

NEW VISION

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Message from Our Archbishop

Dear friends,

By now, you have begun the several changes in our actions and postures during the Mass according to the renewed implementation of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. On Sunday, November 27th, we will begin using, along with all of the countries of the English-speaking world, the newly revised translation of the text (the words) we pray at the Eucharist.

Many workshops have been held throughout the diocese to explain the "what and why" of these changes. These workshops have been very well attended, in fact so much so that we had to set up several additional ones. This speaks to the desire of many people to understand more fully the

celebration of the Eucharist so as to participate more fully, consciously and actively in what is the source and summit of our faith – the Sunday Eucharist.

I am really heartened by this thirst to know more so as to celebrate and live out the Eucharist ever more richly. And so, even beyond the date of implementation of the new missal, we will continue to offer opportunities for people at the parish and regional level to become more knowledgeable of and more open to the mystery of Christ's presence and Christ's action in the Eucharist.

As we do so, I pray that the real fruit of the Eucharist will come about more fully – our communion with one another through our communion with Christ. This unity is before anything a unity of love,

of charity, of service and of prayer. Our Sunday Mass should always send us out nourished and strengthened to live out our common life in Christ. In the world, we are His Body.



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An external sign of this unity even within our celebration of the Mass is our uniform words, actions and postures. Doing the same actions and speaking the same words together both expresses our communion and builds up that communion in Christ. Therefore, in closing, I invite you all to embrace, as you can, the changes and so grow together in our communion with one another in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.

Archbishop Albert

Partners in New Evangelization

Sister Theresa Rickard, o.p. of New York led a day and a half workshop on New Evangelization at the recent General Assembly of Priests. Many religious, deacons and engaged people at the parish and diocesan level also participated on October 25-26.

In her presentation, Sr Terry started by reminding us that before Vatican II, the Church served those who belonged to it but that from now on, we must go towards those who are not members or who have fallen away. The in-depth success of New Evangelization requires first and foremost a personal conversion to the person of Jesus Christ. Then, as Pope Paul VI said, we can bring the Good News in all areas of society.

This new and different approach involves the full commitment and participation of all in the Christian community. It is our engagement for

Christ and with Him that inspires us and reaches the essential, rather than our action, as engaged at it may be. Indeed, how can we light a fire without carrying that fire in us? That first!

It is only in a conscious effort of turning towards Christ that we can develop the means and techniques adapted to our times and arrive at the New Evangelization.

Camille Légaré csv

Table for Two

The Marriage and Family Services of the diocese offered "Table for Two", an event for married couples, on October 14th. 25 couples attended, including newlyweds Jordan and Sarah McQuaid.

What makes an evening more remarkable than elegant surroundings, a delectable meal and scintillating conversation? It's love.

And love is how my wife and I found our way to *Table for Two*. We love each other, which is fantastic, right!?

The evening came and we, formally attired, were greeted, seated at our table and left to ourselves but for the courteous and prompt serving of wine and punch. The food was excellent, both pleasing to the palate and the eye. Dessert ... cheesecake ... what more can I say.

We heard about the joys and trials of a couple, who spoke about how God moves and shapes their life and love. *Table for Two* instilled in us a desire to do more as a couple. It was a reminder that even though love is to be shared and celebrated in our families and with our friends, as married couples we need to focus anew on loving our spouses the way God intended. Sometimes as a couple ...we just need a table for two.

Jordan McQuaid, St. Bernadette

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The First Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass was held on Sunday, October 30 at the Saint Boniface Cathedral. 85 couples attended, celebrating 25 to 65 years of marriage (in five-year intervals). Each couple received a certificate signed by Archbishop LeGatt, an anniversary prayer card and a red rose to recognize their years of marriage.

"Married love is indeed a gift" said LeGatt in his homily, "A gift to each other and a gift to the Church. Over the years you have had many occasions to think about the significance, the depth of what you were saying as you promised your love."

He added: "In many, many ways you have brought so many gifts to each other and perhaps especially the gift of helping each other to know what love looks like, sounds like, feels like. You helped each other to grow and be more free to love, more courageous, more generous in your love."

After the homily, couples were invited to participate in the renewal of their marriage vows. A reception followed. The faithful of the diocese can look forward to the next Wedding Anniversary Celebration in October of 2012.

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Stewardship Conference

The path to real financial freedom is to first share, then save and then spend, says Dan Potvin, Director of Stewardship and Development for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. "We are told everyday to spend our way to financial freedom but you can't spend your way to the kind of financial freedom I'm talking about." He quotes Pope John Paul II: "It's not wrong to live better, it's wrong to spend a lifetime with that as your goal."

Potvin was speaking at the *Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference* in Winnipeg Oct. 28-30. The conference was unique in that it was co-sponsored by three Archdioceses: Winnipeg, Saint Boniface and Ukrainian Catholic.

The conference attracted attendees from throughout Western Canada, including 40 from parishes of Saint Boniface Archdiocese. Many praised the event for its diverse offerings and the challenges it put forth.

For Michelle Bourgeois of Saint Eugène, the conference was "more than what I expected... I met wonderful people willing to share what happens in their parishes." Claudette Savard, from Cathedral Parish, wrote: "...thank you for the conference ... it tired me physically but energized my soul... it touched the core of my being a Catholic."

This fourth biennial conference featured a few firsts: a daylong track of four sessions in French and four sessions specifically directed at youth and young adults.

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Celebration in Richer



On Sunday, October 23, Archbishop LeGatt celebrated the Eucharist in *Enfant-Jésus Church* in Richer. Father Rick Ginther of Indianapolis co-celebrated.

Following the Mass, Archbishop LeGatt led the procession to the cemetery for the unveiling of a monument dedicated to Pierre Michaud, who in 1903, donated the 17 acres of land where the church stands today.

The first chapel in Richer was erected in 1904, and the site designated as a parish. The last Mass was celebrated in 1995. In 2007, a committee was formed to begin renovating the church and the cemetery. Thanks to volunteers, fund-raising projects and grants obtained, the *Enfant-Jésus Heritage Site Corporation* completed renovations to the entire roof of the church at a cost of \$140,000, as well as various other projects.

This special Mass of Thanksgiving recognized all of the support and encouragement from family, friends, community members and local businesses.

See: <http://www.rc.net/canada/stboniface/enfant-jesus>

Based on information from **Patricia Gendreau**

Tuesday Bloom in Concert

On Friday October 21st St-Claude Church was the venue of a prayerful concert with *Tuesday Bloom*, a Catholic rock band from Winnipeg. Classically-trained Sylvie Dion from St-Claude opened for the band with a set of five beautiful songs.

Both groups complemented each other in style, as the simplicity of Sylvie's pieces contrasted with the unique layering of rhythms and tones of the multi-talented *Tuesday Bloom*.

The group impressed the crowd by performing some old songs in new styles from serenely prayerful to upbeat Latino.

This band continues to deliver its Christian message with style and enthusiasm. It was announced at the concert that this was the band's second last performance.

Miranda Hutlet, Holy Family Parish