

# NEW VISION

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### *A week in the life of... What does an Archbishop do?*

*Archbishop LeGatt spoke with the author on December 27<sup>th</sup>*

Q: Thank you on behalf of the readers of NEW VISION. In order to give us a context, how many parishes are there in the diocese?

A: About 95 where mass is celebrated all Sundays or almost all Sundays and where pastoral care is provided.

Q: It must be difficult to visit them all often.

A: I visit for confirmations, or for anniversaries such as a 100<sup>th</sup>. I'm also considering organizing Canonical Visitations, a formal pastoral visit from the bishop. To prepare for it, the PPC and the parish priest would reflect on what they want to share about the parish or about pastoral projects for the future. They may also bring up challenges, such as decreasing numbers of parishioners.

I am discerning how I could organize those Visitations so as to be of service to the parishes. Maybe visit one or two deaneries a year [nota: there are 7 in all] on a rotating basis? In any case, the purpose is to come to know the people, which also happens through confirmations and anniversaries, and to become familiar with the life and the culture of parishes.

Q: Does it take long to get to know a diocese?

A: Yes, and I will never finish. Through the *Council of Priests* or the *Diocesan Pastoral Council*, I already have a pretty good idea. However, Canonical Visitations would be more targeted. I'm trying to see how I could do that within my agenda. It's like everything else: you take the time for what is important.

Q: We know that bishops confirm young people and ordain priests, but in reading your calendar, we can see that it is much more. How do you divide your time?

A: The liturgical side, such as confirmations, anniversaries and other celebrations takes about 25% of my time.



*Archbishop LeGatt and Mr Bernard Quang, p.s.s., in Vietnam, during a recruiting visit*

Meetings with councils take about 15% and personal meetings with priests and laity another 15%.

I belong to organizations; locally (ex: *Catholic Health Sponsors of Manitoba*), nationally (ex: *Commission for Catechesis of the CCCB – English Sector*) and internationally (ex: delegate, *International Commission on English in the Liturgy*), which requires preparation and travel time. Along with meetings of bishops of Manitoba, of Western Canada and of all Canada, this probably takes another 15%.

Local administrative tasks such as meetings with personnel and committees add up to about 10%.

With my personal time, this makes up 100%.



*Sod turning ceremony for the new church in Morden*

Q: This is not an 8 to 5 job!

A: Oh no, but I try to keep one free evening and to reserve one day per week. I swim two to three times a week. I take the four weeks of holidays per year allotted to priests.

Q: What have you found most satisfying since your coming to Saint Boniface?

A: I see the energy generated by the consultations and the planning of projects. I appreciate the gift of self by all. I am encouraged by the response to the spiritual and pastoral renewal project.

When I visit parishes, I see hope, harmony, a desire to work together: the Gospel lives, the Church is alive.

Some examples:

- At the Christmas Eve Mass in the Vietnamese parish, there was a pageant presented by members of the 140-strong group of young people and their leaders. There is life there!
- The project of catechesis where adults journey in parallel to their children preparing for sacraments. Knowing that all French parishes in the diocese adopted this is heart-warming.

Q: Do you have a message for the faithful of the diocese?

## ***Pamphlet on the Protocol Released***

In February 2010, Archbishop LeGatt set up a diocesan committee to review, adapt and update an existing document: *"Together for a Safe and Respectful Church Environment"*. In September 2010, following many discussions and deliberations, the committee launched the updated document *"Protocol: Safe and Respectful Church Environment for the Protection of Vulnerable Youth and Adults"* in all parishes of the diocese.

A pamphlet has been prepared to help people understand



*Archbishop LeGatt celebrates Mass at Foyer Valade*

A: Our greatest offering to God, the one we make at the Eucharist with the offering of Christ, is our communion. The real offering to the Lord is not simply the total of the good actions and virtues of each individual but the unity and peace, the charity and justice that come out of that. When there is unity, the Spirit can work and accomplish great things.

My joy is always to see parishes alive and united. And where there are challenges, that we can figure out together how we can rectify things, how we can continue our effort to obtain this communion, this vitality.

I will pursue the Canonical Visitations project. The diocese exists solely for parishes; otherwise it is only a bureaucracy, an administration. The bishop is not a manager; he is a Shepherd and works with the flock, attentive to all the voices in that flock. He must be the instrument of Christ who builds and assembles His people.

*The Archbishop's monthly calendar may be downloaded at [www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/) Scroll down the middle column to find it.*

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the document and make it more accessible. It is being released in parishes and at the offices of the Archdiocese starting the first Sunday of February 2013.

You are also encouraged to visit the Archdiocese web site at [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca) where you can download and read the entire document. The tab for the *Protocol* is found in the left navigation bar.

***Jean-Maurice Lemoine***

***President, Diocesan Advisory Committee***



## ***Monastery: School to Progress in Faith***

Following Christ – as a commitment taken at Baptism – requires discipline, perseverance until the end, life-long. This is what Saint Benedict tells us of the monastery at the beginning of his Rule:

“...And so we are going to establish a school for the service of the Lord... if a certain strictness results from the dictates of equity [it is] for the amendment of vices or the preservation of charity; do not be at once dismayed and fly from the way of salvation... for as **we advance in the religious life and in faith**, our hearts expand and we run the way of God's commandments with unspeakable sweetness of love; persevering until death... we may by patience share in the sufferings of Christ and deserve to have a share also in His kingdom.”

Aren't our families, the schools, our parish already - also milieus to progress in faith and charity?



*Our Lady of the Prairies Monastery*

*These chronicles are published periodically in the Weekly News under the Rubric 'Monks in and for the Church'.*

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## ***A Weekend of Discovery...A Lifetime of Love***

***“Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12)***

Imagine a weekend where you can give yourselves and your community, as Eileen and Dave shared, “the greatest gift!” Imagine, as Sandra and Gerry affirmed, the gift of transforming “an OK marriage,” where they “did the day to day things,” to one that is “now full of enthusiasm.” Those comments come from couples who participated in an annual Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend.

Paulette and Doug add: “WWME gave us the communication tools we needed...to examine many ‘sensitive’ topics that are needed to be discussed in order to maintain a healthy relationship.”

The gatherings also filled Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser, o.m.i., WWME Team priest, “with a deeper appreciation of the sacraments of priesthood and matrimony,” presented in a Catholic faith expression.

The weekend is not a retreat or a marriage clinic. Pat and

John testified that for them it was an opportunity “to keep our love alive in our daily lives.” And for Rosemary and Tony, it was a deliberate reminder “to put ‘us’ as number one, only after God. “This is not always easy to do with six kids vying for attention...” Couples appreciate that the weekend is a private experience and there are no group discussions.

This year's weekend takes place February 22-24. For information, please contact:

Tony and Rosemary Van Rosmalen at (204) 895-9209 or [tony.vanrosmalen@gmail.com](mailto:tony.vanrosmalen@gmail.com)

*For those who cannot attend the upcoming weekend, a **Sweetheart Dance** will be held on Feb 16 at Mary, Mother of the Church. For more information, read the Weekly News or contact David and Eileen Jones at (204) 878-4572 or [eileenljones@hotmail.com](mailto:eileenljones@hotmail.com)*

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**On behalf of the WWME Team, Winnipeg**

## Nathanael Lay Formation To Resume in 2014

Since 1988, with Fr. Claude Blanchette as its first director, the *Nathanael Lay Formation Process* has had candidates in formation. The last generation of candidates completed its formation in June 2012. In the past, at the end of each generation, one full year was taken to reflect, to evaluate and to reorganize for the next group of candidates.

Under ordinary circumstances, a new group would begin their formation in September 2013. However, with the spiritual and pastoral renewal currently underway in the archdiocese, this time of reflection, evaluation and reorganization will extend over a two-year period and include consultations with a number of key people. Consultations are currently underway with all the pastors and deanery personnel as well as lay leadership groups, such as the *Diocesan Pastoral Council*. This process will continue with current and former members of the

Nathanael Formation Team and a cross-section of alumnae over the next six months.

Since it is recognized that many of the laity who would be candidates for Nathanael are involved in *ARISE Together in Christ*, which extends to the Fall of 2014, it has thereby been decided that the next group of Nathanael will begin in September 2014.

Following these consultations, Nathanael will establish its formation process for the years to come, as this process will continue to be an important component of formation for the laity of the Archdiocese. Candidates who have a strong desire and commitment to deepen their faith and who desire to more fully discover the meaning of discipleship and Christian leadership in the Church will be welcome to Nathanael in September 2014. Watch for further announcements in the months to come.

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## New Year Reception



On Sunday January 13, in the afternoon, Archbishop LeGatt held a New Year reception for the laity in the Parish Hall of the Cathedral

## Briefly...

- Do you read the **Weekly News Online**? For an overview of upcoming diocesan events and announcements, as well as reflections, visit [www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/)
- For a list of diocesan activities and events scheduled in 2013, consult regularly the **Diocesan Calendar**. It is found on the diocesan website, at the top right of the home page.
- Download previous editions of our bulletin. On the web site of the Archdiocese, in the left column, select **NEW VISION**.
- Sr. Marie Cooper, S.J.C., presenter for RENEW International, met with parish team members and small community leaders throughout the Archdiocese, to conduct training for the second season of **ARISE Together in Christ**. The next season takes place during Lent.

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