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Awaken the Sacred



Denise Walley carries the candle for Holland

On September 30th, members of leadership teams from 49 parishes gathered at the Cathedral for a Liturgy of the Word celebration to launch *ARISE Together in Christ*. They answered the call of Christ to come together in small communities to receive the Word of God and share their faith experience with each other.

Archbishop LeGatt welcomed the participants gratefully for their response to Christ's invitation to grow spiritually and strengthen their parish communities. He acknowledged all the prayer, hard work and preparation that brought all to this joyful celebration.

Liturgical dancers and drummers from the African parish St. Kizito, processed the Book of the Gospels. In his bilingual homily, Archbishop LeGatt stressed the power of words. He emphasized that powerful words bear human truths, bringing meaning to life. He went on to explain that "we use our human words and actions to share Christ with others in our daily lives; the richness of our experience of Jesus depends on our response to Him! As we become more intimate with Jesus Christ, our words and actions invite others to have strength and courage to walk in His light."

The celebration ended when parish representatives each carried a candle in procession. This candle was lit from the Paschal Candle and will in turn be used for the first lighting of the candles in each small group in all of the parishes when *ARISE* begins in mid-October.

In closing, Archbishop LeGatt thanked all of those involved in the leadership of *ARISE* who courageously stood up to spread the truth, hope and peace throughout the diocese.

A barbecue followed on the Cathedral grounds.

Lynda Pisa

St. Alphonsus

ARISE
Together in Christ

Our Archbishop's Message



Dear Friends

From the 7th to the 28th of October 2012, the *Synod on New Evangelization* was held in Rome. Every Bishops' conference from around the world sends representatives to this gathering convoked by Pope Benedict XVI as an act of collegiality. Together these bishops, with the Holy Father present, will discuss the permanent mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel, to announce that in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, God offers true salvation to all humanity. However, they will also discuss the practical pastoral ways to do so in our world today often marked by indifference to all things religious and by an individualized and relativized sense of truth and value.

Doing so, they take up once again the great thrust that brought forth the Second Vatican Council. Pope John XXIII's dream was to bring reform to the Church so as to enable it to proclaim the abiding truths of

our Catholic faith in a spirit of openness to a changing modern world marked by both lights and shadows.

Appropriately within the first week of the Synod, Pope Benedict formally inaugurated the *Year of the Faith* on October 11, 2012. This date marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the first session of Vatican II and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church (issued as a synthesis or summary of the Catholic faith). It is to be a year whereby, growing in our knowledge of the Catholic faith, we come to all grow in what is the core of our faith: our personal encounter with Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Saviour.

And on the home front? Here in our archdiocese we have launched the RENEW experience of *ARISE together in Christ* as one way, among

others, of responding to the thirst of people to grow in understanding what the Catholic faith teaches and what we are invited to live as Catholic Christians, followers of Jesus Christ in our world at this time.

I believe it is though the experience, made easier in a small-group setting, of being attentive to the scriptures and of sharing with others our personal life experience and questions and insights that we grow in relationship to Christ in a meaningful way.

Please pray for the spiritual and pastoral success of the *Synod on New Evangelization*, of the *Year of the Faith*, of the celebration of the anniversaries of Vatican II and the Catechism, and of the many efforts, including RENEW, to come to know the love and ways of God in Jesus in a personal way.

Archbishop Albert

Leadership Training

On Sunday September 16, parish team leaders, small group leaders and pastors from the Mountain Pastoral Region gathered for a training session in St. Leon. Sister Marie Cooper, SJC, of 'RENEW International' explained the why and how of *ARISE Together in Christ*. This included discussion and perusing the booklets "Sowing Seeds" and "Season One: Encountering Christ Today".

The highlight of the afternoon was a demonstration by several participants of how a small faith commu-

nity meeting would unfold. That was enlightening and powerful, providing clarification and confidence. I was struck by the depth and insight of the participants' comments.

We do not often discuss our faith with others, but in this context, we will have a very powerful way of deepening our own experiences and learning from each other. I look forward to our gatherings in small faith communities.

Annette Young
Holland Catholic Centre



Archbishop LeGatt and Bishop Damphousse at the ordination of the latter on September 2nd, in Alexandria.

The Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo celebrated 20 years with a special Mass with Archbishop LeGatt on October 14. 'The Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE) Inc. is a lay ministry focused on living the Gospel in community and proclaiming it through the ministry of evangelization.' <http://www.catholicway.info/>



Vincent Jeanson, Justin Jeanson, Rhéal Chartier, Deacon Gilles Urquhart, Archbishop Albert LeGatt, Father John Kracher, SM, Reverends Dominic La Fleur & Édouard Banville.

Mission Workshop 2012

On Saturday September 22nd, about twenty people answered the call of the *Diocesan Commission on Missions* to participate in a Mission Workshop to: pray together; find out about the missionary projects that happened in the last year in Third-World and developing countries; find out about the seven missionary / humanitarian projects that the commission supports and encourages parishes to adopt on the long or short term; prepare the launch of the World Mission Day 2012 on Sunday October 21st; explain the new fundraising method for Missions and display materials prepared by the national office of the *Pontifical Mission Societies* for October, the month of Missions. Each parish received a copy of this comprehensive kit.

The *Commission* will share information about the projects to each parish not represented at the workshop.

It will also send shortly a list of missions currently in the planning stage. Any interested person can contact Denis Robert at 204 470 3340 or lesserre@mymts.net for more information.

***Each of us can be a missionary.
It is an attitude that permeates
our daily life.***

The seven humanitarian projects offer a variety of possibilities to respond to the needs of the faithful to participate in a meaningful way, according to their interest and their means.

- Potable water well on the island of Ukwere in Tanzania, Africa.
- *Clericos San Viator*, Collique, Lima, Peru. Technology project.
- *Chalice*. Mentoring program with special projects in 26 different

countries and opportunities to participate in mission work.

- *La barque de Pierre* (Peter's Boat). Support to seminarians in Third-world countries. This year's focus is on Laos.
- *Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos* (Our Little Brothers and Sisters) A group of orphanages in Latin America. Mentoring and missioning opportunities.
- *ADESIO*. A non-profit group to promote the economic development in the San José de Ocoa province in Dominican Republic.
- *Holy Childhood*: a missionary program for children.

The Commission encourages each parish to identify two lay representatives as contacts. Please send their names to Denis Robert, president, at 204 470-3340 or lesserre@mymts.net



Father Luis Melo At the Vatican

Rev. Luis M. Melo, SM, Director of the *Office of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs* for the Archdiocese, has been appointed to the *Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity* (PCPCU) at the Vatican. He will reside in Rome.

He will be representing the Catholic Church at the *World Council of Churches* and at the *Global Christian*

Forum. He will coordinate an international dialogue, the *Joint Working Group*, in which he participated for the last seven years and serve as contact person for ecumenical relations with several groups, including student movements and conferences of bishops in Anglophone and Francophone Africa.

"I am happy to have been called to this responsibility and look forward to contributing to the ongoing work of rapprochement of Christians with a great team at the PCPCU. Although this is a new responsibility, there is a real sense of continuity with my former responsibilities in Saint Boniface" said Melo.

Fr. Luis holds a doctorate in ecumenical theology from the Pontifi-

cal University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome and has lectured at St. Paul's College, U of M. In 2002, he was asked to establish the *Office of Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs*, where he has provided much leadership to local efforts in the promoting of Christian unity in Winnipeg.

He anticipates there will be much to learn in this challenging position and he will have to quickly become acquainted with processes of decision-making at the Vatican. He adds, "This ministry is challenging and not possible without faith, hope and love. We depend on strength beyond ourselves in this work, a strength rooted in the very life of God."

Meet



Philippe Le Quére

Philippe has been the Chancellor of the Archdiocese since August. 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 be archived at the Archbishop's House.

Philippe is also a deacon at the Cathedral Parish and he studies Canon Law through online courses at St. Paul University. He is the spouse of Yolande Banville; they have three children and one granddaughter. Before this new position, he was a customs officer.

Briefly

- We gratefully acknowledge the talent of Maria Cox, administrative assistant at St. Alphonsus, who created the new masthead for the title page of NEW VISION. Thank you.
- Pascale Dalcq, administrative assistant at Cathedral Parish, just published "*Et votre joie sera parfaite*" (And Your Joy Will Be Perfect), a testimony of life and hope. Copies are available for sale at the cathedral office and profits go to the *Renovation Project of the Cathedral*.
- This year we will publish approximately every six weeks. Our next edition will be distributed on December 15 and 16.

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