

# NEW VISION

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## Message from Our Archbishop

Dear friends,

How time flies! It has already been two years since I was appointed Archbishop of Saint Boniface. In that time, I have often been asked: "So, how do you like it here?" And my ready answer has come to be: "I feel quite at home here."

Through visits to almost all of our parishes and missions and through many meetings and events, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you (and to desperately try to remember faces and names!) I have been much encouraged by your warm welcome, by all that is happening already in our archdiocese and by the active desire of so many to journey together into the future with hope and generosity. It is the faithfulness of the elderly, the persevering energy of those in the mid-years and the enthusiastic desire of young people that gives me much hope for my years ahead amongst you.

As we proceed with our planning for our pastoral goals and objectives for the next five years, we will be looking in particular at six areas:

- 1) faith education and spiritual formation at all ages;
- 2) renewed leadership and participation in lay ministry;
- 3) new evangelization and reaching out to invite others;
- 4) youth ministry and participation in our parishes;
- 5) enhanced ways of communicating with all the people of the diocese;
- 6) developing a spirituality and life of stewardship.



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In all of this, the essential is to develop relationships marked by charity and openness, by mutual concern and mutual aid as we strive to be the Body of Christ together. And, as I've remarked, I have already experienced this through so many people and in so many ways that indeed I am truly at home in the Archdiocese (even though, I admit, I still cheer occasionally for the Roughriders!).

May God continue to bless our journey together.

**Archbishop Albert**

## Youth Spiritual Experiences

Several youth from Saint Boniface and Winnipeg Archdioceses went to *World Youth Day* (WYD) in Madrid, Spain. <http://www.madrid11.com/en>

"I attended WYD for the first time. It was an awesome and challenging experience that I'll never forget. I don't think I've ever seen so many people in one place... especially so many Catholics! I was very blessed to be able to witness several people's lives being completely transformed by Christ. It was truly an inspiring experience that renewed my Faith. Praise God for all the work that He is doing in our church TODAY! I really enjoyed my experience and hope to attend many future World Youth Days."

*Jolene Gervais, 19. Holy Family*

Locally, *Saint Malo Catholic Summer Camps* offer programs for youth ages 5-17 in both French and English. <http://www.catholicway.info/>

"Being able to go to Saint Malo was a great experience. I

continue to share the love Jesus taught us and learn more about my faith. Some ways we learned about our faith was singing praise and worship, going to reconciliation and hearing the counsellor's testimonies. I also liked canoeing. I had a wonderful time and look forward to future camps."

*Rachel Johnston, 12. St Alphonsus*

A group of students from St. Paul's High School and one from St. Mary's Academy went to El Salvador in July for two weeks each to work in a small village.

"Today, I really got a sense of belonging. I played with the kids, chasing them, goofing off with them. I was able to see that race or skin-colour do not matter. Everyone is similarly affected by love and we do receive a lot of love from being involved. I wondered how they can be happy but live in poverty. Those two things do not come to mind together. If I had to guess, I would say that it is their faith and their love of God... It also confirms my choice to be here, to help and being part of this adventure. I see how the love of God affects us all."

*Alexis Thibodeau, 17. St. Paul's High School*

## Did You Know That...

...Archbishop LeGatt's Calendar is available at the beginning of each month at [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)

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## Manitoba's Passion Play

July 8-10, 2011 marked the 12th year that Manitoba's Passion Play has to come to life in the outdoor setting, on a hillside in La Rivière. It burst forth with a breath of new life this year as a grant and several private contributions allowed construction of a new set.



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The script was rewritten and new scenes such as the early life of Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount were added.

A live orchestra was providing the musical setting. This volunteer effort brought 1500 viewers to the performances. A new Stations of the Cross will be installed on the existing meditation trail that leads up the hill towards the audience area. The set of painted tableaux were blessed by Father Ryszard Machura of Saint John the Evangelist parish in Morden and put in place by the Langevin Council of the Knights of Columbus of Somerset.

Prior to the Sunday's performance, His Grace Archbishop LeGatt celebrated the outdoor Mass. His homily was a beautiful reflection on the seeds of faith. He stayed on to enjoy the evening's performance. Planning for Manitoba's Passion Play is already under way for July 2012.

For more information visit <http://www.passionplay.ca/>

**Belita Sanders, Manitou**

## New at the Resource Library

### Books

Beauchemin, Annie. *Brother André - A Catechesis intended for Adolescents*.

An introduction to Brother André as a witness of the Christian faith. Issues for discussion include: what are the different qualities necessary for welcoming others? What are the prejudices? How can Br. André be an example for me today? What does the unconditional welcoming of others and the giving of self imply?

Gallagher, Rosemary. *Your Baby's Baptism*.

This booklet deals with 4 aspects: Why baptism?, Planning you baby's baptism service, Early days of family life and Questions people ask.

### CD-ROMs and DVDs

*John XXIII: the Pope of Peace*. DVD.

An inspiring feature film on Blessed Pope John XXIII, the beloved pontiff who came from common stock and was known for his simplicity, goodness, courage and love for humanity.

For other new acquisitions, visit

<http://www.archsaintboniface.ca>.

## Meet...Léonce Aubin – Chancellor

Father Léonce is Chancellor of the archdiocese since 1999. The main function of this administrative position is to ensure that the official papers of the diocese be written according to Canon Law, or the law of the Church. The chancellor also sees that these documents, as well as all reports from the parishes are archived at the Archbishop's House. Father Léonce sits on several committees and works at the discretion of the Bishop.



Prior to this, Father Léonce has been pastor in many parishes of the diocese and he presently serves at Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption parish in Transcona.

## Stewardship:

### Salt of the Earth...

### Light of the World (Mt 5:13-14)

Do you hear the call? Each and every one of us is gifted with a variety of talents for a reason. God's great plan is to enable us to discover how we are gifted and to allow us to put to good use those talents generously given to us. God is calling us to be Church.

Stewardship is rooted in the teachings and life of Christ. Remember the parable of the talents? (Mt 25:14-30) One was given one talent and another five, but the expectation was that each

recipient give back the same as was received. We are blessed with talents not to keep to ourselves or for our own enrichment, but to share with our community. This is how we are more fully going to experience the joy of our faith and God's presence amongst us. It is a vital part in completing the Body of Christ.

We are called to become vulnerable and place ourselves at the service of others that they too may come to experience and recognize Christ. We can do this in our parishes, by sharing our faith with children in the catechetical program, by leading the congregation to praise God in song,

by serving others as a member of a Catholic organization. Others may be called to work in the inner city with the poor or by doing humanitarian work. In sharing the time, talent and treasure that God has blessed us with we are endlessly rewarded; this is God's promise to us through His Son.

An exceptional opportunity to learn more about **stewardship** will take place Oct 28-30 right here in Winnipeg with the *Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference*. Consider this an invitation from Archbishop LeGatt to attend it. Contact your parish office for information.