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Message From Our Archbishop

Dear Friends,

Here we are again at the doors of Advent, with Christmas well on the horizon. In our Sunday celebrations, the emphasis will be on the coming of the Lord, His coming to Bethlehem two thousand years ago, His coming today in our world and His coming at the end of times, when all of humanity will be gathered in the glory of His

love triumphant from all sin and all death.

The Mystery of Incarnation, a mystery that continues today and will continue until the end of times, Christ among us sharing our humanity, that is our joy, our hope, our light piercing the darkness. It is our responsibility to see and to celebrate His coming in our parishes and our diocese so that we may be committed and compelling witnesses.

This second publication of the Diocesan Bulletin (we are still looking for a more poetic name), as well as those that will follow, communicates the presence and the action of the

Lord among us.

All of this to inspire and illuminate our personal, family, parish and worldly lives. Let us walk together towards Him with hope and welcome Him with joy.

Archbishop Albert

A New Name

Thank you to all who took the time to write and suggest names for this Bulletin. We received so many entries that the committee is facing quite a challenge.

This is why we are still reviewing. Our New Year resolution is to offer a January issue with a brand new name.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) held its first meeting on November 20th



The members of the DPC represent the faithful from across the diocese. Their task is to bring forward concerns, realities and needs from their parish as well those of the diocese as a whole, to the attention of the Archbishop.

Front row (l to r): Michelle Prieur; Ashley Walus; Shirley Scaletta; Archbishop Albert LeGatt; Lorraine Smith; Michelle Rheault; Claudette Savard; Thérèse Dorge. **Centre Row** (l to r): Lisa Johnston; Cyril Giroux; Kathy Woodbeck; Eileen Jones; Evelyn Pierret, f.d.l.c.; Marguerite Mulaire, s.n.j.m.; Norma Richard; Maryse Chartier; Claudette Warnke; Yvonne Massicotte, s.n.j.m.; Fr. Carl Tarnopolski; Ray Berthelette; Julien Fradette. **Back Row** (l to r): Bill Woodbeck; Jeannine Vermette, s.n.j.m.; Fr. Jean-Louis Rocan; Eugène Prieur; Raymond Mangin; Larry Kustra; Leon Verhaeghe; Paco Fernandez.

Members missing from photo: Erika Fernandez; Gisèle Maynard; Garry Swampy; Susie Swampy.

Diocesan Safe Environment Protocol

Earlier this year, priests and personnel from our parishes met to learn about a diocesan initiative designed to protect all children, youth and vulnerable adults from any form of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct. The protocol, *Working Together for a Safe and Respectful Church Environment* outlines

- who might require protection,
- how to ensure their protection and
- specific and timely guidelines to follow should any allegations of misconduct occur

A **Parish Safe Environment Coordinator** is to be appointed in each parish to ensure that the Diocesan Protocol is understood and being implemented.

The **Diocesan Advisory Committee** wrote the Protocol and is responsible for its application in the diocese. Any allegations of abuse are to be reported to the Bishop's Delegate, Mr. Jean-Maurice Lemoine, by e-mail at protocol@archsaintboniface.ca or by phone at 257-2572. To read the Protocol, consult the diocesan Website www.archsaintboniface.ca and select the "Protocol" icon in the menu on the left.

Meet...

**Agata
Dziegielewska-Johns**



She is the person with the bright smile who welcomes you when you come to the Pastoral Centre. She is the person you reach when you email secretariat@archsaintboniface.ca. She is responsible for the *Weekly News* and the *Resource Library*. Until recently, she worked for *Nathanael*.

Agata emigrated from Poland, where she studied French, 10 years ago. She is married and the mother of two young children. She's been with the Pastoral Centre for two years.

NET Ministries in Steinbach

Six young people arrived at Christ Our Saviour Parish at the beginning of October to stay until May. They have come to build a strong foundation for youth ministry in Steinbach as they "set our youth on fire for Christ". In a few words: the NET (*National Evangelization Teams*) team will proclaim, invite, form and equip young people.

We want to encourage all parishes to reach out to their youth this way. To find out about NET and how to have a team in your parish: www.netcanada.ca/. To hear about the impact of the initiative in Steinbach, contact:

Maureen Thompson <reeni@mymts.net>

A Weekend to Reconnect: Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Denis and Lyse Bisson, parishioners at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Church, have been married for 43 years. They attended the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend November 5 - 7.

What did you expect from the weekend?

Denis: We wanted to reconnect, to become closer as a couple and to see if we could improve and enrich our marriage.

What did you get out of the experience?

Lyse: The three couples and the priest who presented shared simple and honest testimonies.

Denis: The most important was that we learned how to dialogue; it is not easy, but it is very enriching. Gradually, we were able to talk together about things that we had never dreamed of sharing.

What would you tell other couples about Marriage Encounter?

Lyse: To not be afraid to go. It's really just for ordinary couples, with all the regular ups and downs of any marriage. The couples on our weekend were of different ages and came from far and wide (rural and urban areas).

Denis: After this very full weekend, we feel a great satisfaction and a new openness towards each other.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter will take place March 11-13, 2011.

For information: Ken and Bernice Marling at (204) 275-7222 or kmarling@shaw.ca.

Missioning in the Mountain Deanery

On Wednesday, October 20, we had the pleasure of attending the bilingual Eucharistic Celebration and Missioning of French and English Catechists of the Mountain Deanery at Notre-Dame-de-la-Nativité Church in Somerset, presided by His Grace Archbishop Albert LeGatt.

The seven Priests ministering in our Deanery celebrated the Mass and were commissioned as Catechists along with several other lay Catechists. Following the sending forth, we shared a time of fellowship, meeting and greeting one another.

Denise Walley, Somerset

Did You Know That...

- the *Bulletin* is published in both official languages?
- you may contact me in either official language?

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