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## NEW ITEMS

### Archdiocesan News



#### \*NEW\* 2025 Pastoral Appointments

On Friday, August 1st, the new pastoral appointments for our diocese will come into effect. Who will be your parish priest or Parish life administrator? [Click here!](#)



#### \*NEW\* Video - Archbishop LeGatt & the Reverend Norman Meade on National Indigenous Peoples Day

In the context of the June 21st National Indigenous Peoples Day Archbishop LeGatt and the Reverend Norman Meade discuss the state of reconciliation with the Indigenous in Manitoba. While there is still so many ways reconciliation must be accomplished, much has been done. And the spirit of reconciliation must be an ongoing, dynamic and engaged one, always rooted in love for our brothers and sisters and the Creator.

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](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)



#### \*UPDATED\* COME & DISCOVER 'WHO IS SAINT CARLO ACUTIS?'

**GOOD NEWS!** The first saint of the millennium, Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be canonized a saint on September 7 by Pope Leo XIV.

From September 17 to 29 inclusively, Louise Normandeau will be offering dynamic multimedia presentations on Carlo Acutis. There will be: **a short video**, about Carlo's life; a **Powerpoint presentation** about Carlo, his life, his family and why he will be canonized a saint; a **guided tour** with explanations of the paintings of the **Eucharistic Miracles**, [click here](#), as well as the painting of **Carlo's 'incorruptible body'**;  **veneration of Carlo's relic** that his mother gave to Mrs. Normandeau. You can come up to look at and touch the relic (which is in a small reliquary) and entrust your prayer intentions to Saint Carlo.

**THE TESTIMONIAL** from many of those who attended the presentations is: **'This is an event NOT TO BE MISSED!'**

**ALL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE IN FRENCH, EXCEPT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 (presentation will be in French with translation to English).** For further information, contact: Gabrielle Marion, [gmarion3@mytmts.net](mailto:gmarion3@mytmts.net) or 204-470-3792.

Link to website Eucharistic Miracles:

<https://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/mostra-miracoli-eucaristici>



**\*REMINDER\* Diocesan Multicultural Mass & Celebrations -  
Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**What to expect**

**Schedule:**

10:30 a.m. Multicultural Mass with Archbishop LeGatt  
presiding, St. Boniface Cathedral

12:30 p.m. Cultural performances and displays (including some  
food samples), Outdoors

3:00 p.m. End of events & clean-up

**What to bring:**

- A lawn chair or blanket to sit on
- Enough water for approximately 2 hours in the sun
- A hat, sunscreen and other sun protection
- Friends and family members with whom to celebrate
- Some food and snacks (some cultural vendors will be offering samples of food from their country, but we do not guarantee enough food to constitute a meal).

**Parking:**

- Parking will be restricted on De la Cathedrale Avenue between Taché and Aulneau
- The Cathedral parking lot will be accessible to volunteers only (first come, first served)
- Plan to park on Aulneau or other side streets to the east of Aulneau, and allow enough time for parking and walking.



**\*REMINDER\* Help the Wildfire Evacuees in Winnipeg!**

Calling all faithful, parishes and Catholic organizations! Evacuees from northern Manitoba need your help!

**The Canadian Red Cross** has been tasked to assist evacuees in the city of Winnipeg. YOU can help them...

- by donating various items at the RBC Convention Center, located at 375 York Avenue. Bring the following items via the main doors and head to the second floor: Strollers, playpens, toys, diapers, Depends, new hygiene products, sandals and summer wear.
- by making a donation online at [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca), or by phone at 204-982-7330.

**The Salvation Army of Winnipeg** is also helping evacuees by providing food from two service trucks located at the Billy Mosienko Arena, located at 709 Keewatin Street. Any of the following sealed snacks will be appreciated: granola bars, bottle pop, chips, Rice Crispy squares, yogurt, fruit cups and pudding cups.

The Salvation Army is also accepting donations to support emergency disaster relief work in response to the wildfires. Your gift will be used to provide food, beverages, shelter, and emotional & spiritual care for people displaced due to the wildfires, and the first responders. **Donate by phone:** 1-800-SAL-ARMY

**Give online:** [SalvationArmy.ca/Wildfires](http://SalvationArmy.ca/Wildfires) If someone calls in a donation they can specify where they want their donation allocated and if they donate online, funds will go to wildfire relief efforts nearest to the donor's postal code.

**Volunteer:** To help the Salvation Army's relief efforts, reach out to Debbie Clarke at [Debbie.Clarke@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:Debbie.Clarke@salvationarmy.ca)





**\*REMINDER\* Photo gallery - Jubilee celebrations at Saint-Norbert Parish – June 6, 2025**

The jubilee year was celebrated at Saint Norbert Parish on June 6 on the feast of Saint Norbert, its patron saint. June 6 also marked the 200th birthday of Abbé Noël Ritchot, parish priest from 1862 to 1905.

During the celebrations, Bishop LeGatt presided at mass, followed by prayers at the Notre Dame du Bon secours chapel, built by Mgr Noël Ritchot, and the blessing of Mgr Noël Ritchot's grave in the Saint-Norbert cemetery. To round off the evening, snacks were served in the Salle Ritchot, with a short presentation on the life of Mgr Ritchot.

To see the photo gallery, [click here](#).



**\*REMINDER\* Official unveiling of Tunkansida Inyan, the “Grandfather Rock” – June 20, 2025**

You are invited to the official unveiling of M'Shoomisanin, the “Grandfather” Rock, on June 20 at the Heritage Garden, located at 151 avenue de la Cathédrale, on the grounds of the Diocesan Centre of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface.

The ceremony will begin at 10 AM, with Elders Mary Courchene and Clayton Sandy, Archbishop Albert LeGatt and other guests in attendance. The ceremony is part of National Indigenous Peoples' Day, celebrated on June 21.

In the First Nations cultures of Turtle Island, sacred spiritual belief systems include all of creation and all beings within it. For the poster, [click here](#).

For the Lakota, the Grandfather Rock, Tunkansida, is the oldest one and is a way of describing the generational knowledge it carries and is sacred. Because of that, rocks must be respected.

In a sacred healing space like a sweat lodge, when the water strikes the heated stones and that mist rises, the rocks give up their spirit to help us heal, and it brings back the moment of creation.

The Anishinaabe people believe that rocks are one of the earliest gifts of the Creator and are called M'Shoomisaan, “Grandfather”. They are sacred animate creations used in ceremonies.

The rocks have been witness to the passage of time and all that has occurred in that time. That history is held within the rocks and tell of our relationship with the land, the water, the sky and with all beings with whom we share this moment and this space.

The rocks are gifts from the Creator to cleanse and take illness away – physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. For as long as the sun shines, and the grass grows and the rivers flow, we will the Tunkanisidapi and M'Shoomisaan “Grandfathers” hold the sacred ceremonies for all time.



the church in Saint-Malo.

**\*REMINDER\* Come and Embrace Our Lady's Hope! Diocesan Pilgrimage in St. Malo – August 17, 2025**

**Jubilation!** Everyone is invited to the diocesan pilgrimage to the Grotto of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes in Saint-Malo on August 17. This special Marian celebration will be an opportunity for praise, healing and joy. **All the more so as we are in the middle of a Jubilee year and the Grotto is an official shrine of the Jubilee 2025.**

Mass in French will be celebrated at 9am. Mass in English will be celebrated at 11am. There will be an opportunity for confession before each Mass. After each Mass, you will be able to buy food from a vendor on site.

At 2 p.m., we invite you to prayers of healing, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary and songs of praise.

Bring the whole family! Bring your grandparents and elders! By car, or preferably by van, and even better by parish bus, to avoid overcrowding the car park.

Tell your friends! Bring your own picnic chairs! In case of rain, the celebrations will be held at

For poster, [click here](#) [Visit our Grotto webpage!](#)

*The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in St. Malo was a popular shrine even before the Archdiocese declared it a diocesan sanctuary and the site of its Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. To find out more about the history of the Grotto, and the spiritual benefits of pilgrimages, we invite you to read **A Time Set Aside for Christ and Our Lady**, a conversation with Archbishop Albert LeGatt. [Click here](#) to read and enjoy!*



**\*REMINDER\* Employment Opportunities – Catholic Women’s League of Canada – Director of Administration**

Are you a highly organized, experienced leader with operational excellence? The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, a nationwide non-profit organization is seeking a Director of Administration to oversee and optimize our administrative functions.

The position is located at the national office in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In this pivotal role, you will be responsible for a wide range of critical areas, including:

- Human Resources: Management policies, recruitment, onboarding and employee relations.
- Office Management: Ensuring efficient daily operations, maintaining office supplies and managing vendor relationships.
- Financial Administration: Collaborating with our finance committee on budgeting, expense tracking and financial reporting support.
- IT Oversight: Liaising with IT suppliers to ensure smooth technological operations and system efficiency.
- Policy & Procedure Development: Implementing and refining administrative policies and procedures to enhance productivity and compliance.

Deadline to apply: June 30, 2025.

For a complete position description, please [click here](#).

**\*REMINDER\* Christ the King School – Basic French Teacher**

Position description: Part-time Teacher, with a flexible schedule: 2025-2026 school year (40 – 50%; ½ days) \* Continuous contract, subject to probationary year • Possibility of full-time in the 2026-2027 school year. • Middle years Basic French Manitoba curriculum. • Benefits included.

Interested applicants should forward a resume with three professional references and a clergy reference with contact information provided to: Mrs. Laura Carreiro, Principal - 12 Lennox Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2M 1A6

E-mail: [lcarreiro@ctkschool.ca](mailto:lcarreiro@ctkschool.ca) Phone: (204) 257-0027 ext. 201

**Applications accepted until position is filled.** For full position description, [click here](#).

## Apostolates and Ministries



**\*NEW\* Illuminate – June 20, 2025**

Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on **Friday, June 20 11 at 7:30 PM, at St. Claude Parish on Gagné Street in St. Claude, Manitoba.** Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome! For more information, [www.illuminatemb.com](http://www.illuminatemb.com) or [facebook.com/illuminatemb](https://facebook.com/illuminatemb). Illuminate is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship music, and fellowship, with the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!



**\*REMINDER\* Manitoba's Award-Winning Passion Play – July 4,5,6 & 11,12,13, 2025**

Manitoba's Award-Winning Passion Play is celebrating 25 years this summer of presenting the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Pembina Valley, near La Riviere Manitoba. Presentations are at 7:30pm nightly.

Bring your lawn chair and experience the Life of Christ unfold before your eyes in a beautiful outdoor setting. Tickets are available online at [www.passionplay.ca](http://www.passionplay.ca) or by calling 1-888-264-2038.

Join His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt who will be celebrant for the Outdoor Mass on Sunday July 6th at 4pm.

Come early and hike the Stations of the Cross on the site and there are food concessions and so much more

Watch our new video Introducing Manitoba Passion Play by [clicking this link](#)

**For more information, visit [www.passionplay.ca/](http://www.passionplay.ca/)**

For poster, [click here](#). Organize a bus Beaver bus lines offering a special bus rental rate. call

**Rick Brown @204-989-7023 or email at [rickbrown@beaverbus.com](mailto:rickbrown@beaverbus.com)**



**\*REMINDER\* Singles for Christ True North Conference 2025 – August 1 - 3, 2025**

Rejoice, take courage, and return to Galilee! This Jubilee Year of Hope, Singles for Christ welcomes you to the True North Conference — a homecoming of faith, mission, and joy! This year, Singles for Christ (SFC) Canada will be holding our annual National True North Conference (TNC) entitled G! on August 1-3 2025 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Furthermore, we are extending the invite to all single men and women ages 18 to 40!

SFC TNC happens annually and rotates to different cities across Canada. Last time it was held in Winnipeg was 10 years ago and the host city is excited to spread some Friendly Manitoban spirit to all attendees across the country. This is a rare and great opportunity for Catholic Singles to create new friendships, meet like-minded people, talk openly about their faith and learn ways on how to deepen and strengthen their relationship with God! If you are interested to learn more about the conference, please contact Andrew or Iris @ [simplydrew@gmail.com](mailto:simplydrew@gmail.com) or 2042948137. If you are part of a young adult group and would like to go as a group, we offer a church/community pricing.

## Catechetics



Catechesis of  
the Good Shepherd  
Association of Canada

**\*UPDATE WITH CHANGE OF DATE!!\*** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level One A Training - Register today!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is for children aged 3-12 years that is based on the Bible and Liturgy of the Church. It is inspired by the principles of Montessori education. The Level 1

course lays the foundation of the theory and practices of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for all three levels and is a sound formation for all adults.

What if every child could have time and space specially set aside for an encounter with Christ? The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a time-tested approach to faith formation. It feeds the deepest needs of children, allowing each one to get to know God personally. In a retreat-like atmosphere, through the use of special materials designed just for them, children hear the Word proclaimed and grow in their relationship with God. The most essential treasures of the Christian faith, from scripture and liturgy, touch the heart of each child and lead to deep contemplation, prayer, and joy.

**Apply today!** There are scholarships available (deadline to apply for the Ed Krupica Scholarship Fund is **September 18, 2025**) The next local course will be held in St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church West Saint Paul, MB (Just minutes from Winnipeg, north up Main Street) [CLICK HERE Level 1 \(cgsac.ca\)](#) **beginning in October 2025 (PLEASE NOTE: Feb 21-22 is replaced with March 7-8 due to a scheduling conflict)** hosted by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and Saint Theresa's Parish. [CLICK](#) for POSTER [CLICK](#) for BROCHURE For more information contact Judith Vasquez [judithvsqz3@gmail.com](mailto:judithvsqz3@gmail.com) 204-452-2227 ext.243 [Click here](#) for additional information about CGS including a video introduction on our diocesan website.

## Concert/Theatre/Movies

**\*REMINDER\* MOVIE Permission: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church**

*PERMISSION: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church* is a powerful new docudrama produced by DunnMedia in collaboration with the Companions of the Cross.

The film, which explores the life and legacy of Fr. Bob Bedard, founder of the order, is being met with deep emotion and praise. Veteran journalist Deborah Gyapong described it as "a very touching and deeply moving film about a priest who surrendered everything to God and encouraged others to do the same," adding that the film "will go a long way in spreading Fr. Bob's message of wholehearted discipleship to the world."

*Permission* is available to stream for free NOW. You can watch the film at [permissionthefilm.com](http://permissionthefilm.com). The film is being offered through a "pay-it-forward" model, allowing viewers to support the project financially so that others may experience it at no cost.

<https://www.permissionthefilm.com/>

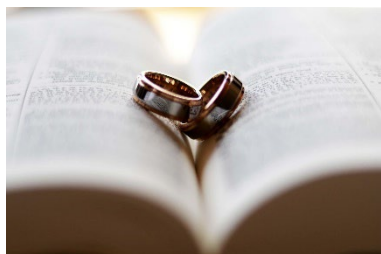




## Marriage, Family & Life

### \*NEW\* Marriage Tips

How often do you pray for your spouse? Remember, marriage was made by God to help bring both you and your spouse to Heaven, but you two can't get there without God's help.



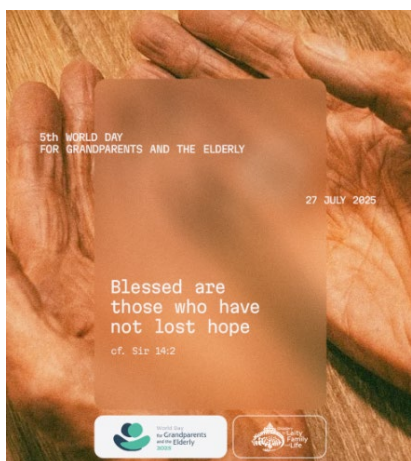
### \*NEW\* Mary Mother of the Church Parish Sacramental Marriage Formation

Sacramental Marriage Formation at Mary, Mother of the Church will take place on July 5, 6, 26, and 27, 2025. The times are as follows:

- Saturday, July 5 - 10:00AM to 5:00PM
- Sunday, July 6 - 1:30PM to 5:00PM (couples are invited to attend mass with their families at our parish from 12:15PM-1:15PM)
- Saturday, July 26 - 10:00AM to 5:00PM
- Sunday, July 27 - 1:30PM to 5:00PM (couples are invited to attend mass with their families at our parish from 12:15PM-1:15PM)

Couples who attend all sessions will be provided with a letter attesting to their attendance.

To register for the program, complete [this form](#). For frequently asked questions, please click [here](#). Registration for this class closes Tuesday, **July 1, 2025**.



### \*NEW\* 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday, July 27

This special day held **every 4th Sunday in July** was established by Pope Francis in 2021 near the feast of Sts. Anne & Joachim, Jesus' grandparents.

In context of the Jubilee Year dedicated to hope, the theme this year is: **"Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (Sir 14:2)**. This is an opportunity to reflect on how "the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church community" - Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life.

**Parishes are invited to celebrate this special day. Contact Nadine Fetherston** (Marriage, Family & Life Office - Archdiocese of St. Boniface) for Mass celebration and parish event ideas: [mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca)

Check out the **World Grandparents Association**: [Click here](#) and the **CCCB** for upcoming resource packages in July: [Click here](#)

## Ministry of Care

### \*NEW\* Healing Together – Supporting a Loved One on their Journey of Recovery

**Do you struggle to understand a loved one facing addiction? You're not alone** – and you don't have to navigate it alone. Healing Together is a 2 x 3 hours-sessions (in-person workshop to help families and friends to: Understand addiction; Support without judgment; Learn recovery-focused language; and be part of an ongoing support network. Spaces available in July, August and September. Only \$70.00 | In-Person | Refreshments provided If affordability is a concern, please speak with any social service organization about the possibility of being referred to this workshop.

For more information: [www.sarariel.ca/courses/healing-together](http://www.sarariel.ca/courses/healing-together)

For poster, [click here](#).



## News from the CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Web site: [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

### **\*NEW\* A Call to Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East During the Month of the Sacred Heart**

In light of the escalation of violence in the Middle East – most recently between Israel and Iran – the CCCB is inviting the Catholic faithful in Canada to pray for peace in the world during the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Parishes, communities of consecrated and apostolic life, families, movements and associations, and individuals within the Church in Canada are all therefore invited to pray and work for peace by:

- including suitable intentions in one's daily prayers
- reciting a prayer to the Sacred Heart each day during the remainder of June;
- attending Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament;
- reciting a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- including appropriate petitions during the Universal Prayer at daily and Sunday Masses this month;
- attending Mass on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 27<sup>th</sup>);
- offering one's fasting and abstinence, during the Apostles' Fast, for this particular concern, in the sacrificial spirit of St. Peter and St. Paul;
- practicing the corporal works of mercy within one's local community, and donating to reliable charities working in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East.

For more information, [click here](#).



## Parish Events



### **\*NEW\* Notre Dame du Laus Jubilee Pilgrimage Campout – June 27 to 29, 2025**

#### **Friday June 27 –**

**6:00 pm** - Adoration with Worship Team and Confession.

**7:00-9:30 pm** - Campfire, Music, hot dogs, marshmallows, cookies and refreshments

#### **Saturday June 28 –**

**9:00 am** - Morning Mass and Rosary

**11:00-2:00 pm** - Afternoon Games / Trip to the local beach

**3:00-4:00 pm** - Testimonials

**4:00-4:45 pm** - Confession

**5:00 pm** - Evening Mass

**6:00 pm** - Spaghetti Dinner

**7:00-10:00 pm** - Youth Movie Night & Board Games

#### **Sunday June 29 –**

**10:00 am** - Rosary and Closing Mass

**11:30 am** – Pancake Breakfast

Bring your camper (no electrical), tents, sleeping bags (room in the Church) and lawn chairs!

For poster, [click here](#)



**\*REMINDER\* Nuestra Senora de la Asuncion Parish - Join Us for Our Annual Parish Festival! - June 22, 2025**  
You're warmly invited to celebrate with us at our Annual Parish Festival! Come and enjoy a joyful afternoon filled with:

- 🍲 Delicious Latin American Cuisine
- 🎵 Music & Dance Performances
- 🎈 Fun Activities for Kids
- 🎉 And So Much More!

📍 Location: 200 Kenny Street (Parish parking lot)  
🕒 Time: Right after the 11:00 AM Mass  
Bring your family and friends — everyone is welcome! Let's celebrate our community, culture, and faith together!  
For poster, [click here](#).



**\*REMINDER\* Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Parish 160th Anniversary Celebrations – June 21 & 22, 2025**  
Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Parish recognizes a significant historical connection between your family and the church. Many of your ancestors were actively involved in church life and may have even held leadership roles in the 1800s.

160 years – 1865 : First appointed missionary priest to our community  
150 years – 1877 : First residential priest for Notre-Dame-de-Lorette mission  
125 years – 1900 : Opening of the present church

To view a poster celebrating these important events, [click here](#).  
As a beautiful way to honour your family's legacy, we invite you to come celebrate the faith of your ancestors.

**Saturday, June 21, 2025** – Church tours from 9 am to 2 pm  
**Saturday, June 21, 2025** – Anniversary mass @ 4 pm (bilingual)  
**Saturday, June 21, 2025** – Anniversary banquet @ parish hall, 6 pm Tickets \$60. Contact Parish office 204-878-2221 [info@notredamedelorette.info](mailto:info@notredamedelorette.info)  
**Sunday, June 22, 2025** – Bilingual mass @ 10:30 am followed by Parish picnic at Community Spirit Park on Station Rd in Lorette until 4 pm (parish hall, in case of rain)

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

### \*NEW\* Catholic Christian Outreach – Summit on Saturday – July 5, 2025

The CCO is hosting an event called Summit on Saturday July 5 from 1 to 3 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Parish (836 Arlington Avenue Winnipeg). There will be a testimony, talk, Adoration, praise and worship, and a social afterwards. We hope to see you there!

## Stewardship

### June 22, 2025 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

*"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (LUKE 9:17)*

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each steward has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.







## REPEATED ITEMS

### Adult Faith Formation

**\*REMINDER\* Laudato si' – “On Care for Our Common Home” Ten Thursdays October, 2025 to March, 2026**

Join us for a Special Tenth Anniversary Online Series of Laudato si' 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 this Online 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 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM CST – Mark your calendars!**

**ENCYCLICAL LETTER LAUDATO SI' OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

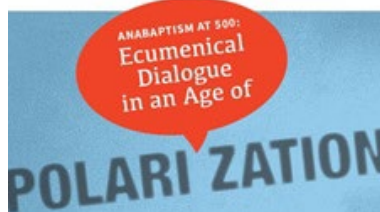
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For brochure, [click here](#).

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



### Interchurch & Interfaith Learning (Ecumenism)



**Bridgefolk Conference 2025: Ecumenical Dialogue in an Age of Polarization – July 24-27, 2025**

Bridgefolk is a grassroots ecumenical movement of Mennonites and Roman Catholics who work together toward Christian unity by “proceeding through friendship.”

Newcomers are always welcome at Bridgefolk gatherings, regardless of religious affiliation. Most of the conference will be held at First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. One evening of the conference will be held at St. Kateri Catholic Parish - as its building lives the Mennonite - Catholic dialogue in a very practical way, since St. Kateri

and Aberdeen Mennonite Church share the same building and are starting to work on a few projects together. The evening at St. Kateri (Saturday, July 28) will be the foot-washing liturgy that is a feature of every Bridgefolk Conference.

This year's conference will look at the birth of Anabaptism from both a Mennonite and a Roman Catholic perspective, what has changed in the past five centuries, and what the implications are for ecumenical dialogue today. Mennonite keynote:

**Dr. Jennifer Otto**, Associate Professor in the Department of History and Religion at the University of Lethbridge. Catholic keynote: **Fr. John Klassen** OSB, retired abbot of Saint John's Abbey, in Collegeville, Minnesota. The conference will also feature a panel discussion with others involved in ecumenical dialogue and work, locally and elsewhere, and a workshop to equip participants with practical tools to engage in respectful dialogue as well as small groups in which to practice these tools. For more information and to register: [www.bridgefolk.net](http://www.bridgefolk.net) For poster, [click here](#)

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](mailto:communications@archsaintboniface.ca), by Monday at 4 PM if they are to be published in the Tuesday bulletin.

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