through the key points of this essential document, deepening our understanding and reawakening our call to "care for our common home."

Don't miss the launch of our follow-up series!
We'll also share a sneak peek of our upcoming series, designed to give you space to reflect and engage fully with the document in the context of today's world.
Series begins October 2025 – Mark your calendars!



Sister Lorraine St-Hilaire, snjm is a skilled facilitator. She teaches with conviction and sincerity sharing her rich knowledge and diverse experiences. St. Lorraine has deep desire to assist us in bettering our connection with creation, with one another and with God. She will be teaching live via Zoom.



Please Register by May 12th
khrizai@archsaintboniface.ca 204 594-0273

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"This contemplation of creation allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us, since 'for the believer, to contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a paradoxical and silent voice.'" (Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 85)



REMINDER Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home Thursday May 22, 2025

Join us for a Special Tenth Anniversary Event of Laudato Si' in this Year of Jubilee! The event takes place on **Thursday May 22, 2025 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM BY ZOOM**

Celebrate a decade, as Sister Lorraine St-Hilaire, snjm expertly guides us through the key points of this essential document, deepening our understanding and reawakening our call to "care for our common home." Don't miss the launch of our follow-up series as we present a sneak peek of our upcoming series, designed to give you space to reflect and engage fully with the document in the context of today's world.

Full Series begins October 16 2025 – Mark your calendars!



FOR THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER **LAUDATO SI'** OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME, [CLICK HERE](#)

FOR POSTER, [CLICK HERE](#)

Please Register by May 12th by [clicking here](#) or email khrizai@archsaintboniface.ca or call 204 594-0273

Apostolates and Ministries

NEW Campaign Life Coalition MB : CCCB Protests Proposed Removal of Tax Exemptions from Churches

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) have written to the Liberal government, requesting that they abandon Recommendations 429 and 430, which would remove tax exemptions for religious and pro-life groups. Their letter states: "We wish to express our grave concerns regarding the proposed legislative changes to the eligibility criteria for charitable status. The Catholic charitable sector in Canada, includes a wide range of community services including foodbanks, soup kitchens, refugee resettlement programs, social justice programs, daycares and schools, hospitals, long-term care homes and palliative care centers, to name but a few examples. These compassionate, Catholic services are available to all Canadians." Furthermore, "A recent study found that the cost of replacing the services offered by faith congregations in Canada is \$16.5 billion. Simply put, places of worship provide benefits to society that radiate far beyond their congregations."

Take Action: Download online or printable petition here." <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/petition/id/96>

2025 CATHOLIC MEN'S Conference

We have organized this opportunity to give you a chance to grow in faith and deepen your relationship with God. This is a unique opportunity to learn from Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc, a man of prayer and faith, as he shares his journey and insights into the call of God in each one of our lives. It will also be a great gathering of men who are looking to grow in holiness in the fellowship of our brothers in faith.

May 9th from 7:00-9:00
May 10th from 8:30-4:00
St. Emile's Catholic Church
956 St. Anne's Road
Winnipeg, MB R2M 1A5
Tickets are \$60 each (students \$20) and are available at www.catholicway.net/mens2025
with lunch provided on Saturday

with guest speaker
Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc
Fr. LeBlanc is a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface. He is a member of the Archdiocesan Council of Priests and is currently serving as the pastor of St. Emile's Catholic Church in Winnipeg. He is a man of prayer and faith, and he is passionate about helping men grow in their relationship with God.

For more details and to purchase tickets visit
catholicway.net/mens2025

Presented by the Catholic School of Exemplification and select Catholic men's groups across Manitoba

UPDATED Catholic Men's Conference – May 9 & 10, 2025

The 2025 Catholic Men's Conference will happening May 9-10, 2025 at St-Emile parish in Winnipeg. Come join us for a faith growing experience with Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc Ic. as the main conference speaker. This is will be a great opportunity to deepen your faith and draw closer to Lord while delving into what it is to be a man and the call of God in each one of our lives. It will also be a great gathering of men who are looking to grow in holiness in the fellowship of our brothers in faith.

Tickets are \$60 each (students \$20) and are available at www.catholicway.net/mens2025, by calling 204.347.5396 or emailing us at info@catholicway.net.

Lionel Demers TMIY Wpg & Gilbert Vielfaure CSE chair

For poster, [click here](#).



***REMINDER* CCRS OF MB Presents – Pentecost Dunamis Conference with Peter Herbeck – June 6 and 7, 2025**

Join us for a Holy Spirit filled conference on June 06 and 07, 2025! Our keynote speaker will be Peter Herbeck from Renewal Ministries. Praise & Worship will be led by the "Louis & Mary Richard & Friends". Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit thru anointed praise and worship, powerful teachings, Holy Rosary, fellowship, Pentecost Vigil Mass, and so much more! The event will take place at Saints Martyrs Canadiens Parish Hall – [CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#) - or visit our website - www.catholicrenewalservices.com - to find more details/information.

Catholic Schools

***REMINDER* 50th Anniversary of International Day – April 27, 2025**

St. Mary's Academy is excited to host the **50th anniversary of International Day** on **Sunday, April 27**. This time-honoured tradition brings the community together to celebrate its rich diversity and culture. Similar to Folklorama, International Day offers a variety of ethnic food pavilions, live entertainment, and more. Mass begins at 11 AM, food pavilions open at 12 PM, and cultural performances start at 1 PM. Admission is free. All are welcome! Find out more at www.smamb.ca/events/international-day.

Community News

***NEW* National Volunteer Week – April 27 – May 3, 2025**

National Volunteer Week takes place from April 27th to May 3rd. This year's theme is **Volunteers Make Waves!** #VolunteersMakeWaves #NVW2025 Did you know that Volunteer Manitoba and Volunteer Canada has a number of free as well as paid training sessions? There are a number of supports for community organizations, non-profits, charities and people who support the volunteer sectors. To visit their sites or sign up for their newsletters to get upcoming events, click on the links: Volunteer Manitoba <https://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/> Volunteer Canada English <https://volunteer.ca/> Bénévoles Canada Français <https://benevoles.ca/>

Development and Peace

***REMINDER* Development and Peace Solidarity Tour to Peru 2025 – Calling for applications!**

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is pleased to announce their upcoming Solidarity Tour to Peru for July 2025! This immersive experience allows participants to learn about the work of grassroots organizations, working closely with the local church in finding alternatives to poverty. Afterwards, participants are encouraged to bring back their Solidarity experience to mobilize others in their parishes, universities and communities in advocating and acting for the poor around the world. Applications are due on April 30. For more information and to register, click on the following link: [Solidarity Tour to Peru 2025 | Development and Peace](#)

Interchurch & Interfaith Learning (Ecumenism)

***REMINDER* SAVE THE DATE!! 2025 Our Whole Society Conference - June 15-17, 2025**

The Our Whole Society conference, which explores insights from diverse faith traditions and secular perspectives, will be a forum for sharing the grassroots experiences of individuals and communities making positive contributions to Canadian society. The Our Whole Society (OWS) operates under the auspices of the Canadian Interfaith Conversation (CIC). Our Whole Society Conference, will explore: what conceptions of hope encourage and sustain collective action? How do we recognize the gravity of challenges before humanity while working toward a more positive collective future? What understandings of hope can we draw upon to meet the most pressing demands of our time?

Keynote Speakers: [Payam Akhavan](#) (International Human Rights Lawyer), [Elin Kelsey](#) (Environmental Thought Leader), [Lloyd Axworthy](#) (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada) Special Guests: Premier Wab Kinew and Mayor Scott Gillingham. The conference will take place at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg.

For details and to register: <https://www.interfaithconversation.ca/our-whole-society>




Marriage, Family & Life

***NEW* Marriage Tips**


Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Tonight, gather your family to say a special prayer for your family's continued growth in faith, strengthening, and trust in the Risen Lord.

***NEW* This week is National Infertility Awareness Week.**

Did you know that 1 in 5 women struggle with infertility ([CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/))? Couples carrying the cross of infertility are in our families, among our friends, and in our pews. They need to know that they have many gifts to bring to our parish, that their marriages are life-giving in many beautiful ways, and that God has not abandoned them—and neither have we. If you know someone struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss, resist the temptation to offer solutions or make predictions about what will happen if they “just pray a little harder.” Instead, show these couples your support by listening to them, praying for them, reminding them that God is with them, and that they are not alone. For more resources and support, visit www.springsinthedesert.org.




National
Family & Life Week
May 11-18, 2025 *Abound in hope*



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“May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, so
that you may abound
in hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.”
(cf. Rom 15:13)



***NEW* National Family and Life Week – May 11 to 18, 2025**

“Abound in hope!” This powerful message from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans is the theme for **National Family and Life Week 2025**, which begins on Sunday, May 11th, and concludes on Sunday, May 18th. As we journey together as “Pilgrims of Hope” in this Jubilee Year, let us reflect on the gift of hope God gives us through our families.

All families, parishes and parish groups, ecclesial movements and associations, as well as Catholic schools are encouraged to take time this week to celebrate their own families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, or share meaningful moments with loved ones.

This week is an opportunity to promote life and live out our call to love each other within our homes, communities, and the world.

May God’s loving care inspire all families to abound in hope, living our call to holiness as missionary disciples. Let us not just be glimmers of hope but beacons of hope! As St. Paul encourages, “abound in hope!”

For an inspirational video, a full multimedia pastoral toolkit, printable activities for children, youth and families, prayers, homily suggestions and prayers of the Faithful, as well as illustrations and quotes to share on social media, visit the CCCB website by [clicking here](#).



***REMINDER* Grief and Bereavement Program – “Understanding Your Grief”**

Understanding Your Grief by Dr. Alan Wolfelt Ph.D will be offered in the Kilcona Deanery

This comprehensive well-designed program includes a small group of those that have lost a loved one and are looking for a safe place to learn and understand the uniqueness of their own grief, and how to navigate through the myriad of emotions and feelings that complicate life, allowing for growth and understanding going forward.

The program is to understand and guide participants through the wilderness of grief in a ten-week program, facilitated and directed in a small group environment. It offers information to integrate loss into their lives, and how to help and avoid some of the unnecessary pain caused by well-intentioned but misinformed friends, family, members, and even some professionals.

For further information phone Deacon Jim @ 204-229-7241. Or email fraterjim218@gmail.com



***REMINDER* Rachel's Vineyard Retreat – May 2-4, 2025**

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend offers a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion.

Retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

Please contact Chris at the Family Support Centre for more information:

chris@familysupportcentre.ca

Support Life!
May 2025

May 08 100,000 Flags
Join us as we cover the beautiful St. Boniface Cathedral grounds with 100,000 flags, representing the lives lost to abortion every year in Canada.
9:00am to 4:30pm, St. Boniface Cathedral, Winnipeg

May 15 Spring Gala
Guest speaker, Ashley Bratcher, is most recognized for her breakout role as the star of the box office hit, *Unplanned*, the inspiring true story that chronicles the transformation of a Planned Parenthood clinic director to pro-life advocate.
6:00pm to 9:00pm, Southeast Event Centre, Steinbach

May 25 Manitoba Walk for Life
Attend Manitoba's Largest Pro-life Walk! Bring a baby item to help single moms.
2:00pm to 3:00pm, KR Barkman Park, Steinbach

Life Culture
For more information, contact the Life Culture office by email at contact@lifeculture.ca or by calling 204-326-5433.
WWW.LIFECULTURE.CA

***REMINDER* 3 Upcoming Life Events - May 2025**

May 8, 2025 –100k Flag Display - St. Boniface Cathedral grounds - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. A Tridocesan initiative in collaboration with Life Culture and We Need A Law, the 100k flags is an all-day event that honours through prayers and 100,000 flags, the 100k pre-born children lost to abortion each year in Canada. The flags, half pink and half blue – each represent one pre-born baby. Being there to help plant the flags is an experience you will never forget!

May 15, 2025 – Life Culture's Spring Gala – Southeast Event Centre, Steinbach. 6:00-9:00 pm. Guest speaker, Ashley Bratcher, actress from the movie, *Unplanned* – the inspiring true story that chronicles the transformation of a Planned Parenthood Clinical director to pro-life advocate.

May 25, 2025 – Manitoba Walk for Life – KR Barkman Park, Steinbach – 2:00-3:00 pm. Come join us for Manitoba's Largest Pro-Life Walk! Bring a baby item to help single moms.

Click [here](#) for events poster.

Marriage Enrichment Afternoon
Saturday, May 3rd, 2025
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

at St. Timothy Parish (135 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg)
REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED

Offered by the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, with Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the Marriage Formation Team from St. Timothy Parish

REGISTRATION: bit.ly/May3Enrichment
Suggested Donation: \$20/couple (donations received at the event)

THEME: Living Your Best Life in Love
Designed for married couples, this 2.5-hour Enrichment aims at enabling all couples to live their best life in love by growing in intimacy, and deepening their relationship. You will participate as a couple in two distinct yet connected activities. There will be no group sharing.

Info: 204-594-0274
mfl@archsaintboniface.ca

***REMINDER* Marriage Enrichment Afternoon – May 3rd, 2025**

All married couples are invited to an afternoon of Marriage Enrichment offered by the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, with Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the St. Timothy Parish Marriage Formation Team. Held Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM at St. Timothy Parish (135 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg). REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED.

THEME: Living Your Best Life in Love. Designed for married couples, this 2.5-hour Enrichment aims at enabling all couples to live their best life in love by growing in intimacy, and deepening their relationship. You will participate as a couple in two distinct yet connected activities. There will be no group sharing.

Register by Friday, April 25th at bit.ly/May3Enrichment

Suggested Donation: \$20/couple (donations received at the event)

For more information, contact Marie at the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Office of Marriage, Family & Life: 204-594-0274 / mfl@archsaintboniface.ca. [See poster.](#)

Save the Date
DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
MAY 4, 2025
SAINT BONIFACE CATHEDRAL
3:00 PM
MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES
5, 10, 15, 20, 25 YEARS AND MORE
REGISTRATION DETAILS COMING SOON!

***REMINDER* REGISTRATIONS OPEN: Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration – May 4, 2025**

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year? (5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years or more). You are invited to participate in the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration, on Sunday, May 4th, 2025! A mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Albert LeGatt at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00 pm.

Couples will be invited to renew their vows and to receive a special blessing. A reception will follow. Celebrating couples will receive an Anniversary Certificate signed by Archbishop LeGatt. TO REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/anniversary2025>

Contact person: Marie Brunet, Marriage, Family & Life Office; (204) 594-0274 / mfl@archsaintboniface.ca. For poster, [click here](#)



New Resources

***REMINDER* Holy Cross Manor – Suites Available**

Holy Cross Manor, located at 266 Enfield Crescent in St. Boniface, has been in operation since 1974, with the main intent of providing low cost, affordable housing to marginalized and/or disadvantaged parishioners of Holy Cross Parish. We offer bachelor and one-bedroom suites in a secure 35 suite apartment building. Utilities and washer/dryer services are included in the rent.

At this time, we are reaching out to other Catholic parishes in the diocese. Returning to our original intention, we are also offering housing to parishioners of our sister churches.

If you have identified someone as qualifying, please have them complete the [attached Tenancy Application](#) and mail or deliver to Holy Cross Parish at 252 Dubuc Street, Winnipeg MB, R2H 1E3

For more information, please contact Caroline at 204-237-6177 or Chantal at 204-479-6362.

Thank you, Larry Wozney, Chairperson, Holy Cross Manor Board

News from the CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Web site: www.cccb.ca



***NEW* Statement to the Catholic Faithful by the Permanent Council of the CCCB on the 2025 Federal Election**

In this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, as we prepare for a federal election in Canada, it is essential that, as citizens and Catholics, we reflect on the challenges currently facing our nation with a spirit of hope and a vision for a better future.

In a free and democratic society, all those eligible to vote have not only a right, but also a responsibility to engage with local candidates and political parties. We are called to discern which policies best serve the common good—that which the Church defines as “the sum of those conditions of ... social life whereby people, families and associations more adequately and readily may attain their own perfection” (Gaudium et Spes, n. 74.1). As

faithful citizens, we are invited to help shape our earthly society in accordance with God’s divine plan, always mindful that “our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil 3:20). Our Catholic faith provides essential moral and social guidance, helping us understand and respond to the critical issues facing our country. The role of pastors—especially the Pope and bishops—is to articulate the principles of faith and Church teaching so that the lay faithful may form their consciences accordingly. As the Church teaches, it is the duty of the faithful “to see that the divine law is inscribed in the life of the earthly city” (Gaudium et Spes, n. 43.2).

To read the complete statement, with issues for your consideration, [click here](#).



***REMINDER* 2025 Easter message from Bishop William T. McGrattan, president of the CCCB**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I extend to you the ancient Orthodox Easter greeting: “Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!”

To read the complete message, [click here](#).

To view Bishop McGrattan's video Easter 2025 message, [click here](#).



***REMINDER* Bishops raise serious concerns about threats to charitable status designation**

On Monday, 10 March 2025, the members of the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) expressed their grave concern regarding two recommendations made by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance within [Report 21: Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2025 Budget](#). These recommendations (#429 and #430), if adopted, would be profoundly detrimental to Canada's charitable sector, because they would:

- **Revoke the charitable status of "anti-abortion organizations" (#429);**
- **Amend the *Income Tax Act* such that "the advancement of religion" would no longer qualify as a legitimate purpose for granting charitable status. (#430)**

After consulting widely, including with experts in charity law, the members of the Permanent Council sent a letter to the Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, defending the value and role of faith-based charities for Canadian society, as well as the unfairness of targeting pro-life organizations. They urged the government to abandon the two recommendations and to conduct comprehensive consultations within the charitable sector before embarking on any legislative changes that could threaten the viability of charitable organizations and adversely affect the millions of Canadians who depend on them for essential services and support.

A full copy of the CCCC's letter to the Minister of Finance is available on the CCCC website by [clicking here](#).

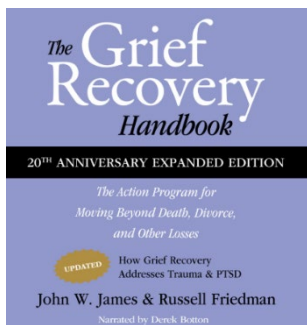
Parish Events



***REMINDER* BLESSING: An Easter Praise and Worship**

Join Fr. Gerry Sembrano and the King's Chorus (Steinbach) in an evening of fellowship, praise, worship, prayers, and songs, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. April 26, 2025 Saturday at 7pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish 710 Roanoke St. Winnipeg (Transcona area). Invite your family and friends. Free admission.

To view poster, [click here](#).

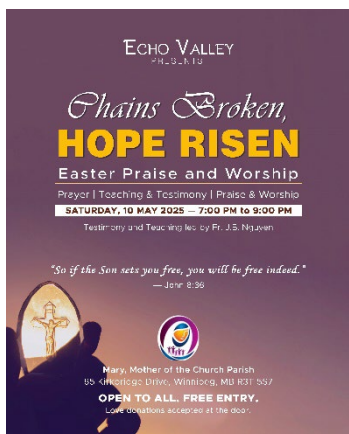


***REMINDER* Friends in Faith – Connection Café – May 5, 2025**

Inviting all people looking for spiritual support to get through life's challenges. Each monthly event features a practical life or wellness topic, discussion, prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

May's topic will be on Grief – Steps for Moving Beyond Your Losses in Life. Please join us for an informative evening and discussion as our guest speaker Lila Larson, Grief Recovery Specialist will lead you through the steps to move beyond the losses in your life, including: What is Grief, 40+ Loss Types/Triggers, Responses and Taking Action.

Monday, May 5 at 7:00 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church, 85 Kirkbridge Drive. Please arrive early. Cost is goodwill offering. See [mmoc.ca](#) for more info and [to register](#).



***REMINDER* Easter Praise and Worship Evening – Chains Broken, Hope Risen – May 10, 2025**

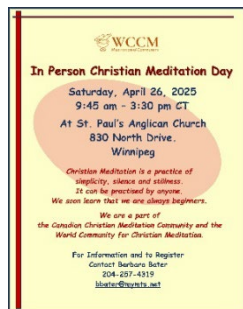
Echo Valley invites you to **Chains Broken, Hope Risen**, an evening of Praise and Worship, as we celebrate the Easter season. This evening is open to all and free of charge and will take place on Saturday, May 10 from 7-9pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish (85 Kirkbridge Drive). Join us for an evening of song and prayer. A teaching and testimony will be shared by Fr. J.B Nguyen of MMOC. Prior, Anticipated mass will be celebrated at 5pm.

About Echo Valley: An initiative of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry of MMOC, Echo Valley is a collective of vocalists and musicians that gather to praise God through song. Passionate about glorifying God through music, Echo Valley invites the wider community to encounter Christ through the gift of testimony, faith-teaching, prayer and music, as we continue to journey in Christian faith.

For poster, [click here](#).



Spiritual Growth



REMINDER Christian Meditation Day - April 26, 2025

An in-person Meditation Day is planned for Saturday, April 26, 2025 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, [830 North Dr. Winnipeg](#) (at Point Rd). Winnipeg Transit information can be found at [winnipegtransit.com](#). We will gather in person at 9:45 a.m. CT and begin at 10:00 continuing until 3:30 p.m. There will be two periods of meditation and we will view two videos with an opportunity for discussion. There will also be time quiet for us to spend on our own, so you may wish to bring a book or a bible, or you may prefer just to sit and "be". Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For poster, [click here](#).



REMINDER Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola 30 Week Retreat "Come and See" - May 14, 2025

This "Come and See" event takes place from 7-9pm at St. Ignatius Parish. Learn about Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and the Annotation 19 Retreat which begins this fall. For those interested in learning about this 30-week retreat and possibly joining it in the fall.

[SEE POSTER ATTACHED TO REGISTER.](#)



REMINDER TEC Retreat - May 17 – 19, 2025

TEC retreats are starting up again this spring (May 17-19) at the CSE in St. Malo. TEC ("To Encounter Christ") is a unique experience in Christian living for both adults and teens over the age of 16. The central theme of TEC is the Paschal Mystery; a reflection on Christ's invitation to die to ourselves and rise to a new and fuller life. Eucharistic celebrations, sharing your faith with others, and the joy of being yourself are a part of what makes each weekend so meaningful. The cost for the weekend is \$150, and includes meals and accommodations. You can apply online at [www.gbtec.ca/apply-now](#) or visit [www.gbtec.ca](#) for more information. For poster, [click here](#)

Already participated in a TEC weekend? We need you too! Please let us know how you can help out at [tinyurl.com/WorkOnTEC](#)

Walking Together (Truth and Reconciliation)



REMINDER Two Part Series for Truth and Reconciliation: *Treaties, So What?* – April 24 & May 9, 2025

As Part of an Ongoing Dialogue with St. Kateri Indigenous Parish

Part 1. April 24, 7-9 pm at St Kateri. The New Treaties with First Nations People and Me. Karine Duhamel, Treaties Relations Commission Manitoba.

Part 2. May 8, 7-9 pm at St. Ignatius. The New Treaties with Metis and Me? Dr Laura Forsythe from the University of Winnipeg.

[See POSTER ATTACHED TO REGISTER](#)



Youth & Young Adult Ministry



The Catholic School of Evangelization's **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION PROGRAM**

UPDATED 2025-'26 Discipleship Formation Program (DFP) - St. Malo, MB - Applications being accepted-Early Bird savings by April 30; Application deadline July 15.

Young Adults! It's time to apply! Take a year off to dive deeper into your relationship with God and Catholic faith. The DFP is an 8-month live-in program for post high school students 18 yrs or older, at the Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo Manitoba. This is an opportunity to live in community, develop your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, study the Catholic faith with the head and heart, and to grow in missionary zeal through evangelization and ministry. Experience the challenge and

satisfaction of helping children and teens in Manitoba Catholic schools encounter the love of God. Get ready for a memorable year as you build friendships with other young adults from various places in Canada. Is God calling you? Tuition is \$7,500...\$300 early bird price reduction when applying by April 30th. Apply today

at <https://www.catholicway.net/dfp>. For more information please contact Louis or Mary at richards@catholicway.net. Join us on April 22nd or 29th or June 24th for a virtual information session...link found at <https://www.catholicway.net/dfp>. For poster, [CLICK HERE](#)



***NEW* Come Alive – Youth Conference – May 10, 2025**

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend a youth conference run by the St. Emile Youth Ministry Team! Join us Saturday, May 10th, 2025 from 9:30 am – 9:00 pm at St. Timothy's Parish. There will be some sessions where grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 will be separated, to allow for more age-appropriate discussions. Suggested donation of \$20 per person to help cover costs.

Register today by [clicking here](#). For poster, [click here](#).



***NEW* Saint Malo Catholic Summer Camps – Registration Now Open!!**

Going to Saint Malo Catholic Camp is the perfect way for you to experience new activities, grow in character, build lasting friendships, and most importantly, have fun!

Early bird pricing ends May 31st!

[Click here](#) for dates, rates, and more.



***NEW* Upcoming Youth & Young Adult Events**

- **Thursday, April 24th**
 - Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens (Winnipeg), Grades 6+ (French), 7:00 pm.
Contact Nadine : jeunesse.smc@mymts.net
 - Holy Cross Parish (Winnipeg), 13-17 years old.
Contact Dominique: holycrossparishyouthgroup@gmail.com
- **Friday, April 25th**
 - Blessed Sacrament Parish (Winnipeg), Grades 7-12, 6:00 pm.
Contact Lydia: youth@blessedsacramentwpg.ca
 - Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Parish (Lorette), Grades 7-12, 7:00 pm.
Contact : youthjeunesse@notredamedelorette.info
- **Saturday, April 26th**
 - Young Adult Dodgeball at St. Emile School Gym, 18+, 6:30-8:00 pm.
- **Sunday, April 27th**
 - Saint-Joachim Parish in La Broquerie (French), Grades 7-12, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Contact Janique : janiqued10@gmail.com
 - Christ Our Saviour Parish (Steinbach), 12 years old and up, 7:00 pm.
Contact Jason: cospyouthministry@gmail.com
 - Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens (Winnipeg), Grades 9+ (French), 7:00 pm.
Contact Nadine : jeunesse.smc@mymts.net
- **Thursday, May 1st**
 - Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens (Winnipeg), Grades 6+ (French), 7:00 pm.
Contact Nadine : jeunesse.smc@mymts.net
 - Holy Cross Parish (Winnipeg), 13-17 years old.
Contact Dominique: holycrossparishyouthgroup@gmail.com
- **Friday, May 2nd**
 - St. Emile Parish (Winnipeg), Grades 3-5, 7:00 pm. Contact: st.emile.youth@gmail.com
 - St. Timothy Parish (Winnipeg), 12-17 years old, 7:00 pm. Contact Vince: youth@st-timothy.ca
 - Sainte-Anne-des-Chênes Parish (Ste. Anne, MB), Grades 7-12, 7:00 pm. Contact Gillian: ste.anne.youth@gmail.com
- **Sunday, May 4th**
 - Christ Our Saviour Parish (Steinbach), 12 years old and up, 7:00 pm.
Contact Jason: cospyouthministry@gmail.com

Stewardship



April 27, 2025 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"
(JOHN 20:21)

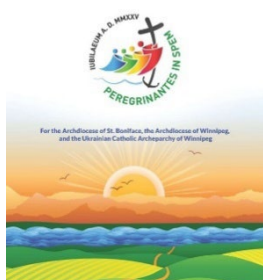
Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends his stewards. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.



REPEATED ITEMS

Archdiocesan News

A Pilgrim's Guide to Jubilee Churches and Shrines
Guide du pèlerin pour les églises et sanctuaires du Jubilé
Путевник паломника по церквям и святыням Юбилейного года



New Copies of *A Pilgrim's Guide to Jubilee Churches and Shrines*!

The Archdiocese has received additional English copies of *A Pilgrim's Guide to Jubilee Churches and Shrines*. Every parish should have a supply of these beautiful resources on hand to encourage parishioner participation in the 2025 Jubilee. If your parish needs some, please contact reception at info@archsaintboniface.ca or 204-237-9851 to request some be set aside for you and to arrange a pickup time. Parishes in our rural deaneries are encouraged to collaborate and place one order, and we are willing to work with you to arrange delivery as we are able.

Marriage, Family & Life



Mother Daughter NFP Classes with Serena Manitoba — April 26th, May 31st, or June 14th, 2025

Discussing upcoming and ongoing changes in a girl's body from her tween to her teen years, to becoming a young lady, can be a delicate topic. Serena offers three Mother Daughter NFP (Natural Family Planning) / Body Literacy classes, each one appropriate for three different age groups, stimulating and encouraging ongoing communication between moms and their daughters about their femininity in light of God. Our Mom & Tween class for **9 - 12 year olds will be held Saturday, April 26th at St. Emile Parish from 1 - 5pm**. The Mom & Teen and Teen/YA (Young Adult) Classes will be held on **Saturday at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface from 1 - 4:30pm on May 31st for 13 - 15 year olds** looking at Body Literacy and an Intro to Charting, and on **June 14th for 16 - 21 year olds** focusing on Advanced Charting. Suggested donation is \$15 per mother-daughter(s) set, per class. Payment can be made by cash or cheque at the event, or via etransfer at mbserena@gmail.com before or after the event. Optional NFP items will be available for purchase at the Teen and Teen/YA classes. For more info, contact Janelle at mbserena@gmail.com or 204-783-0091. To register, go to bit.ly/mother-daughter-2025, or see the poster at bit.ly/mother-daughter-poster.



Fertility Health Awareness Seminar (Spring 2025) - May 24, 2025

Calling all engaged couples... and anyone interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning! Find out about the various methods of NFP, and how they can benefit your fertility & marriage. This Spring, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface is pleased to offer, free of charge, the Fertility Health Awareness Seminar, at the St. Boniface Cathedral: Saturday, May 24th, 2025 (1:00-4:30 pm) – Serena, NaPro & Creighton, FEMM and Couple to Couple League methods.

Please note: All engaged couples marrying in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface must attend the Fertility Health Awareness Seminar as part of their Marriage Formation Process, however the seminar is open to everyone. Registrations required.

Deadline to register is May 16. Link to register: bit.ly/fhas-register.

For more info, visit bit.ly/fertilityhealth-stboniface or contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Life of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface - Marie: mfl@archsaintboniface.ca ; 204-594-0274 OR Nadine: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca ; 204-594-0295

For poster, [click here](#)



Mass Wedding at Blessed Sacrament Parish – July 5, 2025

For various reasons, many couples today are living together outside the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. We at Blessed Sacrament Parish would like to facilitate the preparation and the celebration of the Sacrament. How? By inviting couples to join us in a Wedding of all couples of our parish and others in one celebration and one Mass on July 5, 2025. We are waiving the fees for the ceremony (except the Marriage Preparation Seminar). You may contact Fr. Gerry immediately to start the interview and the preparation process: father@blessedsacrament.wpg.ca or 204-224-1669, ext. 21.

Ministry of Care

Parish Ministry
of Care



**FREE VOLUNTEER
TRAINING SESSION**

**MAY 3, 2025
1:30-4:30 PM**

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. BONIFACE
151 DE LA CATHÉDRALE AVE, WINNIPEG

Please register by: April 28, 2025
bit.ly/ministry-care

REGISTER NOW



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Parish Ministry of Care Volunteer Training

May 3, 2025, 1:30-4:30 pm Archdiocese of St. Boniface

Do you feel called to accompany others with compassion, presence, and faith? Join us for this special in-person training session designed for parish volunteers involved in or interested in the Ministry of Care. Co-hosted by the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba (CHAM) in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, Marriage, Family and Life Office, this session will equip you with the tools, knowledge, and spiritual formation to confidently serve those who are sick, homebound, elderly, or in long-term care. Whether you're a long-time volunteer or just beginning to explore this calling, this training will help you grow in your role as a minister of presence, hope, and compassion.

Register by: April 28, 2025 at: bit.ly/ministry-care Click for [poster](#). Nadine Fetherston, mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca for more information.

Visit our **French website**: <http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/index.html?lang=fr>
to read the French bulletin, *Nouvelles hebdomadaires*, for announcements and
activities that appear only in French.

Please note: All announcements must be submitted to the office of Communications:
communications@archsaintboniface.ca, by Monday at 4 PM
if they are to be published in the Tuesday bulletin.

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