

NEW VISION

The Church of Saint Boniface

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Message From Our Archbishop

Dear Friends,

A name for our diocesan bulletin! Selecting a name for a child is always a very important choice for parents and in many cultures, there are very significant rites associated with the naming of a child, thereby introducing that child to the community.

Consequently, after having requested suggestions, we have chosen the

name that will from now on grace our monthly bulletin of news of the life and events of our diocese.

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The Church of Saint Boniface is all of us, the baptized. The word **church** comes from the Greek **ecclesia** meaning first of all the assembly, the people. People of God, Body of Christ, Temple of the Spirit on this land of Manitoba: this is our primary and common identity.

And in this Church of Saint Boniface, the Holy Spirit is working. We need to have a new vision, always renewed.

We need to recognize the action of the Spirit, to celebrate it and to become engaged in it by encouraging each other.

That is the name and the mission of this newborn.

Archbishop Albert

A New Name

Welcome to **NEW VISION**. You have named it, this is now **YOUR** bulletin.

Enjoy reading news and events. Better yet: tell us what is happening in your area so we can share the good news with all our readers.

Scripture Studies

The last session of Scripture Studies will start this coming February. This series of study sessions, presented by Brother Camille Légaré, c.s.v., started in October 2006. Two sessions have been presented each year since, each session offered both in French and in English at the Pastoral Centre. The study of *Psalms* took place before Christmas 2010 and the series closes with the study of the *Book of Revelations*. (The schedule will be available shortly at <http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/index.php>).

Brother Camille is a highly qualified facilitator for these sessions, having himself taken a special interest in the Bible, leading him to pursue

personal studies in Lille, France and at the Bat Kol Institute in Jerusalem, in order to gain a better understanding of the Jewish interpretation. He has since shared his deep love for the Bible with enthusiasm and zest with the hundreds of people, young and less



young, laity, religious and priests who have participated in the sessions since their inception.

Always inclined to share his knowledge, so that Scripture may be known and loved, and enrich the spiritual life of the members of the Church of Saint Boniface, Brother Camille is already thinking about another series of sessions, perhaps an introduction to the Old and the New Testaments, as well as on new themes. Moreover, he is considering offering some of these sessions in rural areas, if requested.

We wait with baited breath for more information.

You may contact Brother Camille at clegare@mymts.net

*In the name of Christ,
open pathways to the Gospel*

World Mission Sunday 2010

World Youth Day

The 26th World Youth Day (WYD) will be held this summer in Madrid from August 16 to 21. Nearly 50 young people between 18 to 30 years of age from our three dioceses are preparing to go as part of a group organized here in Saint Boniface. Their guides are Kurt Nugent of the Outreach Team from the Catholic School of Evangelization in St Malo and Erin Kinsella who is in charge of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg.

Since October, the pilgrims meet once a month for spiritual preparation, to learn about pilgrimages and to discover what they can expect at WYD. In May, they will attend a retreat. The send-off mass will be held on August 7th.

Once in Spain, they will participate in the Guadarrama Festival (Aug. 10-15), organized by the Chemin Neuf Community (<http://jeunes.chemin-neuf.org/index.php>) and visit Avila; they will engage in three days of reflection after the event. This pilgrimage costs each participant \$2700; many are currently fund-raising. Each participant also needs encouragement, prayers and support.

Visit the WYD site <http://www.madrid11.com/en>.
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Meet...

**Marie
Cormier Brunet**

Marie Cormier Brunet is the coordinator of *Marriage and Family Services* for the Archdiocese and the "*Service du mariage et de la famille du Manitoba*". She has been working in this part-time position since January 2008. Her role is to support and be a resource person for the Marriage Preparation teams in the diocese, to promote and offer Marriage Enrichment events and to be a contact person for parishes and couples.

With her husband André Brunet, she is a member of the Catholic rock band *Tuesday Bloom* and is also involved in music ministry at Holy Cross Parish. Marie is fluent in English, French and Spanish.

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Missionary Commissioning

"Have a lot of fun, go with open hearts and you will be blessed." With those words of encouragement, Archbishop LeGatt blessed the missionaries during the first commissioning in our diocese. The event, organized by Sister Pauline Lagassé, f.d.l.c., was held this past December 12th, in the Cathedral. They were preparing to leave for underdeveloped countries in the coming year.

In speaking to the assembly, the archbishop emphasized that our task is not to simply make Jesus known in those countries because we know that Jesus Christ is already there. But by our actions, our task is to help people discover the presence of Christ in their daily realities.

This is a road with two directions. First, go; bring the gift of life, hope, peace, justice and share the love of Christ to bring Life. Then, let those you enter in relationship with evangelize you by their culture, poverty, suffering and joys and come back transformed by the experience and ready to give back to your Church and your communities.

Six groups leave this year:

- Students from Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface went to Mali to plant trees in December, under the leadership of Sister Norma McDonald.

- Students from Collège Louis-Riel are currently in Dominican Republic to build homes with Marie-Christine Dauriac.

- Adults from several parishes south of Winnipeg will go to Peru to build an orphanage. The *Red River Mission*, with Denis Robert, leaves in February. (See <http://rrmrr.blogspot.com/>)

- Students from Collège régional Gabrielle-Roy and École communautaire Réal-Bérard will be in Rwanda in March to work with youth. It is the third mission under the leadership of Mayur Raval.

- Father Gérard Dionne's recent retirement allows him to go to Laos, Cambodia and Thailand to assess projects already started and begin new ones. He will be away for several weeks.

- Students from several high schools will be in El Salvador in March with Dennis Kuzenko of St Alphonsus Parish. In June, students from St Mary's Academy will go, followed in July by a group from St Paul's High School. Among other things, they will work with youth and build a home. These will be the 5th, 6th and 7th youth missions. There have also been seven missions with adults. (See <http://www.stalphonsus.ca/es/index.html>)

All these missionaries, as well as the people they will encounter, need your prayers.

Did You Know That...

- Winnipeg is the only city in the world to have three archdioceses: Saint Boniface, Winnipeg and Ukrainian Catholic of Winnipeg.

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