

# NEW VISION

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## Message from our Archbishop

### International Eucharistic Congress

Dear friends,

From the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2012, Dublin, Ireland, will host the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress, with the theme "*The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another*". Along with 25 pilgrims from the Archdioceses of Saint Boniface and Winnipeg, I will be attending this wonderful event. There will be about 950 other Canadian pilgrims joining the total of 20,000 people already registered for this week-long festival of prayer, liturgical celebrations, catechetical presentations, workshops, youth events, cultural events as well as Eucharistic adoration and a procession through the streets of Dublin. This event is all about highlighting the supreme importance of the Eucharist in the life of our Church.

I have already experienced two previous International Eucharistic Congresses, namely Guadalajara, Mexico in 2004 and Quebec in 2008 (they are held

every 4 years), with pilgrims from around the whole world. I know these gatherings are wonderful occasions to both grow in faith in the Eucharist and correspondingly to grow in a fuller participation in the celebration of the Eucharist and in a greater desire to show devotion towards Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Eucharist.

Upon our return, the pilgrims from here, myself included, will be sharing their experience and inviting all to always let the Eucharist be at the centre of their life of faith within the Catholic Church. More to come!

**Archbishop Albert**

For more information on the Congress:  
<http://www.iec2012.ie/>

## Mass in Nursing Homes

*Many elders in residences or nursing homes are unable to attend Sunday or weekday Mass outside of their homes. Several parishes are meeting their needs in a variety of ways, sometimes with the use of technologies. Often these encounters are shining examples of Ministry of Presence.*

### Vista Park Lodge

Every Saturday morning, volunteers from St. Timothy's Parish arrive for Mass, with materials from the Parish. They set up the Altar, accompany the residents to the assembly room and make them comfortable.

They celebrate Mass with them, singing the parts of the Mass and a couple of hymns.

It is a very rewarding ministry for the 15 volunteers who take turns. The residents are always appreciative and attend as often as they can. Father Daley always visits those who cannot make it to the assembly room and brings them communion or a special blessing.

### Dakota House

Every week, someone tapes the Sunday 9:00 am Mass at St. Timothy's and volunteers, on a rotating basis, take the taped Mass and the

Eucharist to the resident Catholics at Dakota House. Some of them stay for lunch with the residents and get to know them on a more social level. The residents truly appreciate our visits and are most grateful that they can attend Mass.

### Villa Youville

Every Sunday morning, the 9:15 mass in Ste. Anne church is broadcast simultaneously to Villa Youville. Residents come to the chapel with Communion Ministers who distribute communion at the same time as in the church.

For nearly two years already, we have been publishing monthly, the good news from around our archdiocese.

**NEW VISION** is growing: this is a new expanded edition with colour photos.

What do you think? Write to us, we would like to hear from you, our readers.

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## Why ARISE?

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface are invited to participate in a new faith experience, thanks to the program called *ARISE: Together in Christ*. Bishop Albert LeGatt explains the goal of this initiative.

“‘What the world needs are witnesses,’ said Pope Paul VI, as Bishop LeGatt reminds us. The ‘New Evangelization’ is an approach that incorporates this directive. It is indeed true. Our world has changed radically since the Second Vatican Council. The influence of secularization, relativism and individualism make many people think that God is no longer necessary”.

“In this context, the Church cannot hold on to its old approach, he continues. In the past people were obligated to believe in God, and catechism, theology and local retreats reflected this dictum. Things worked this way because families, schools and secular organizations reflected this style of believing. Today, this is no longer the case, and the Church is called to teach the faithful the “how” of living in the spirit of Jesus and the Church, working towards the fulfilment of God’s reign on earth.”

The initiative called “*ARISE: Together in Christ*” involves the formation of small groups of the faithful to share their belief. Would this not be an effective way to enable people to become

better witnesses of Christ?

“Small groups are the key to the new evangelization, affirms Bishop LeGatt. Members get together to hear the word of the Gospel, share their faith in the Church and their life experiences, encouraged to ask questions and affirm their faith. Sharing experience in this context will enable people to know the Lord better and see his guiding hand at work in the lives of others.

We will be invited to put our own lives in the perspective of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. It is through this process that we will witness faith which is relevant and strong and we will give testimonials that Jesus is alive!”

“People want the Church to have a deep meaning in their lives, continues Bishop LeGatt. They want God to respond to their soul’s

innermost needs. Motivated by the momentum of the small groups, the faithful will be able to experience Mass in a new way because the energy of large celebrations is an outcome of the energy of small group sharing, where witnessing has a profound impact on people. The Lord invites us to commit ourselves to a new evangelization. Let us be brave!”

**Daniel Bahuaud**

**Coordinator for Evangelization and Pastoral Renewal**



## Blessings Flow at Family Camp

Holy Redeemer Parish Family Camp Weekend took place May 4 – 6 at Red Rock Bible Camp in the Whiteshell. This has been an annual parish event since 1994. This year we welcomed 66 campers, the youngest being only three months old! Approximately half were parishioners from Holy Redeemer, including Br. Joseph, the others from parishes across Winnipeg.

Friday evening, campers enjoyed getting to know one another and settling into their cabins. On Saturday and Sunday morning, this year’s speaker, Dennis Kuzenko of St. Alphonsus Parish, facilitated sessions for the adults on the Catholic Church’s social justice teaching. He shared his experiences with Project El

Salvador, now in its tenth year. The message of the Beatitudes was interwoven into his presentation and gently challenged us to reflect and engage in a more Christ-like approach in our involvement with those less fortunate, both locally and internationally.

The children participated in age-appropriate crafts, games and other activities, with four young people who are very passionate about sharing their faith. Much free time allowed campers to enjoy canoeing, pedal boats, wall climbing, hiking and board games. Meals were prepared by the staff of the Camp and eating in community offered opportunities for fellowship with new and old friends.

We are thankful for God’s blessings during our weekend together. Family Camp 2013 is scheduled for May 3 – 5, 2013. All are welcome – families with children, couples, single people and friends! Please email [hrfamilycamp@gmail.com](mailto:hrfamilycamp@gmail.com) for more information or to register.

**Keri Zielinski, Holy Redeemer**

### Summer Break NEW VISION

will not be published this summer.

We will be back in September.

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send your news at**

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## Diocesan Gathering 2012

Nearly 250 people gathered on June 2nd at the Cathedral for a bilingual mass followed by a barbecue and a sing-along. The sun was shining and all seemed to have a good time. Archbishop Albert promises an even bigger event next year!



"tables were set up in the alley leading to the cathedral"



(1) "sing-along with Fathers Armand Le Gal, Marcel Damphousse and Robbie McDougall" (2) "everyone chatted while waiting to help themselves to the food" (3) "the Knights of Columbus did the cooking"

## The Cathedral: A Gathering Place

The fundraising campaign for the Cathedral was launched in April. Archbishop LeGatt spoke about the Diocesan Stream in his message of May. Mr. Gérald Labossière, co-chair, speaks to us this month about the vision for the Heritage Stream, which acknowledges the historical and cultural value of the Cathedral and the grounds where it stands, for Manitobans and visitors alike.

It is with infectious enthusiasm that Mr. Labossière speaks of the cathedral, its ancient walls and its cemetery as sacred grounds for contemplation, compassion and peace. It is an inclusive vision, not only for parishioners and the diocese but also for the whole urban community of Winnipeg.

In order to bring forward this initiative, a cabinet of 20 members was formed, with well-known and respected representatives from the community, who believe in this vision. They represent different cultures and faiths: Christian, Jewish, Muslim,

Hindu, but share the same values. The Holy Spirit's hand was at work because the timing was perfect to ensure the participation of these very busy people.

This unique group of people, all very involved in the community, chose to work with a Catholic Archbishop, around a Catholic Cathedral, because they see the importance of this Cathedral

as a gathering place for the people, a place where our communities can grow closer.

This project also presents an opportunity for reconciliation, to build bridges between various groups, to heal the wrongs of the past, to take concrete steps for the future.

Mr. Labossière tells us that already "the results have surpassed the objectives". Already, events are being planned, for example a major gathering of Scots and Métis is scheduled for July 14 to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers at the Forks. All are welcomed to this celebration.

## MEET...



### **Sophie Freynet-Agossa**

Sophie is the new coordinator of Marriage, Family and Respect for Life Services for the Archdiocese. As a resource person for the marriage preparation teams, the parishes and the families, she offers support, promotes and organises events for the enrichment of marriages and families while fostering a culture of life. She will start working full time in mid-September.

Meanwhile, she is mother to her son Emmanuel. Besides her area of work, she is interested in international development. She travels regularly to Africa, the native continent of her husband, Wilgis Agossa.



### **Daniel Bahuaud**

Coordinator for Evangelization and Pastoral renewal, Daniel will coordinate the implementation of *ARISE Together in Christ*, the project of *Pastoral and Spiritual Renewal* in the Archdiocese.

Daniel is well-known in the French community as a journalist at *La Liberté* since 1998. Before that, he taught in Français and Immersion schools. He holds a Master of Arts in French literature as well as a B.A. and a B.Ed. Daniel is a committed layperson. He is married to Michelle and the proud father of Gabrielle and Tristan..

## **Getting ready to launch ARISE**

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface are preparing for the successful launch of the first season of *ARISE: Together in Christ*, scheduled to begin in October.

At the end of April about 175 members of *ARISE* parish teams attended workshops lead by Sister Marie Cooper, one of the facilitators of Renew International, the American organization which began that initiative, whose aim is to facilitate small Christian communities. Since then, the parish teams are promoting and explaining the goals of the faith-sharing groups and, at the same time, are recruiting group leaders in the parish.

"We hope that *ARISE* will be a source of hope and dynamism in each parish, explains Gisèle Gratton, who is coordinating the St. Adolphe Parish team. We are well into our advertising campaign and we have begun the recruitment of small group leaders. That

is our focus now and we are looking forward to their formation in September." Sister Cooper, a member of the order of Saint Joseph de Cluny, supports this view: "The lay people are showing great enthusiasm and agree that parishes truly need such a program. I have seen much progress since *ARISE* was first presented in February. At the outset, people felt it was an enormous challenge, but their faith in Jesus and confidence in themselves has enabled them to proceed boldly."

"It is a great project, and quite intimidating, Gisèle Gratton confirms, but we are convinced that we will be able to transmit our fervour for Christ to our parishioners as well as to others, with a spirit of renewal. Indeed our team feels called to this endeavour."

**Daniel Bahuaud**

**Coordinator for Evangelization and Pastoral Renewal**

## **Nathanael Reflection**

*A similar article appeared in French, written by members of the "Bienheureux Jean-Paul II" group.*

I DO NOT advise anyone to undertake the Nathanael Formation Process if they are satisfied with the status quo – if they do not want to explore their own undiscovered country of faith and spirituality. 39 adventurers set out on our own mission of personal and spiritual discovery in September of 2009 – one of three groups of the 6<sup>th</sup> generation of Nathanaelites to do so. We met one weekend per month for 10 months of the year for almost 3 years.

For me the journey was at once everything and nothing that I expected. Along the way, we travellers amassed a mini-library of books and reading materials covering theology, liturgy, spirituality, human growth, scripture and ministry of presence. Apparently, as with most Nathanaelites, I had enlisted on this journey expecting to be primarily enriched by the theology program. However, as we travelled together I found the human growth aspect having an increasing impact on me. The revelation (pun intended) of

the historical-versus-biblical perspectives of the Old and New Testaments was most enlightening. Sharing hands-on participation as community in three prayer services each weekend broadened our experience further.

The Formation Team members fast became our companions and we soon found that we could ask them anything. Ironically, nothing seemed sacred! Any question posed, controversy tendered or idea proffered – were all squarely addressed. Those of us finishing the journey we started three years ago are not the same ones who embarked – reshaped through forthright exchange and communal experience.

We have become a unique family, reuniting enthusiastically at the beginning of each new session, and now, acknowledging our reluctance to finish this journey. What family is ever ready to breakup? It seems we have but started our mission of discovery and I suppose a final reflection might be "what comes next"?

**Randy Cameron**

**St. Paul the Apostle Nathanael Group**