

# NEW VISION

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## Music Retreat and Folk Fest



On August 16-18, 2013 the Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE) along with the youth ministry offices from Steinbach and St. Anne hosted the first MUSIC Retreat and Faith-Filled Folk Fest. This event came out of the desire to provide a retreat for those who are involved in music ministry – to give back to those who give of themselves to our parishes.

Matthew Gray, the Director of Music/Liturgy for Immaculate Parish in Owensboro, Kentucky, spoke to retreatants about his own experience in music ministry, the attitude of a music minister and how music and prayer go together. *Illuminate*, a

ministry focused on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, joined us for an evening of Adoration and music in the St. Malo Grotto. This evening touched both retreatants and presenters alike.

Sarah Farthing of Saskatoon, did a workshop on song writing, giving us pointers on how to build a song. Joseph Madden, of JOLT, shared about Leading Worship. All of the presenters shared from their wealth of experience and retreatants walked away with a greater understanding of the call to music ministry.

On Saturday night of the retreat there was a Faith-Filled Folk Fest with Joe Ordinary, Fox and Runner - two local musicians, as well

as Sarah Farthing. This was held at the beautiful outdoor venue of the St. Malo Grotto. It was a beautiful evening of music and a great way to wrap up the retreat.

Plans are on the way for next year's event. For more information or if you are interested in getting involved, please contact Anita at the Catholic School of Evangelization (204) 347-5396.

"One amazing high point of the retreat was the magical night at the grotto. It was the most beautiful thing on earth." – Natalia

**Anita Van der Aa,  
Director, CSE**

## Message from our Archbishop



Dear friends,

As we begin a new year of pastoral activities in our parishes and archdiocese, we pray that God will continue to richly bless our communities of faith with peace born of unity and with a strong desire to be a missionary Church, reaching out to all.

Near the end of our 2012-13 pastoral year, two celebrations marked these aspects of our common journey. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, we had our first Archdiocesan Gala evening with the net proceeds of \$102,838.00 going towards the Cathedral Renovation Project. Thank you to the over 360 people who attended and to the very generous corporate sponsors.

It was an enjoyable evening with good food, good wine and much

friendly visiting amongst all. Next year, the Gala will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the proceeds being divided between the Cathedral project and a social justice initiative yet to be determined.

We also had a very successful Diocesan Gathering on May 31<sup>st</sup> and on June 1<sup>st</sup> and were richly fed with the reflections of Fr. Thomas Rosica on evangelisation, on the Church today, and on the beginnings of the ministry of Pope Francis. This, along with workshops on various topics of interest, activities for the young people, two meals shared together, and fine musical entertainment, made for a very enjoyable and energizing event gathering around 500 people from all across the diocese.

Next year, the Diocesan Gathering will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and again will be an occasion to come together to be strengthened in our common faith and Church life. Thus renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can all grow together in the ways of being a Church of communion that knows how to invite all to come to Jesus Christ.

As we begin our pastoral efforts anew, let us join in common prayer for all of our parishes and for all the faithful of our diocese. May the Lord Jesus continue to lead us along the way to the Kingdom of God.

**† Archbishop Albert**

## A Taste of Cana

In this retreat house, near the river, our days followed the rhythm of order, tranquility and prayer. Peace permeated everything. I am left with a taste of this place that I would like to share with you. I like to think that when I speak of Cana, you think like me of the wedding to which Jesus and his mother were invited.

One of the missions of the *Chemin Neuf* Community is to offer couples retreats called Cana. This year, the Community organized its first retreat, held August 7-13. Its purpose was to enrich the journey of married couples. Like all living organisms, a couple's relationship needs to be

nurtured in order to grow.

What looked to be at first an adventure into the unknown quickly became an anticipation of the unexpected from God. Each day and each session cleared a space in us to welcome God in the forms under which he would present himself either as an image, a dream, a work, a phrase, a chant, in the slight whisper of the wind and who knows what else. The thirst was evident in the eyes and God was just there. He was there to offer Himself to whom-ever was ready to receive Him.

Yes, we were fed and enriched. Strengthened in our vocation as

married people, we left buoyed with hope that the best for our couple was yet to come. Better yet, our hearts are now filled with a new moral contract in which the other fully takes his/her place, in the home and in the heart of his or her spouse.

Couples came from near and far, representing not only cultural diversity but also worship diversity. It is in those differences that we developed relationships that will, we hope, be at the start of the first Cana Fraternity in Manitoba.

For more information, visit:  
[www.chemin-neuf.ca](http://www.chemin-neuf.ca)

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## Gala

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the first Archdiocesan Gala was held at the Victoria Inn. Hundreds of people attended the dinner and dance evening, in support of the Cathedral Renovation Project.



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## Blessing of the School Bags

A few years ago, Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish started the 'Beginning of the School Year Mass and the Blessing of School Bags' in order to place this special time for the beginning of the school and catechetical year under the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit, and to give a sacred meaning to our general and sacramental catechetics. Thus we bring the Lord on board, in our school bags.

During this family-oriented Mass, held this year on September 15, students proceed in the church with their school bags on their shoulders and lay them at the Altar. It is during this celebration

that the priest blesses these bags, symbols of the school year, as well as our efforts, joys, challenges and successes to come. He also blesses all school-age youth, catechised or not, their families, teachers, catechism teachers and all who devote their time to make God better known and loved.

The young people are able to participate actively in moments significant to them in this celebration: welcome, procession, universal prayer, serving at the Altar, offerings (Bible, school books, school bag, bread, wine, collection), homily shared as they sit at the foot of the Altar and sometimes the re-

creation of a scene from the Gospel. After the final blessing, all young people get an apple.

A send-off Mass for the catechists is celebrated on the Sunday when Catechism begins in October. All interested are welcome to attend these celebrations.

Any question may be directed to Jeanne Grégoire-Régner, Catechetics Coordinator at [jeannegr@shaw.ca](mailto:jeannegr@shaw.ca) OR Jacqueline Beaudette, Coordinator for Sacramental Preparation at [jacqueline.beaudette@yahoo.fr](mailto:jacqueline.beaudette@yahoo.fr)

## Centenary Celebration in Richer

On Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, families, friends and former parishioners gathered at Enfant-Jésus Church in Thibaultville (Richer) to celebrate the centenary of its founding.

Regular services have not been held in the church since 1995. Archbishop LeGat presided and Fr. Gabriel Lévesque concelebrated at the Eucharistic Celebration. Knights of Columbus from St. Anne and St. Boniface set up an honour guard in the church and later in the cemetery. Traditional hymns in French, English and Latin, led by Fr Robbie McDougall of *Adoramus Minstries*, filled the sacred space, recalling for many faithful precious moments from the past.

At the beginning of the celebration, four generations of the Nault family formed a procession carrying symbols

of our faith and history: a cross, symbol of peace; a slice of tree with years



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sculpted within; a bow saw, symbol of the work of men in the logging camps for construction wood from 1910-1913 and a plant, symbol of hope for the future.

After the celebration, Archbishop LeGat blessed two commemorative monuments in the cemetery, one for Fr. Jean-Baptiste Thibault (namesake of the place) and one for the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Hyacinthe who served in the village for 57 years. Each time, a short testimony was given.

In closing, a delicious banquet was served in the 'Young at Heart' hall, where guests shared stories of times past.

This special day was made possible thanks to the efforts of volunteers who faithfully gave their time and energy to the community and the support of Fr. Lévesque and Archbishop LeGat. Thanks to all!

Take a virtual tour at [www.rc.net/canada/stboniface/enfant-jesus/](http://www.rc.net/canada/stboniface/enfant-jesus/)

**Marcel Gauthier & Patricia Gendreau**

## Meet... The NEW VISION Team



### **Michelle Larose-Kuzenko**

Michelle is editor of NEW VISION. Originally from Québec, she has lived in Manitoba for 40 years. She was a teacher, then a consultant in Learning Technologies with Manitoba Education.

With her spouse Dennis, also a teacher, she took the Nathanaël Ministry Formation in 2004-7. She is a member of St. Alphonsus Parish where she is a music minister. Michelle and Dennis are the happy parents of Natasha and Nina and the enthusiastic grandparents of Max.



### **Denise Walley**

Denise does the page layout for NEW VISION.

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Holland, Manitoba, she attended school at the Bruxelles Convent and Notre Dame de Lourdes Collegiate followed by course work to become a Hair Stylist. After setting up business in Treherne, Denise met and married Glen; they raised four children: Raegen, Adam, Ainsley and Miranda. In 1997, she was accepted into the Nathanael program. An active parish volunteer for 34 years, Denise has been involved mainly in sacramental preparation and catechetics. Her proudest title to date is "Grandma", having four grandchildren.



On June 30<sup>th</sup>, St Martin of Tours Parish in Swan Lake marked its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop LeGatt. The original cross was blessed and a banquet was held at which the history of the parish was retold.



### **Norman Collette**

Norman does the page layout for UN REGARD NEUF. He brings a lot of experience with forty-five years in the printing industry.

He is a member of Précieux-Sang Parish. He is well known with the Knights of Columbus, as member and Past Grand Knight of Goulet Council. He served for several years on the State Board and was elected State Deputy for Manitoba from 1997-99. Norman is married to Thérèse, and is the proud father of Paul, Lionel and Natalie. They have eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



### **Pascale Dalcq**

Pascale is proof-reader of articles for UN REGARD NEUF.

Originally from Bruxelles, Belgium, Pascale has lived in Manitoba since 1995. She holds a Bachelor of Theology. She first worked for three years at Cathedral Parish in a Ministry of Presence for the Sick and the Elderly and conducted many workshops on the subject. She held a variety of positions at l'Arche Winnipeg for eight years. She is happily back at Cathedral Parish since 2009, in an administrative role.

Her passions? Reading, nature, history and languages...



### **Ed Labossière**

Ed is proof-reader of articles for NEW VISION.

He is a retired school teacher who is a member of St. Timothy's Parish. He lives in St. Vital with his wife Barbara, also a retired teacher. They have four children and nine grandchildren. They divide their time between the condo and the cottage and are enjoying city life after many years in the country.

### **Gabrielle Marion**

Gabrielle is the Pastoral Centre representative on the team. You can read about her in the September 2012 edition. [www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/nv/](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/english/nv/)