

# BULLETIN

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*Last June 29th, Archbishop LeGatt received his Pallium from Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter Basilica in Rome, on the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles. The Pallium is one of the pontifical symbols worn by the Archbishop during some liturgical celebrations. More photos of this event can be seen at:*

<http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/archbishop/pallium.php>

## Message From Our Archbishop

Dear Friends,

How time flies! It's already been more than a year since I arrived in this beautiful Archdiocese of St. Boniface. I have had opportunities to visit many parishes and to meet many people – with the challenge of remembering names! Those visits have also allowed me to realize how rich we are in people, initiatives and pastoral life.

The launch of this Bulletin, with hopes of making it a monthly publication in the future, will be in its own way, for all of you, an ongoing exploration of the life of the Church in every corner of our Diocese. Through the reporting of events in our parishes, regions and diocese, and with the sharing of various programmes and pastoral projects at all levels, we hope to meet the need for communication expressed many times.

May this Bulletin help us to know ourselves better, invite us to learn from others, encourage us mutually and lead us to help one another and become “one”. That is our hope!

**Archbishop Albert**

## New Developments in Our Diocese

Since his arrival in our diocese, Archbishop Albert LeGatt embarked on a series of consultations with priests and laity, youth, seniors and religious. He visited what was known as Pastoral Zones – now Deaneries – to meet the priests in each region. He also called meetings within the Pastoral Regions to dialogue with the laity.

Why all these travels and all these contacts? Likely to find the pulse of our Diocesan Church, but also to establish a good communication with the faithful of his new Church. In his eyes, like the priests, laity has much to contribute for the benefit of our diocese. It is essential for him to open the channels of communication in order that information can circulate openly throughout the diocese and that all may feel consulted and engaged to participate in the growth of our Church.

To achieve that goal, he has proceeded to renew the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Council of Priests, “the two lungs that provide breath”, expression dear to the Archbishop. Furthermore, he set up Regional Pastoral Councils where two members of the executive will represent their region on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, to ensure communication between regions and the entire diocese, and vice versa.

These efforts towards communication and consultation have breathed a new strength in our Diocesan Church. This speaks well for the future. To find out more about these developments, speak to your pastor or contact **Julien Fradette, Director of the Pastoral Centre** [jfradette@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:jfradette@archsaintboniface.ca).

More information on the organisational structure of the Archdiocese will be available shortly on our Website.

## Pastoral Priorities Identified for 2010-2011

During the first year of his tenure, Archbishop Albert LeGatt embarked on a series of consultations with clergy, religious and laity throughout the diocese. Two priorities were subsequently presented to the Diocesan Council of Priests, which adopted them for implementation this coming year. They are:

**1- Faith Education / Spiritual Formation** that leads to a greater personal relationship with God, Father, Son and Spirit, and to a fuller participation in the life and mission of the Church:

- moving from duty to desire;
- understanding the faith and the teachings of the Church;
- knowing God's love and will in our lives;
- placing a particular focus on the journey of faith of adults

**2- Communication:** facilitate the networking of people, parishes, pastoral regions and the archdiocese:

- know what is available and what is happening at all levels;
- know how it can best be accessed using modern means of communication;
- come to know and encourage each other in best pastoral practices

### On the Love of God

*"How good the good Lord is! How he cares for us!"*

Saint André of Montréal (Br. André)

## Two New Catholic Communities

The Hispanic Catholic Community of Nuestra Señora de La Asunción recently moved in the Church-Rectory-School complex that was formerly the site of St. Marie Parish. The St. Louis Chapel had become too small for this growing community.

The parish is 250 families strong, all Spanish-speaking, originally from more than ten Latin American countries, such as El Salvador and Columbia. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Padre Jorge Maria De Los Rios Londoño will become their new pastor.

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By decree of Archbishop LeGatt, the St. Louis Chapel now becomes the new home of the African Catholic Community of St. Kizito. Members of this community represent more than 20 countries, mainly from Africa but also from the Caribbean. Father André Mangongo C.I.C.M. is in charge of the community. Each mass is celebrated in many languages.



Many young participants gathered under the rain for the 5th Rock the Grott Festival in St.Malo. Some of the featured artists were *One in Spirit*, *Tuesday Bloom* and *JOLT*. This event was held jointly with the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage, on August 14-15, 2010, attended by more than 500 people. **Pierre St-Amant, Youth Ministry Coordinator** [pstamant@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:pstamant@archsaintboniface.ca)

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<http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/index.php>

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