

NEW VISION

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Winter Camps Once Again A Success!



This year's St. Malo Winter Camps ran for five weekends, in January and February, from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. "At camp, we strive to be authentic disciples of Jesus Christ in a fun, nurturing and life-giving environment" (Mission Statement). With this goal in mind, the leaders of the camps realize the utmost importance of forming young people in their faith.

Each winter since 1994, the St. Malo Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE) has held youth camps. They are offered either in French, in English or bilingual. Since the founding of this ministry, thousands of children

have come through CSE's doors to attend the camp.

The camp offers several activities, including outside games, crafts, music, talks, Mass and reconciliation. The campers are encouraged to share and express their own creativity, talents and gifts. They come to be rejuvenated in their Catholic faith, to make healthy relationships and to have fun in a safe environment.

A 12-year old camper states: "Being able to go was a great experience. I continue to share the love Jesus taught us and learn more about my faith. I had a wonderful time and really look

forward to future camps".

Camps welcome youth of 8 to 17. The CSE also holds Summer camps at St. Malo and Day camp at Holy Family Parish in Winnipeg. For more information, visit www.catholicway.ca or call the office @ 204-347-5396.

**Madison Giesbrecht,
Camp Coordinator**

"Faith and charity can never be separated nor opposed to each other... Faith is knowing the truth and adhering to it; charity is 'walking' in the truth".

**Pope Benedict XVI
Message for Lent 2013**

Archbishop's Message

Together in Jesus Christ

Dear friends,

From all times, people have gathered to express and celebrate what unites them. Think of a Winnipeg Jets game or a rock star concert or a July 1st gathering at The Forks. Why should it be any different with the Church, with the People of God, united in Christ and in their common life in Him?

One of the five guiding principles of the Plan of Action for *The Spiritual and Pastoral Renewal for the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface* is to enhance our Catholic identity, to grow in our sense of communion with Christ and with one another. An excellent way to do this would be to have diocesan gatherings for both educational and celebratory reasons.

In the coming months, two such events are being planned in our Archdiocese: 1) An annual (hopefully!) diocesan gathering on May 31st and June 1st. This year, the special guest speaker will be Fr. Thomas Rosica, Founder/Director of *Salt + Light Television*. 2) An annual (again hopefully!) Archdiocesan Gala Evening on June 13th.

The first event is one for the whole

family. There will be opportunities to pray, to learn and to have fun – something for everyone. Come one, come all!

The Gala Evening on June 13th is an evening of fine dining, entertainment and dancing. This gala will be the first of what will become an annual event, with proceeds going to a diocesan initiative. This year's beneficiary is our Cathedral as we proceed with Phase Two of the 6 million dollar restoration and renovation project.

The First Phase, already completed and paid for, was for a 3 million dollar replacement of the roof cover and repairs to the foundations for water drainage, as well as repairs to the windows including the major upper stained glass window of the Risen Christ.

Phase Two will firstly see to the renovations of the downstairs hall, kitchen, meeting rooms and bathrooms, to better serve all gatherings, especially diocesan and parish events. Secondly, Phase Two will see to important renovations of the worship

space as well as ancillary spaces in the upper level that might be used to further develop our welcome of visitors and tourists.

The Archdiocesan Gala Evening provides an opportunity for people throughout the diocese to participate in supporting this restoration and renewal project of the Cathedral - our Mother Church. I invite parishes and individuals from across our whole archdiocese to consider supporting this project by attending the Gala; it will also be a fun occasion to gather and affirm our unity.

So please mark your calendars for both the May 31st and June 1st **Diocesan Gathering** and for the June 13th **Gala**. Further details will be forthcoming. I invite you to plan to be part of either or both of these events as we continue to build up the life of our diocese and parishes as a communion of faith and charity.

† **Archbishop Albert**



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The first Archdiocesan Gala Dinner

To be held on Thursday, June 13, 2013

Victoria Inn Centennial Ballroom

1808 Wellington Avenue

Cocktails at 5:30 pm

Four-course Dinner at 6:30 pm

Followed by an evening of live music and dancing by Nightfall

Tickets are available at 204-233-allô (2556) or at the Cathedral Parish Office, 190, avenue de la Cathédrale

(\$150 with a \$75 tax receipt)

You may reserve a table of 8 or 10

Dress Code: Formal/black tie optional

For more information call 233-allô (2556)

To sponsor this event, contact Julie Turenne-Maynard at 204-925-2321 or consultjtm@mymts.net.

Diocesan Gathering 2013

The Gathering of the Archdiocese will take place May 31 and June 1, with the theme *Called by Christ: Becoming Disciples of Christ*. The invited speaker is Father Thomas Rosica, csb, of *Salt + Light Television* <http://saltandlighttv.org/>

The evening of May 31 will be reserved for youth, with a time of praise and worship, a presentation by Fr. Rosica, activities and a concert.

On Saturday June 1st, times of praise and worship will be followed by conferences led by Fr. Rosica, in English and French, workshops for adults, activities for children and youth and displays. During the lunch hour, families will be able to relax at a carnival with inflatable bouncy games, clowns and various activities. The day will conclude with Sunday Mass followed by a barbecue and an evening concert.

Let us come to the Cathedral and answer Christ's call to better become his disciples. All events are free.

Diocesan Adult Faith Committee

For more information, visit the Website of the Archdiocese and look for the icons 'Gathering' and 'Gala'.



Sweetheart Dinner and Dance

The Sweetheart Dinner and Dance was held at Mary Mother of the Church Parish on February 16. It has been held in mid-February for a number of years. Originally a smaller evening, open to couples that had attended Marriage Encounter weekends, it grew in popularity and was opened to all married couples about five years ago.

This year, the sold-out crowd of 62 couples enjoyed soft mood lighting, pleasant dinner music and a lovely catered buffet. Wine was available for purchase. While there is no dress code, most people wore casual/formal.

Following the enjoyable dinner, the dance started off with a few waltzes, followed by a good mix of rock, more

waltzes and even a few polkas. The dance floor was filled immediately and continued so to midnight.

Door prizes were drawn at 10 pm. The cost for this romantic, fun evening was \$60.00 per couple, including the draw for door prize. Ticket prices are intended to just cover costs. The evening is a celebration of love and marriage, and community.

Next year's dance will be held the 2nd week of February 2014. Watch for information and ticket sales in October. Tickets will be limited to 60, so buy early. It is an evening not to be missed.

**Eileen and David Jones
for Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

How Many Missionaries Are Here Today?

The Catholic Schools Workshop on Social Justice was held on February 22 at the Pastoral Centre of Saint Boniface. 120 grades 6 to 11 students were in attendance. Archbishop LeGatt spoke about the rights of people to food and water and about living in solidarity.

Dennis Kuzenko, coordinator of *Project El Salvador*, described how the project is an example of missionary work abroad and its life-changing meaning for participants.

This annual workshop was organized by Brenda Chaput-Saltel of *Development and Peace*.



A Return To The Spirit of Who We Are

"Our message is that God was making all mankind his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends." 2 Cor 5:19

Returning to Spirit (RTS) is a non-profit organization, created by an Aboriginal man and a Sister who wanted to reconcile the first Nations and the Church faced with the heritage of residential schools. To achieve this, the process is lived in two steps: the 'return to the Spirit' and the reconciliation.

In February 2012, the reconcili**ACTION** group from Université de Saint-Boniface, lead by Sr. Norma McDonald, hosted the first step of *Returning to Spirit*. The five-day workshop transformed our lives! It was a spiritual deepening: a return to the spirit of who we are. We also learned, through a healthy process of communication, to reconcile with others. The ultimate goal was to live a reconciliation process with residents of residential schools and their descendants who suffered the repercussions.

On February 18 to 22, 2013, the reconcili**ACTION** group of Saint Boniface Archdiocese, with laity, a deacon, four priests and Archbishop James Weisgerber of the Winnipeg Archdiocese, as well as members of Hollow Water First Nations, participated in a reconciliation workshop held at St-Paul's College, University of Manitoba. This second step of the process of RTS helped us to enter in a profound reconciliation with others. This journey was such an unforgettable experience that it must be shared with all!

Both workshops were possible with the support of *The Winnipeg Foundation*. To participate in the reconciliation process offered by *Returning to Spirit*, visit www.returningtospirit.org. To learn more about reconcili**ACTION** contact Sr Norma McDonald at nmcdonald@ustboniface.ca.

**Janelle de Rocquigny
for the group réconcili**ACTION**,
Université de Saint-Boniface**

Father Gérard Dionne Back in Laos



A group of deaf-mute students during a field trip. We recognize at the back Father Gérard and a Sister who works with the youth.

The comings and goings of Father Gérard are described in his blog (French only).

<http://puitsaulaos.wordpress.com/>.

He visits the several projects that he sponsors in Laos with the help of many here in Manitoba; among others, a well, a decent access for the village road, a fence around the plot for the chapel.

He adds: "I was asked to pass on their thanks".

Lent—Penance Filled With Spiritual Joy

St. Benedict tells us in his Rule of life: "...everyone of his own will may offer God 'with joy of the Holy Spirit' something above the measure required of him... some food, drink, sleep... and with the joy of spiritual desire... look forward to Holy Easter."

He thus invites us to act better than during the rest of the year, with generosity but without exaggeration. Let us note that joy is not absent from this time of grace: joy of the Holy Spirit and 'in the joyous waiting for Easter'.

All effort of Lent must prepare us to enter in the mystery of the Passion, the Death of the Lord for a celebration made that much more joyous by His Resurrection at Easter.

Noël Delaquis, o.c.s.o.
Notre-Dame-des-Prairies Monastery
Holland

What Does God Require of Us?

As part of the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, the diocese organized an evening for youth and young adults. This awesome evening was held Thursday, January 24th at Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) Campus, on Shaftesbury Boulevard.

Several young Christians assembled to celebrate their Christian Unity in an evening of praise and worship. A specially prepared booklet guided participants to focus on fasting and feasting during the whole week.

The guest speaker was Father Maria Sebastian Susairaj of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Aboriginal Parish. Participants were united in fasting from January 20th to this celebration evening, which closed with a light shared meal.



Briefly... Did you know that NEW VISION is published in French as UN REGARD NEUF? English and French versions are identical.

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