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Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV for April

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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Archdiocesan News

UPDATED !!!

“...It is increasingly clear that in a parish, the two key sources and prime movers are the Pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).” Archbishop LeGatt

What is a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)?

A PPC is a consultative, faith-filled group of parishioners who work in co-responsibility with the Parish Priest on Pastoral issues. The PPC is representative of and speaks on behalf of the faithful of the parish. It discerns the needs of all the members of the Parish community and offers insights and wisdom towards effective Pastoral planning

Need assistance:

- To revitalize or form your PPC?
- To shape your PPC reflecting the new “Pillars & Ministries” chart?
- To prepare your Annual General Meeting (AGM)? (In the Spring)?
- To formulate your Mission/Vision statements?



We are here for you! The Committee for the RENEWAL & Growth of PPC's (R&G), exists “to actively assist parishes in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, in the development, revitalization and implementation of Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC).” It is the point of contact for parishes in need of information and support.

Contacts:

- **James Kautz, Director of Pastoral Services**
jkautz@archsaintboniface.ca or 237 9851
- **Paulette Vielfaure Dupuis, Chairperson, Committee for Renewal & Growth of PPC's (R&G)** pvdupuis@shaw.ca or 204 794 2153

For more detailed information and a list of all documents pertaining to our committee and to PPC's, please visit: Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Home page, under “Diocesan Services”, Renewal & Growth of PPC. <https://www.archsaintboniface.ca>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Spring Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting: Saturday, April 25th, at the Holy Cross Parish (252 Dubuc Street, Winnipeg) with a virtual participation option. More information to follow.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) is a consultative body under the authority of the Archbishop. It is composed of Archbishop, Vicar General, Pastors, the Director of Pastoral Services, PPC Chairs, Vice-Chairs and/or their representatives. DPC meetings take place once in the Spring and once in the Fall.



***NEW* *NEW* Réseau Compassion Network 25th Anniversary Exhibition – April 21, 2026**

Join us to view the exhibition celebrating the Compassion Network's 25th anniversary. To mark this historic occasion, the organization has created a bilingual traveling exhibition that traces the history of the Compassion Network, its achievements, projects, and challenges, as well as its vision for the future. The exhibition was curated by Annie Langlois.



The Compassion Network's services cover five main areas: primary, community, and mental health care; acute care; long-term care; comprehensive services for people with intellectual disabilities; and housing and social services.

The network, based in Saint-Boniface, oversees 13 organizations, including Actionmarguerite, the Centre de renouveau Aulneau, the Centre de santé Saint-Boniface, the Centre Flavie, Sara Riel, and Saint-Amant.

The exhibition will be held at the Archdiocesan Centre, 151 Cathedral Ave., on April 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You're invited!

***CORRECTION* Photo Gallery – 2026 Chrism Mass**



Saint Boniface Cathedral was full to bursting on March 31 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 Mass was also an opportunity to mark the anniversaries of ordination of many of our priests and deacons. Congratulations to: Archbishop Albert LeGatt (25 years as bishop), Archbishop Emeritus Émilien Goulet (25 years as bishop), Fr. Charles Fillion (25 years), Fr. Lawrence Agorchukwu (30 years), Fr. Bernard Quang, PSS, (40 years), Fr. Edmond Baril (60 years), **Fr. Édouard Bonin** (60 years), Fr. Lionel Thibault (60 years), Fr. David Brabant (65 years) and Fr. Gérard Dionne (65 years).

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



***REMINDER* Deacons of Manitoba Newsletter – April, 2026**

The latest Deacons newsletter contains Saint-Boniface Archbishop LeGatt's reflection on the St. Vincent de Paul's Saint-Boniface Cathedral Conference, and the role of a deacon, Alphonse Tran, in its establishment and growth. Deacon Jim Frater shares a look back at the five-year permanent diaconate formation program, as do diaconate candidates David Foidart and Daniel Bahuaud. Deacon Larry Campbell offers a look at the Deacon's retreat held in February. Last, but certainly not least, Carol Mackenzie presents the second part of her pilgrimage journey in Rome and Italy.

[Click here](#)



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***REMINDER* Employment Opportunities – Catechetical Coordinator / Sacramental Coordinator, French and/or English Sector**

CATECHISM

Ensure the continuity of catechesis and sacraments, as well as catechists and homeschooling parents for the French-speaking and/or English-speaking sector. With the pastor's support, ensure that there are catechists and assistants for each age group, as needed. If necessary, find qualified substitutes.

SACREMENTAL PREPARATION

In collaboration with the Bishop's office, prepare schedule for the sacrament of Confirmation (if there is one that year.) In collaboration with the parish priest, set dates for sacramental preparation meetings and dates for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Collaborate with the pastor and leadership teams in planning parish activities and events. Encourage families to participate in faith-related events and adult and family formation programs. Promote a sense of community and fellowship. Attend diocesan catechesis meetings. Serve as a liaison between the diocesan catechesis sector and our parish. Commit to ongoing personal formation and stay informed about new developments in catechesis in the diocese.



Forward your resume and cover letter to the parish office at info@notredamedelorette.info

This posting will remain active until it has been filled.
Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

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



NEW APPEAL Archdiocesan Coordinator for Catechesis and Adult Faith Growth (French Sector).

This is primarily a French position. Download [the full job description in French at this link](#).

To apply, email a cover letter and resumé in French to James Kautz, Director of Pastoral Services: jkautz@archsaintboniface.ca

Apostolates and Ministries



REMINDER Marriage Enrichment Retreat 1 & 2 — May 2 to 3, 2026

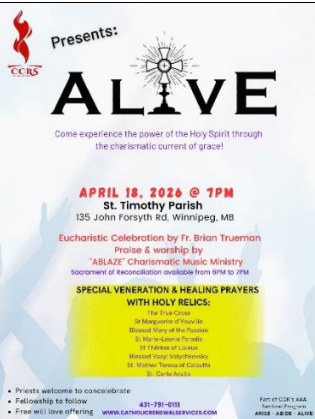
The Missionary Families of Christ invites couples to a Christ-centered retreat to rediscover the beauty of their vocation, to heal, to listen, and to grow once more in love. Through prayer, reflection, and intentional conversations, husbands and wives are gently led back to the heart of their marriage—where Christ dwells and strengthens what He has joined.

Whether you are newlyweds, beginning again or longing to go deeper, this is an invitation to recenter your marriage on Christ and be renewed in unity, faith, and purpose.

Come away together and be renewed in the presence of the Lord. Just as Christ revealed His glory at the wedding feast at Cana, He continues to enter into every marriage, ready to transform, restore, and make all things new.

Join us on May 2–3 at Steinbach Bible College. All married couples are warmly invited! For poster, click here. For more information and **to register, please visit bit.ly/ManitobaMER** or [click here](#).

For poster, [click here](#)



UPDATED CCRS of MB Presents – **ALIVE** a charismatic event – April 18, 2026

Join us on Saturday April 18, 2026, at 7PM at St. Timothy Parish – **135 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg, MB**. Eucharistic Celebration presided by **Fr. Brian Trueman**, Praise and Worship by **"ABLAZE"** Charismatic Music Ministry. Plus we will have a very special time to venerate and receive healing prayers with the following holy relics:

The True Cross, St Thérèse of Lisieux, St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Carlo Acutis and others! Please note, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6PM to 7PM**. Free will love offering. **Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the charismatic current of grace!** – For more information: 431-791-0111 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com or visit:

<https://www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events>



REMINDER CCRS of MB Presents - Pentecost Conference with Fr. Hayden Williams – May 22 & 23, 2026

Join us for a Holy Spirit filled Pentecost Conference on May 22 and 23, 2026! Our keynote speaker will no other than world renown **Fr Hayden Williams**, Praise & Worship will be led by the **"ABLAZE"** charismatic Music Ministry. Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit thru anointed praise and worship, powerful teachings, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Rosary, fellowship, 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.

For flyer, [click here](#).



The Catholic School of Evangelization
Annual Banquet

***REMINDER* CSE Annual Fundraising Banquet – May 11, 2026**

The Catholic School of Evangelization is inviting you to attend our annual fundraising banquet on Monday May 11th from 6pm-9pm. This is a time for us to gather together as supporters and to rejoice over the many ways our Lord is working through the CSE.

The evening will consist of a good meal and a short program.

We hope you'll consider supporting our work. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit

www.catholicway.net/banquet

For poster, [click here](#).



Adult Faith Formation

***NEW* Explore our NEW Faith & Ecology webpage!**

In this year dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi, and as we mark the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, we are pleased to share a new [Faith & Ecology](#) section on our website. This space is designed to support all those who feel called to deepen their connection with, and care for, our Common Home. Discover resources, inspiration, and practical ways to take action within your parish and community. If you are interested in getting involved in your parish or within the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface, we invite you to [click here](#) to contact the Office of Catechetics and Adult Faith Growth (English Sector).



Caring for Our Common Home

On Wednesday, April 22, we join millions globally to celebrate **Earth Day 2026**. As Catholics, we are called to be stewards of God's creation. This year's theme, '**Our Power, Our Planet**', reminds us that collective action can protect the vulnerable ecosystems we depend on. Let us pray for the wisdom to use our resources wisely and the courage to act for a cleaner, healthier Canada. Visit [Earth Day Canada](#) for local event listings.

Ecology Care & Faith in Action

Celebrate Earth Day with a concrete step! Whether it's starting a parish garden, participating in a local cleanup, or reducing energy use, every intentional act counts! We invite you to reflect on Pope Francis's message in *Laudato Si'*: 'Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence... We have no such right' (LS 33). [Click here](#) to read *Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home* Reflection Question: How will you give glory to God through creation this week?



Conferences

***REMINDER* Activate Conference – May 29 to June 1st, 2026**

Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) is a Catholic movement raising up Christ-centered, Spirit-filled leaders to evangelize the world, one person at a time. In service of this mission, CCO is launching its first-ever international gathering of missionary disciples: the **Activate Conference**.

The Activate Conference is designed to form and activate leaders for mission within the unique contexts God has entrusted to them—particularly within dioceses and parishes. The conference brings together clergy, diocesan staff, parish leaders, and lay people to be empowered to live the Great Commission.

The Activate Conference will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia from May 29 to June 1, 2026.

Early bird registration is available at \$385 CAD until February 14, 2026, after which registration increases to \$455 CAD.

More information and registration can be found here:

<https://activate26.cco.ca/>

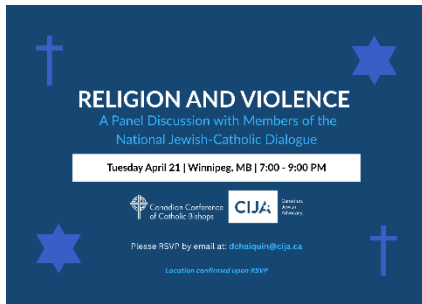


Interchurch & Interfaith Learning (Ecumenism)

***NEW* Religion and (the Sacralization of) Violence: A Panel Discussion with Abp. Murray Chatlain and Members of the National Jewish-Catholic Dialogue – April 19 to 22, 2026**

For the first time ever, Winnipeg is hosting the official Dialogue maintained by the Canadian Rabbinic Caucus (sponsored by Canada Israel Jewish Affairs) and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This mixed group of Jewish (Orthodox, Conservative & Reformed) and Catholic clergy and scholars will be gathering in our city from Apr. 19-22, 2026, exploring the role of violence in our respective traditions. Come be a part of the conversation, and thereby support on-going local efforts to improve the mutual understanding, and increase the solidarity, between our communities.

Due to security concerns, the location will be shared upon receipt of your RSVP.



***NEW* Meeting of the Hindu-Catholic Dialogue**

Wednesday, April 15 2026 - The national [Hindu-Catholic Dialogue](#), co-sponsored by the [Hindu-Federation of Canada](#) and the [Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(CCCB\)](#), convened on 14 March at the Ram Mandir in Mississauga. The meeting focused on the theme of *sacred architecture* within the respective religious traditions.

Dialogue co-chair Uday Lohakare presented on the history and symbolism of Hindu temple architecture, highlighting both Northern and Southern Indian styles, as well as associated ritual and devotional practices. Subdeacon Dr. Brian Butcher, Ph.D., Advisor for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations for the CCCB, offered a complementary presentation on historic churches in both Western and Eastern traditions. His remarks explored biblical prototypes of the tabernacle and temple, with particular reference to Chartres Cathedral and Hagia Sophia.

For more information on this event, please [click here](#).

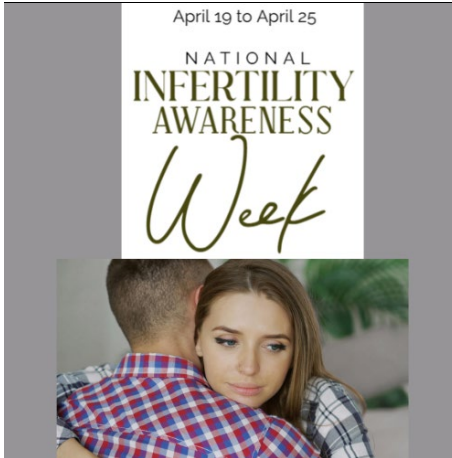




Marriage, Family and Life

***NEW* Marriage Tips**

What do you get anxious about? Share it with your spouse. Pray together for the gift of peace.



***NEW* National Infertility Awareness Week – April 19-25, 2026**

1 in 6 Canadians and 1 in 5 women experience infertility. Many carry this cross quietly, often within our own families, friendships, and parish communities. During this week, we hold in prayer all couples and individuals walking through infertility or pregnancy loss. Your lives and marriages remain deeply life-giving in many beautiful ways. God has not abandoned you and neither have we. If you know someone who is struggling, simple acts of support matter most: listen with compassion, pray for them, and gently remind them they are not alone. The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface offers compassionate, faith-based resources to support you spiritually, emotionally, and practically. [Click here for resources](#) Let us be a community that walks together with sensitivity, love, and hope.



***NEW* Mother's Day Brunch Supporting Selah Place – May 2, 2026**

Join us for brunch on **May 2 at 10 am at Immanuel Christian School**, in honour of Selah Place—a long-term home for single mothers and their children who need a safe place to start again.

At Selah Place, families are supported through housing, parenting classes, and practical care—helping moms and children grow toward stability and hope. This special brunch will feature inspiring ministry stories shared by staff and volunteers, along with a beautiful homemade goods & silent auction—including hand-sewn items, knitting, woodwork, paintings, baking, canned goods, clothing, stuffies, and more.

There will also be an opportunity to give in support of moms, building stable, Christ-centred homes.

Reserve your seat at: www.selahplace.ca/brunch or call: 204-400-4944

Celebrate motherhood. Support families. Bring hope home.



UPDATED Marriage Enrichment Afternoon – Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM



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Marriage Enrichment Afternoon

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

REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED

Offered by the St. Timothy Parish Marriage Formation Team with Worldwide Marriage Encounter in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface

REGISTRATION: bit.ly/May2Enrichment
Suggested Donation: \$25/couple (donations received at the event)

THEME: Called to Relationship. Designed for married couples, this 2.5 hour Enrichment aims at helping couples discover God's desire for their marriage by exploring the three stages of relationships. You will participate as a couple in activities connected to the theme. There will be no group sharing.

Info: Parish Office
204.949.3760
info@st-timothy.ca

All married couples are invited to an afternoon of Marriage Enrichment offered by the St. Timothy Parish Marriage Formation Team with Worldwide Marriage Encounter, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. Held Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM at St. Timothy Parish (135 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg).

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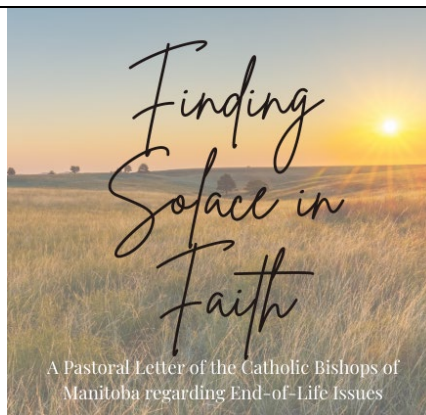
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Marriage Enrichment Afternoon at St. Timothy Parish with Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Register by Monday, April 27th at bit.ly/May2Enrichment or with the QR Code. Suggested Donation: \$25/couple (donations received at the event)

For more information, contact the St. Timothy Parish Office at 204.949.3760 | info@st-timothy.ca [See poster.](#)



Finding Solace in Faith

A Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Bishops of Manitoba regarding End-of-Life Issues

***REMINDER* Finding Solace in Faith – End of Life Resource by the Manitoba Catholic Bishops**

How do we navigate end-of-life decisions with faith, compassion & clarity? This free pastoral resource will help guide individuals and families through these important moments, including:

- Advance Health Care Directives
- Palliative & Hospice Care
- Medical Assistance in Dying
- Human dignity & spiritual preparation

[Click here](#) to view the free resource guide and letter



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***REMINDER* Dying with Christ – Living with Hope – Online Spring series**

Join CMDA Canada Online, for a three-week online program exploring Christian hope in the face of suffering, grief, and end-of-life experiences. Led by theologians and healthcare professionals, this series equips participants personally and for ministry. Spring 2026 sessions are available.

Spring 2026 Online Series Options:

- Thursday, April 23, 30, & May 7 — 6:00 pm CT
- Tuesday, May 19, 26, & June 2 — 7:00 pm CT
- Monday, June 15, 22, & 29 — 5:30 pm CT

To Register: [Click Here](#)



REMINDER Ministry of Care Connections for Volunteers -When Memory Fades: Conversations that Connect- Saturday, May 9 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | St. Bernadette Parish - 820 Cottonwood Rd.

Join us for an enriching morning of connection, learning, and shared experience as part of our ongoing formation for Ministry of Care volunteers, offered by the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba.

Whether you are discerning this ministry or already serving, this session offers practical insight and meaningful reflection, inviting you to be renewed in your call to accompany others with compassion and presence, alongside volunteers from across our three dioceses. Together, we will explore compassionate conversation, healthy boundaries, and how to accompany those living with dementia with dignity and care. No prior attendance required. Register by May 3 - Click here. For poster - Click here

Contact Nadine Fetherston: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca for more information.



REMINDER Celebrate Five Years of Life Culture! – April 22 & May 6, 2026

Over the past five years, you have been part of something truly amazing! Because of your support, Life Culture has been able to walk alongside women, support families, and bring hope in moments when it was needed most. This spring, we would love for you to join us as we celebrate all that has been accomplished.

You're invited to our Spring Gala, an evening dedicated to celebrating five years of Life Culture. We will reflect on our journey to this point and share stories of the lives that have been changed through your support.

You'll hear firsthand how your generosity has made a difference and how we are continuing to build a culture that values and supports life in practical, compassionate ways.

This will be a meaningful and encouraging event, and we would be honored to have you there as part of this milestone.

RSVP by clicking on the links below!

Winnipeg - April 22nd (700 Sterling Lyon Pkwy, Winnipeg)

Steinbach - May 6th (231 Provincial Trunk Hwy 12, Steinbach)



REMINDER Mother-Daughter NFP Classes with Serena Manitoba — April 25th, and May 9th, 2026

Serena is hosting 2 more Mother Daughter NFP (Natural Family Planning) / Body Literacy classes, each one appropriate for different age groups, stimulating and encouraging ongoing conversations between moms and their daughters about fertility and femininity in light of God. Both classes will be held at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface on Saturdays from 9:30am - 1pm. The Mom & Teen class for 12 - 15 year olds will be held April 25th, and The Mom & Teen/YA Class for 16+ on May 9th. Suggested donation is \$20 per mother-daughter set, + \$10 per extra daughter in the same class. Payment can be made by cash or cheque at the event, or via etransfer at mbserena@gmail.com. Optional NFP items and books will be available for purchase. For more info, contact Janelle at mbserena@gmail.com or 204-783-0091. For more detail on each class, and to register, go to mb.serena.ca/teens&twens, or see the poster here.



***REMINDER* Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration - May 3, 2026**
Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year? (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years or more) You are invited to participate in the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration, on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026! A Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Albert LeGat at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:30 pm. Couples will be invited to renew their vows and to receive a special blessing. A reception with light refreshments will follow. Celebrating couples will receive an Anniversary Certificate signed by Archbishop LeGat. Please register by Friday, April 24th.
FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:
<https://bit.ly/info-anniversary-celebration>
Contact person: Grace Dumont, Administrative Assistant;
204-594-0275 / gdumont@archsaintboniface.ca.



[See Poster and QR Code](#)

***REMINDER* MOMENTUM – Catholic Single Mothers Information Night – April 27, 2026**

The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface is inviting local Catholic single mothers to attend an informational webinar session via Zoom on April 27, 2026, from 7:00-8:30 pm on the MOMENTUM program. MOMENTUM is a vibrant faith community for Catholic single mothers, offering support, healing, and spiritual growth through retreats, gatherings, and online programs. Talitha Cere, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Momentum will be the speaker. **Register by April 24** [here](#). For poster: [click here](#) More info visit: www.MomentumMothers.org or contact Nadine Fetherston: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca



***REMINDER* Fertility Health Awareness Seminar (Spring 2026) - Saturday, May 30th, 2026**

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 30th, 2026 (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 22. 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: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca ; 204-594-0274 OR Nadine: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca ; 204-594-0295

For poster, [click here](#).





***REMINDER* “Love Never Ends” Marriage Enrichment Mini Sessions offered by Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

In partnership with the Office of Marriage, Family and Life of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, The Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement in Winnipeg offer series of mini-marriage enrichments across parishes. The main theme of the enrichments is "Love Never Ends", with half-day or evening options for these life-giving sessions. Each mini enrichment has a specific focus, for example: Communicating Intimately, Listening in A New Way, and Discovering God's Desire for our Marriage. Come to enrich and deepen your love for each other as a Catholic/Christian couple. For more information, or if you would like to have one of these enrichments at your parish, please contact Marie Brunet at mfl@archsaintboniface.ca or 204-594-0274. For poster, [click here](#).

Ministry Formation

***REMINDER* Saint Paul University. Catholic Women's Leadership Program - Transformative Catholic Women Leaders in a Synodal Church – Online Formation Begins May 1st, 2026**

Beginning on May 1, 2026, Saint Paul University proposes a series of four modules within eight weeks for this first iteration of the shared delivery of the Catholic Women Leadership Program. It also includes an orientation and a closing session. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the program.

Course Overview

Being in a Synodal Church calls us to be transformative leaders who can make faith sense of our lives as we seek to navigate these times. A synodal church is grounded in a vision of "culture of encounter," first promoted by Pope Francis and sustained by Pope Leo. A "culture of encounter" is a way of life centered on intentional, respectful and open-hearted engagement with others that builds community. It rejects indifference and transactional relationships in favor of personal connection, listening, and dialogue that sees the "good" in others and recognizes their inherent dignity. In this program, we will explore perspectives and skills that foster a "culture of encounter" and empower transformative Catholic Women Leadership. These include reflective practice, inclusion, emotional intelligence, and generative dialogue. The program provides a transformative learning opportunity to acquire deeper self-awareness, knowledge and skills that will foster your agency as mature Christian disciples in and for the world.

Program Details:

- Delivery: Online Sessions
- Dates: May 1 - June 29, 2026
- Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm EST
- Course Fee: \$400

To learn more and to register, [click here](#)





News from the CCCB



***REMINDER* Statement calling for Prayer for Peace in the Middle-East**

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a [Statement Calling the Catholic Faithful to Prayer for Peace in the Middle East](#). The statement affirms that we cannot remain indifferent to an armed conflict that risks escalating into a prolonged war.

“Faced with rising tensions and the risk of escalating war, we invite the People of God in Canada to pray for peace. Let us ask the Lord to increase the thirst for justice, reconciliation, and true peace in the world. Let us pray that the leaders involved in this armed conflict will allow the light of wisdom and dialogue to guide their decisions. Where fear and anger threaten to overwhelm hearts, may the Holy Spirit inspire gestures of openness, reconciliation, and peace” – excerpt from the Statement.

The Statement encourages all Catholics to draw upon the message of the Gospel by becoming peacemakers, cultivating solidarity with people affected by war, and sustaining hope for a better world.

Read the full statement:

- [Statement by the Permanent Council: Calling the Catholic Faithful to Prayer for Peace in the Middle East](#)

Parish Events

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Puzzle Race Night

...ready, set, puzzle!

About the race:
Teams of 4 will race to be the first to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 teams to finish! Also, each and every team keeps their puzzle.

Registration fee:
\$20 per person / \$80 per team. If you don't have a full team, you can still sign up and we will try our best to place you with others to create a team. Space is limited - sign up early!

**THURSDAY
23 APRIL, 2026**

Doors open at 6:15 PM
Race begins at 7:00 PM sharp.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall
505 Brewster St., Winnipeg, MB

To register or ask questions, text or call Veronica at 204-998-8559.
Coffee, tea, juice, cookies, and treats will be for sale during the evening.

***REMINDER* Puzzle Race Night – April 23, 2026**

St. Joseph the Work Parish is hosting a Puzzle Race Night at 7 PM on Thursday, April 23. Our goal is to gather and enjoy each other's company, laugh and create a puzzle! Teams of 4 will race to be the first to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 teams to finish! Registration fee: \$20 per person / \$80 per team. If you don't have a full team, sign up and we will do our best to place you with others to create a team. Sign up early as space is limited. All money raised is for the parish. St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, 505 Brewster St., in Winnipeg. Doors open at 6:15 PM. Race begins at 7 PM SHARP.

To register, text or call Veronica at 204-998-8559.



Retreats

"For I am the Lord, your healer" (Isaiah 53:6)

JESUS Heals
- MANITOBA -

Fr. Hayden Williams OFM Cap

FREE EVENT
Open to All

Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus!

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MAY 2026

20 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church
252 Dubuc St.
Winnipeg, MB R2H 1E3

21 THURSDAY 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Christ Our Saviour Parish
365 Loewen Blvd.
Steinbach, MB R5G 0L1

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REMINDER Jesus Heals Three-Hour Retreats – May 20 & 21, 2026

Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus! Fr. Hayden Williams, OFM Cap, will be preaching and leading prayers for healing, as well as celebrating Holy Mass and offering a time of Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesday May 20 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, 252 Dubuc St. in Winnipeg.

Thursday May 21 from 6 PM to 9 PM at Christ Our Saviour Parish, 365 Loewen Blvd in Steinbach

Ordained a priest in 2005, Fr Hayden Williams OFM Cap is an itinerant preacher of the Gospel within the Order of Capuchin Friars Minor and forms part of the [St Lawrence of Brindisi Fraternity](#) at the hermitage of [Le Celle in Cortona](#), Italy. Le Celle were visited by St Francis of Assisi on 1211, 1215, and 1226.

Along the years, Fr Hayden has been involved in the preaching ministry which is also characterized by an ecumenical sensibility. He has recorded various TV and radio programs, and preached retreats and addressed conferences to the laity, religious and priests in Malta, Scotland, Ireland, England, Albania, Holland, Spain, United States, Italy, Poland, Denmark, Egypt, Kenya, Uzbekistan, Gibraltar, Germany, Switzerland and Hungary.

Presently, Fr Hayden has dedicated himself "to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4). His lifestyle alternates between the hermitage for prayer and fraternal life, and itinerant preaching.

Spiritual Growth

Come and discern if this 30 week accompanied retreat is for you!

COME & SEE!

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS

Join St. Ignatius Parish for a Come & See Event about the Spiritual Exercises!
Learn about the Spiritual Exercises and engage in prayer forms that will help prepare you for the Fall Preparation Phase!

May 20 th 2026
WEDNESDAY 7:00-9:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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OR 204-453-9243

ST. IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL EDUCATION CENTRE
925 JESSIE AVENUE

Learn more at stignatius.ca

REMINDER Spiritual Exercises Retreat – May 20, 2026

St Ignatius Parish is inviting you to attend our Spiritual Exercises Retreat, **Spring Come and See Event on May 20, 2026, 7:00-9:00 PM at the St. Ignatius Spiritual Education Centre 925 Jessie Ave.** For those interested in exploring the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, and engaging in prayer forms that will prepare them for the Fall program. Register:adult.education@stignatius.ca or call Carmela [204-453-9243](tel:204-453-9243)

[See Poster for more information](#)

Youth and Young Adult Ministry



NEW World Youth Day 2027 – Seoul, South Korea

We are excited to invite all young adults interested in traveling to Seoul, South Korea to consider joining our delegation from the Archdioceses of St. Boniface and Winnipeg for World Youth Day 2027 (July 27 – August 11)! This is a powerful opportunity to encounter Christ, grow in your faith, and journey with young people from around the world.

Our delegation will be bilingual (English and French), with dedicated support for both language groups, including catechetical sessions and small group discussions.

Open to young adults **ages 18–35 (must be at least 18 by July 27, 2027)**.

Registration deadline: May 15, 2026.

For more information, please see the poster, visit our website

(<https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/main.php?p=757#gsc.tab=0>) or contact Yssa at ylicsi@archsaintboniface.ca or call the Archdiocese Youth Office at **(204) 594-0271**.

Come and be part of this life-changing pilgrimage!

For poster, [click here!](#)

NEW LOVE STRIKES: Discovering Who You Are & What Love Really Is – June 29, 2026

Looking for a night that's both fun *and* meaningful? Join us for Love Strikes! on **June 29 from 6:00–9:00 PM at Uptown Alley!** This exciting evening is open to youth ages 12–17 and will include bowling, pizza, pop, and real conversations about life, identity, and love.

Through engaging talks rooted in Theology of the Body, our speakers will help unpack what it means to be truly known, valued, and called to authentic love—followed by age-based discussions:

- Ages 12–14: *Discovering who you are*
- Ages 15–17: *What love really is*

In a world that often sends mixed messages, this evening is an opportunity for young people to better understand their identity, recognize their God-given dignity, and grow in what it means to love others as a true gift of self.

Please note: The main presentations will be delivered in English; however, French-speaking discussion groups and handouts will be available, and bowling groups can be arranged in French as well.

Early Bird Special: Register by May 29 for \$20 (save \$5!). After May 29, registration is \$25, which includes 5-pin bowling, pizza, pop, and the sessions.

For poster, [click here.](#)



Scan the QR code in the poster or [click HERE](#) to register!



***NEW* Theology & Dating**

A 4-part Series - May 12, 26, June 9 & 23 7-9 pm at the St. Boniface Archdiocesan Centre

Are you wondering how to approach Catholic dating with purpose & intention? The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, through the Offices of Youth & Young Adult and Marriage, Family and Life, presents this dynamic 4-week series for young adults, designed to challenge and inspire you to approach dating with purpose, courage, and authenticity- helping you become a true gift of self.

Each session explores real aspects of modern dating, from the challenges of today's dating world to intentional pursuit and discerning the call to marriage. Open to singles and those currently dating, with a practical weekly challenge to help you grow! Final Session includes a formal dinner to wrap up the series (dress to impress!) Cost: \$20/person for the last night.

It's not just about finding the right person - it's about becoming the right person.

All are welcome! Click [here](#) to register by May 4, and for more information. For poster: [click here](#). Questions? youth@archsaintboniface.ca or mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca

Stewardship



April 19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

"If you invoke as Father Him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning." 1 Peter 1:17

From the stewardship perspective, our consumer society is in need of an exile in a strange land. Stewardship calls us to resist the "me first" values glamorized by our society.

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.

Unsubscribe, [click here](#).