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## Catechumens and Candidates welcomed at Rite of Election



Catechumen Ma. Fatima Linag signs her name in the Book of the Elect at the Rite of Election on March 12 with her sponsor, Lily Canuto, supporting her. Linag, and the 43 other Catechumens who came from across the diocese for the celebration, is preparing for baptism at Easter. "God chooses each one of us," said Archbishop Weisgerber in his homily, "and calls each one of us by name. Baptism is the beginning of a new life with God, in the church."

The Calling of the Candidates, those who have been baptised in another faith and are seeking full Communion in the Catholic Church, also took place at the celebration. In total, there were 55 candidates present.

## Raising non-violent children: Catholic Schools Day speaker

Teachers and administrators from the Catholic schools in the Archdioceses of Winnipeg and St. Boniface gathered at the end of Catholic Schools Week, February 17th, for Catholic Schools Day. After a celebration of the Eucharist, Dr. Kathleen Chesto spoke on the topic "Raising Children in a Violent World".

Chesto used the destruction of the twin towers in New York on September 11th as a context for her presentation. After the attack, she said, she struggled with the idea that there is a danger in religiousness and at that time, she asked herself: "Can we trust religion again?"

"Morality is beyond a particularity of certain faiths," she said in an attempt to respond to the question. "It is rooted in all of us because we are human." The events of September 11th violated human laws in the name of God and, for Chesto, this is an issue of human morality just as much as it is one of national security. "We have to raise children whose human morality is so strong," she said, "that it is not undermined by authority." We

do this one child at a time. "The future rests," she said, "on each child that each of you teaches."

Chesto argues that violence is becoming the primary coping skill for children as young as kindergarten age. Using storytelling and experiences from her own life, Chesto described violence as a four-legged stool, arguing that two of the four legs have to be removed in order to change it.

The first leg in the stool is rushing. "When we are late, our actions become more violent," she said. "And we are fostering rushing in our children. We fill them up with stuff they have to do, over scheduling them." Chesto argues that we have raised busyness to the level of virtue. Part of changing this first leg is honouring our friends when they say they aren't able to make another commitment when we ask it of them.

Competition is the second leg. "We are not just in a rush," said Chesto, "we are in a rush to be number one."

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## Gimli-area parishes complete international project

The Social Outreach Committee of St. Michael's Parish, Gimli, together with its missions of St. Benedict's, Camp Morton, and Our Lady of the Lake, Winnipeg Beach, decided that their International Project for the year would consider the problem of Human Trafficking in the world. While studying the problem, they decided to try and make a small difference. Sr. Cathy Laviolette, the committee's leader, proposed a project in Kumbo, Cameroon, run by the Canadian CND Sisters and supported by Child Care International, a Catholic organization.

The project involves helping widows and their children with housing and education. In many cases, the husbands of these women have died of AIDS. The women are ostracized in their community because of the belief that they have given their husbands the disease. The children are very susceptible to trafficking, whether it be into slavery or prostitution. The goal of the Social Outreach Committee was to raise \$3000 to build a home and to educate one family.

In November of 2005, an informational evening on human trafficking was held at St. Michael's Parish, Gimli. A group from St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg performed the play "The Oldest Oppression", which had been written by former grade 11 students of the school. A discussion group was also part of the evening. Over \$1400.00 was raised. This evening was supported by the communities of Gimli, Camp Morton and Winnipeg Beach.

On February 4, 2006, parishioners from the three Churches attending 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's were greeted by the warm and inviting aroma of homemade chili and bread being prepared in the parish hall. After Mass everyone enjoyed the dinner. Herman Ahrens, an Associate of the Sisters of the Holy Names, also spoke about the general problem of human trafficking. Karen

Klisko, from the Social Outreach Committee spoke to the great need of the Kumbo, Cameroon Project. Fifty-Fifty tickets and a raffle added to the funds raised that evening. Those in attendance were asked to sign a letter addressed to our local MP which requested that he bring the tragedy caused by human trafficking forward in Parliament.

The remainder of the evening was filled with socializing and dancing to the sweet strains of music provided by Andy Yablonski, and Rudy Tomchak. The 4Ds, Dennis Carlson, Dan Luprypa, Doug Geddes and Dave Skomorowski, also volunteered their time and musical talents to entertain us all.

The \$1600.00 raised at this event completed the Social Outreach Committee's \$3000 goal.

Contributed by Darlene Hargreaves from St. Benedict's Parish, Camp Morton



Students from St. Mary's Academy performed "The Oldest Oppression" at St. Michael's Parish in Gimli as part of an informational event on Human Trafficking



Seminarian Geoffrey Angeles spoke at a workshop on vocations at St. Augustine's Church in Brandon in February. The workshop, sponsored by the Serra Club of Brandon, was entitled "Vocations a Shared Responsibility".

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## From the Editor

We have come through the winter and in a few weeks we will be celebrating rebirth and renewal literally - with the continued spring weather and growth - and liturgically - with the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ and the Easter season. For me, more than the New Year with all of the resolutions and commitments that come with it, this has always been a time of new beginnings. The buds on trees and flowers and the ability to shed my heavy winter clothing for the lighter clothes of spring give me a sense of freedom. Likewise, the Easter Triduum has always been the religious celebration that I like the best because of the spiritual 'lightness' that the celebration of the resurrection encompasses.

In this issue of the *New Wine Press*, you will see a few new features for a fuller reading experience. The "In This Issue" box on the front page is meant to give a quick look at what you can expect in the paper. Throughout the paper, you will also see the symbol on the right at the end of some articles. This symbol indicates that the event or place featured in the article is supported, in whole or part, by funds from *Sharing God's Gifts, Our Annual Archdiocesan Appeal*. Our hope is that this will give you an understanding of how some of the contributions you have made to the Appeal are spent. Of course, the entire *New Wine Press* newspaper itself could sport the symbol as its printing and distribution is directly supported by *Sharing God's Gifts*.

Please let us know what you think of these new features, or the paper in general; we always welcome your feedback. You can send it to: [communications@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:communications@archwinnipeg.ca) or 1495 Pembina Hwy., Winnipeg, R3T 2C6.

## Baptism a renewal: Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I was baptized on March 30, 2002 and became a new Christian. I was happy to be renewed in the water: born again! I was happy to be part of a new family of the Roman Catholic Church. I decided I wanted to move ahead in my faith life and begin anew. I came to know the Lord when I was Jewish but I found peace and acceptance when I became a Catholic.

I'm happy being in my home Church of St. Mary's Cathedral. The people at the Church are my family.

I just became a Knight of Columbus and I'm active in the parish. I have met new people there. I'm thankful to the parish. I am growing in my faith.

Leonard Stone

## Development of morality important

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Violence is inherent in competition, especially in the words we use to describe winning, such as "beat them" or "trounce them". Chesto argues other stages of moral development are needed before competition. "Too much too soon is destructive," she said, "Resist competition in every area, it can take the satisfaction out of just doing it the best you possibly can."

The third leg of the stool is materialism. This is perpetuated, said Chesto, by the media. "Parents used to be the primary storytellers in their children's lives," she said. "Now it is television." Forbidding children to watch television is not the answer because children have to learn how to deal with their culture. Chesto urged the teachers to give students assignments that ensure they will have to ask their parents to tell them stories. She also said that we need to teach children in 7th grade and over what the media is doing to them and how it is manipulating them.

The final leg of the stool is amorality. The development of morality is important, said Chesto. "We're losing morality." She cited a number of crimes that have been committed by children in the United States in which the perpetrators are asked why they did it and the answer was 'because I was bored.' "Children need to take responsibility for their actions," said Chesto. "There seems to be no sense of 'this is wrong'."

Contributed by Joanne Struch

## Cathedral Rector says grace at AHL luncheon



Fr. Michael Koryluk (centre), Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral in Winnipeg said grace at the American Hockey League All-Star luncheon held Feb. 1. He is flanked by Mark Chipman (left), Chairman of True North Sports and Entertainment and Governor of the Manitoba Moose and Hockey Night in Canada's Scott Oake (right). "Give us courage in pursuing our hopes and our dreams by targeting our hearts towards a positive destiny," Koryluk prayed. "Enkindle in our hearts the fire of your own unfolding dreams for us."

## CWL participates in Ministries Weekend



Rev. Terrence McGrath, Pastor of St. Charles Parish, is surrounded by some of the C.W.L. members of St. Charles Parish which is part of the St. James-Assiniboia C.W.L. Council. These ladies assisted in the celebration of the Eucharist at the three Masses in conjunction with Ministries weekend in January.

Submitted by Claire Lacroix of St. Charles Parish

## Vocations a shared responsibility

On February 18th at Saint Augustine's Church in Brandon, some thirty people from the Brandon Deanery gathered to participate in a workshop on vocations. Although it was stressed that we all have a vocation, the workshop, entitled *Vocations a Shared Responsibility*, emphasized the call to priestly vocations.

The workshop was conducted by a team consisting of Beverley Hicks, president of Brandon Serra Club, Father Gerald Langevin, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, and Geoffrey Angeles, a seminarian of the Archdiocese. The body of the workshop centred on the resources available to help families, parishes and communities create a vocation culture and to support young men in their discernment process. Emphasis was placed on prayerful support rather than overenthusiastic promoting.

Geoffrey Angeles generously shared his own experience, including what had been helpful in his journey. Father Gerald Langevin explained the role of the Archdiocese and spoke of the plans for a *Called By Name* programme later this year.

A major resource given to participants was the document generated from the Third Congress on Vocations held in 2002 in Montreal. This excellent resource provides background about the North American Church's view on the role of the whole Christian community in fostering a vocation culture and provides a practical guide for parishes, families and organizations to promote vocations activities. A follow up to the workshop is planned for the fall.

Contributed by Beverley Hicks

St. Felix Parish, Dunrea celebrated a fiesta in honour of their patron saint on November 20th, 2005. A pot luck lunch and other festivities were held after Mass. Jenna Neufeld, a 14-year-old altar server at the parish, wrote the following poem for the celebration.

Who is St. Felix?  
Quiet, silent, peaceful home,  
Home of God, home of people.  
A building of serenity,  
The house of God.

House of praise, house of worship,  
Known to all.  
Needy enter it looking for guidance,  
But who are the needy?

Those who seek love; that can't reach it.  
Those who seek hope; that can't grasp it.  
Those who seek faith; that can't clutch it.  
Those who seek truth; that can't hold it.  
These are the needy.

And we are the reachers,  
We reach out to loveless, hopeless, faithless,  
truthless.

We are the guiders,  
We guide them to our house, our home.  
We are the pray-ers,  
We pray for them, for us, for God.

We are Saint Felix.  
We are a church,  
We are a parish,  
We are a community.  
We are one in the body of Christ.

We are one community,  
But we belong to many towns.  
Different cultures, different lifestyles,  
Different occupations, different educations  
But still one.

We are ageless, but of all ages.  
We are a family, made up of many families.  
We are individuals, made up of many families.  
We are individuals, united together through Christ.  
We are many people with one faith.  
We are believers.

We believe in God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit.  
We embrace our faith and our creed.  
We know He will be with us in good times,  
Carry us through bad times, and know us always.

Who are we?  
We are St. Felix.

- Jenna Neufeld



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# The View from Micah House



“Come and see,” said Jesus to Peter and Andrew. They went. “Peter and James and John went up the mountain and experienced awe, wonder, and terror as Jesus was transfigured before them.” “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him,” the Father says.

The ‘come and see’ and the transfiguration are two aspects of having been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus. ‘Come and see’ is the Jesus who loved everyone even if it meant breaking the political, social and religious mores of the day. The transfiguration is a foretaste of what awaits us in the resurrection.

During the three year mark at Micah House, the Catholic Centre for Social Justice, the question is often asked, “What is Social Justice?” Much has been said and written about it but for me, the definition of Social Justice is fairly simple, not easy, but simple. It is the living out

of the ‘come and see’ moment and the transfiguration, the death and the resurrection of Jesus.

This death and resurrection into which we have been baptized have daily implications for us. The death was a death on the cross. Being baptized entails living as Jesus did, open to loving everyone. This is in no way a ‘feeling good’ activity only. It is demanding and filled with the need for making choices. It is a way of life that led to a frightening death on the cross for Jesus. **IT MAY LEAD US, TOO, INTO SITUATIONS THAT ARE DIFFICULT.**

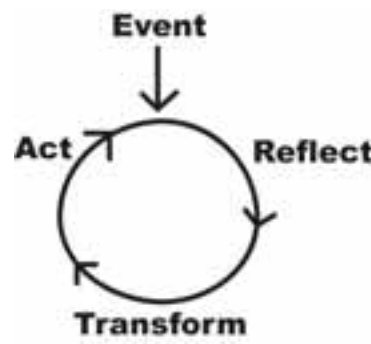
We are part way through Lent, time given to us to reflect on our baptismal commitment and perhaps move out of our comfort zone, out of our complacency and plunge ourselves back into the Baptismal waters. How? One resource might be a pastoral circle of sorts (pictured right).

**Event:** An invitation to an open meeting on housing arrived with specific reference to the 150 houses that stand heated and empty at the Kapyong Barracks.

**Reflection:** Why are they empty when there is an immense need for decent, affordable housing for well over 4000 people in Winnipeg? Could I become more informed? Isn’t shelter a human right? Who is responsible for this state of affairs, the military, the government, the neighbouring community? Why are newcomers, espe-

cially refugees, being condemned to substandard housing in dangerous neighbourhoods where police warn people not to go out after dark?

**Transformation:** Appreciation for being able to afford decent housing and a growing compassion for those faced with almost insurmountable obstacles to living a decent life.



**Action:** Join a housing coalition, write to my Member of Parliament and my Member of the Legislative Assembly.

**Reflection:** Why is there no response? Are not the Provincial and Federal Government members elected by us? Does not God require us to “act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God?” Do I really have the energy to continue to address this issue? Do I have a responsibility here? Can I let go of one of

my self-improvement activities and direct my energy and time to this issue?

And the circle continues.

A different facet of our society moves each of us. It is important that we let ourselves be moved.

Happy Lent! May we prepare as a community of faith for the renewal of our Baptismal commitment this Easter.

*Contributed by Sr. Johanna Jonker, Social Justice Coordinator. Micah House is at 1039 Main St, Winnipeg.*

## JustFaith participants ‘resize’ and ‘reshape’ through panel discussion

In Luke’s gospel Jesus observes that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter into God’s space (Lk. 18:24-25). I have long bemoaned my privileged position in life and wondered how to pass through that eye. At times, I challenged God to put Lazarus at my doorstep (Lk. 16:19-22), fantasizing that I would act better than the rich man in that parable. However, Jesus asks us to actively seek and take up our cross and perhaps for us in Winnipeg, or other communities, it might actually mean to seek out and take on the plight of the poor, the homeless or the marginalized.

And so, on Saturday, March 4th, several participants of the JustFaith program took another step in our faith journey. We found ourselves resizing and reshaping ourselves and our concerns by listening to God’s work at the House of Hesus (HIV/AIDS hospice), Art-Beat (atelier for artists with mental illness) and Siloam Mission (meal, health and wellness programs). The presenters, Nigel Bart, Moe Feakes and Els Fenton respectively all spoke of their ministry and how each began with a deep desire to serve the needy and with a sure faith that God would provide.

Their testimonies were inspiring; they each drew from one another thereby gently challenged us to find our unique way of serving. Our day also included a visit to the Main Street Project where the needs of the poorest in our city are being bandaged. God clearly must want more for these His children.

On leaving Micah House that day, I observed for the first time the numerous pawn shops and money marts along that Main Street strip and was reminded of Amos’ words about trampling and taking from the poor what is justly theirs (Am. 8:4-6). I wondered how we might ease the burden of our locally oppressed.

Each of us who are rich in various ways must discern to where and how we are called. But as this day showed, with honest resolve, faith and God’s grace we too can act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God (Mi. 6:8). In so doing, it is possible that we can become small and pass through that eye to where we find God enlarging that space (Lk. 18:24-30). The question remains for the “rich”: do we really want to?

*Contributed by Norma Steven, Parishioner at St. Ignatius Parish and JustFaith participant*



Panel participants from left: Sr. Johanna Jonker, Nigel Bart, Moe Feakes and Els Fenton

## Elohim Adonai Charity Centre Opens

“A tremendous labour of love has gone into this,” said Gord Mackintosh, MLA for St. John’s, at the opening of the Elohim Adonai Centre. “It is tremendous when you make an effort for the community. It is wonderful for the North End and the communities that will benefit from it.”

The grand opening of the Centre, whose mission is to “provide children, caregivers and the elderly with a secure place to access social and spiritual networks, resources, programs and activities”, took place on March 12 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Representatives from all levels of government and supporting organizations joined co-founder Maria Dutra and members of the community for the opening.

The Centre’s beginnings date back to 2001 when Immaculate Conception parishioner Maria Dutra proposed her idea for the Centre to Fr. José Eduardo Medeiros. Dutra has seen a growing need for a Centre of this type in the Immaculate Conception Community specifically and the city in general. Since 1998, people in the community have called on her for support and love for themselves and others they know are in need. Dutra sees many problems in the houses she visits: single mothers who need help caring for their children, older people who have nobody to care for them. Over the course of time, she decided that something needed to be done for these people.

A volunteer board of directors, as well as a number of other people and organizations in the community, made the Centre a reality through hard work and many fundraising endeavors. A building at 1350 Main Street in Winnipeg has been renovated and is now open daily for seniors.

City Councillor Harvey Smith was the first government official to commit his monetary and moral support to the Centre. “The project is so worthwhile, I didn’t hesitate to support it,” he said at the opening.

“The Centre is a place where the elderly can come together to build community, make friends and contribute to the community by the sharing of their time and talent,” co-founder Fr. José Eduardo Medeiros wrote in a statement that was read at the event. “The community is called to respond to the needy with love. The Centre required work, effort, creativity, reliability and financial support. It was an experience of selfless giving.”



Maria Dutra (right) and Winnipeg City Councillor Harvey Smith cut the ribbon at the opening of the Elohim Adonai Charity Centre

Winnipeg North MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis, likes the fact that the Centre is giving a purposeful use to a vacant building on Main Street. “It provides an important service to the whole community,” she said, “by offering services to those in need, giving them a sense of esteem through difficult life circumstances.”

The Centre is still in need of many kinds of support; donations are needed to continue to furnish the Centre and supplies are needed for crafts and activities. Contact Helena at 269-7599 or e-mail [elohim@mts.net](mailto:elohim@mts.net) if you can help.

*Contributed by Joanne Struch*

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# APC members represent the richness of faith

**Gilles Beaudin • Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elie  
Central Deanery Representative  
1 year on APC**



Coming from a small rural parish and feeling somewhat the effects of becoming marginalized has prompted me to become more aware and involved with the dynamics of the diocesan church.

My involvement thus far has allowed me to realize that we as a small parish have many of the same concerns as other larger parishes within the diocese; but a greater realization is seeing the nurturing care and concerns that flow out from the Bishop and fellow members of the

APC. This council family seeks ways to proclaim and live the Gospel message of love. It has helped me become more aware of the larger family within the diocese.

I am a lector and leader at Sunday celebrations of the Word and a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server and Sacristan. I am involved in community service, maintenance, Knights of Columbus and Pastoral visits.

**Kathy Brost • St. John Brebeuf Parish, Winnipeg  
South Deanery Representative  
4 Years on APC**



It has been important to me to be part of the APC because it's a way of being involved in the diocesan church. It has been a way of meeting other parish people throughout the diocese, both urban and rural. Hearing others' stories makes one realize the complexity and richness of our Manitoba church. I have felt privileged to be on the council – as that body brings news from grass roots to the ear of the Archbishop.

My involvement with the APC has enhanced my faith. After a while one sees how truly the Holy

Spirit is at work in the church. The way things move and unfold is not one person's agenda, but definitely the breath of the Spirit bringing about something new. I have also seen how people are hungry for growth in spiritual things, people are truly concerned about each other as a church.

My involvement in my parish right now is as a staff member in pastoral services, trying to serve the people. In the last five years I have also worked in the diocese on various gatherings for Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Roger Dupuis • Immaculate Conception Parish, Rivers  
Brandon Deanery Representative  
First year on APC**



It is important to be part of the APC because I like to visit with people and learn about different ways of life.

The people we meet and hear about will influence my way of thinking and different aspects of communicating ideas to my parish and community.

I am chairperson of our Parish Pastoral Council and do maintenance for the property. I visit the sick and help do what is needed in their lives.

**Deacon Robert Gate • St. Charles Parish, Winnipeg  
Community of Deacons Representative  
4 years on APC**



I was so excited when we began the formation of APC and DPCs in our Archdiocese, and I am still excited because I believe we are beginning something radically new in our local Church. The laity are being empowered to take hold of the responsibility for the mission of the Church, the mission of Christ. I feel we are truly beginning to realize, as Jesus did, that God and the love of God is not up there or over there, but dwells in each and every one of us.

Involvement in the APC enhances my faith by re-enforcing a tremendous truth about faith: that it can never be fully lived out or expressed simply between God and me. Faith is most perfectly lived out in communion and cooperation with others. To be exposed to others' wisdom and giftedness is a wonderfully inspiring experience.

To be involved in many different aspects of my community is such a gift to my life. People are so precious; without exception, they make the love of God a reality for me. Very much related to church for me has always been some sort of activity with those who are experiencing great difficulties in their lives. Currently, I have the privilege of being touched by the lives of the marginalized of the core of Winnipeg. At Our Place-Chez Nous, a drop-in centre on Main Street, I am literally dropped into the love and embrace of God.

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) is a consultative body which is presided over by the Archbishop. It is made up of both elected and appointed representatives from each of the five deaneries (2 representatives from each) and representatives of the clergy and religious communities. The APC advises the Archbishop on pastoral issues within the archdiocese and makes recommendations to him for pastoral planning.

**Ola Czeranko • Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Amaranth  
Parkland Deanery Representative  
First year on APC**



I converted to the Catholic Church almost 40 years ago. I'm so thankful for the rich heritage of this faith and I want to give something back in thanksgiving to God. I'm very concerned for our young people to hold strong to the faith. Also, I believe we must bring reconciliation with our Aboriginal peoples.

My involvement in the APC has shown me how diverse our parishes are but also how close we are in spiritual values. We are not an 'island to ourselves' in individual churches, but a big family travelling on a pilgrim journey.

In my parish community, I have helped with church functions, taught catechism for many years; headed up the pro-life group; collected clothes for the Pregnancy Help Centre and Women's shelter; been on the Central region spiritual care committee; palliative care training. I have attended many interdenominational church events over the years as well as many church-related conferences and workshops.

**Rene Gauthier • St Margaret's Parish, Little Britain  
North-Interlake Deanery Representative  
2 years on APC**



Being on the APC is an opportunity to grow beyond our parish community and to understand the average workings of the Archdiocese and to bring a dialogue between the DPC and APC.

Being involved with the APC has given me a better understanding of the whole picture, the decision-making process and an affirmation of my involvement in my own parish.

My involvement in the parish community includes bible studies, Confirmation Preparation, altar servers and ministries co-ordination, liturgy committee chairperson. I also represent our church community in operating the Selkirk "Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen", and volunteering at the "Chez Nous" drop in center.

**Sr. Cathy Laviolette, SNJM • St. Michael's Parish, Gimli  
Religious Communities Representative  
First year on APC**



Being on the APC gives us a voice and helps me to represent the people I journey with. It also puts me in touch with the large picture of the diocese.

I have only been to one meeting. However, any exposure to the larger diocesan Church widens my vision.

I am administrator of three parishes in the Interlake Area. I also teach the Spirituality Component of the Nathanael Program for the city and rural area parishes of our Archdiocese.

**Jim Prendergast • St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winnipeg  
Central Deanery Representative  
2 years on APC**



I believe strongly in our Archbishop's vision to create a mechanism (the Deanery, and Archdiocesan Councils) to facilitate communication, ideally from his seat, to the pews in his parishes. Obviously, the Archbishop cannot do this on his own, so we all must be ready to participate if we are to help him hear the voice of his people.

My involvement on the APC has helped me to gain a better idea of the depth, and breadth, of activities across our Archdiocese. It has allowed me to meet fellow pilgrims from other parishes

in our Deanery, and from across the diocese. And, it has allowed me to experience first hand the humility and wisdom of our shepherd, Archbishop Weisgerber.

I see my prime contribution to our church as coming through my family. My wife and I have 3 very active children that occupy most of our time these days. As well as sitting on the PPC at St. Paul's, I am the parish's representative on the Board at St. Charles' Catholic School.

Current members of the APC, profiled in this issue, will be asked to respond to the following questions: Why do you want to be part of the APC?; How has your involvement in the APC enhanced your faith?; Tell us about your parish and other organizations related to the APC.

As new members join the APC, we encourage you to share with them in the New Wine Press so that you can stay up to date with the representatives.

**Lynda Ryshtylo • St. Theresa's  
Brandon Deanery Representative  
4 Years on APC**



Being on the APC gives me a voice in our Archdiocese as well as the world.

I have had the privilege of being a deeply committed person. It has opened me in my own life. I have always been totally involved. It makes it easier for me to accept the changes the church makes. As these things evolve, so do we.

In my parish, I am a sacristan, lector, Eucharistic Minister, and lead a Bible study. I am involved in the Prevention in Motion training. I have been on a Medical Mission to Mexico sponsored by the Archdiocese. I am a lay Franciscan. I am a member of the Archdiocesan Therapists. I am on the volunteer list at Brandon Prison. I have prayed with inmates there. I am a member of the committee of our local health facility.

**Tynee Tymchyshyn • Christ the King  
Youth Representative  
First year on APC**



Since the youth are the future, I think that expressing your voice and helping make decisions for the Archdiocese is important. It may come to the same conclusion. Issues from different perspectives which are important and decisions made will differ. As they get older and become adults, they will be a blessing to the church.

My knowledge of faith has been broadened. Being on the APC has allowed me to share with others on throughout the province in terms of how we live our Catholic beliefs and bettering their communities. It has encouraged me to discuss with Catholic youth what they are going through in terms of their faith, and how their faith plays a role in their lives.

In my parish, I volunteer as a reader, fourth grader, and as a leader in the Youth R.C.I.A. program. I am on our youth group, and attended World Youth Day in 2002. I've also worked at the Catholic Summer Camp in St. Malo, Manitoba at the Summer and Winter camps. I am English Head Counsellor for the winter camp in February.

**Jacques Saquet • Notre Dame des  
Parkland Deanery Representative  
2 years on APC**



The APC brings together representatives from all deaneries to review and discuss matters that we Christians are involved in. I feel it is important for me to be involved at any level of the APC. It can help make things work better. It can only become relevant if we share their talents and experiences to enhance the discussions of their community.

Since my arrival at the APC, I have become aware that ordinary people from all over the province can share with their Bishop and be of service to the Church. I participate in laying down flagstones which will help build the Church and the pastoral councils meet their respective responsibilities to the community.

Being on the APC has meant a few more meetings. It has brought me closer to people from all areas of the province. It is a joy to be invited and edifying to meet and speak with all the persons and priests who take their responsibilities seriously.

I returned to my parish more than ten years ago. I have been on the parish council since then. I try to lead the liturgy, sing in the choir, and sing in the bulletin and sing with the choir. I help with the sacraments, readers and prayers for the deceased.

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## Isabelle Thorvardson • St. Olaf's Parish, Lundar North-Interlake Deanery Representative First year on APC



This is a great opportunity to see the workings of the archdiocese from the other side. It helps to promote a two-way understanding.

My involvement on the APC has helped me take a more pro-active look at things in a much broader sense than just my community. I have found myself more involved in my inner spirituality, a greater emphasis on personal prayer and a greater desire to want to learn more about my faith.

In my parish community, I have been an organist for the last 17 years. I am involved in the parish council, this year as facilitator. Now that I am retired, I also try to be more active in all aspects and events that happen at the church.

## Sr. Rose Mary Sander, SSND • St. Mary's Cathedral, Wpg. Religious Communities Representative 1 year on APC



Being on the APC has given me a greater appreciation of the extent of the Archdiocese and faith commitment of the many who are ministering in the Deanery and Parish communities.

Being on the APC hasn't enhanced my faith so much but my hope for the future of our Church.

In my parish, I am involved in Pastoral Counseling and I am the Facilitator for the Adult Faith Group and RCIA

## Rev. Kevin J. Smith Pastor of Sacred Heart (Roblin), Dean of the Parkland Deanery, Facilitator of the Council of Priests 4 years on APC



Discerning where we are going as a faith community is the work of the Bishop and the people he shepherds. Being part of this consultative process is both enlightening and inspiring as we listen to the diverse voices from across the Archdiocese.

I've studied and now the real learning is happening. Witnessing and being part of this collective work has invited me to become more aware of the incarnate word present in the many parts of the body of Christ.

I am currently the Pastor of the Roman Catholic communities in Roblin, San Clara, Grandview, Gilbert Plains and Valley River First Nation. I also serve the Archdiocese as the Dean of the Parkland Deanery, Facilitator of the Council of Priests, and a Member of the Nathanael Lay Formation Team. I serve the larger Church as a YouthLeader trainer for the Centre for Ministry Development.

## Safe Environments Educators trained



Twenty volunteers from throughout the diocese gathered at the Catholic Centre in January and February for the Safe Environments Educator training. This training, in partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, comprised the first phase of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg's Safe Environments Project. The Safe Environments Educators will be delivering the Prevention in Motion training to all people throughout the Archdiocese who work with children and youth as part of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg's commitment to creating and maintaining safe environments for children and youth.

Pictured above are the diocesan Safe Environments Educators. Front row, from left: Joanne Struch, Linda Chegwin, Deacon John MacKenzie, Lynda Ryshytylo, Dianna Robson, Margaret Stanicky. Back Row, from left: Bev Struch, Shawna Lavallee, Vivian Epp, Dianne Cross, Ginette Kryschuk, Alan McLean, Margaret Craddock, Joan McCallum, Deacon Joe McLellan, Donni Zuk, Dan Potvin, Elvier Brunel, Jerome Cranston, Marian Hijkoop (Red Cross facilitator). Missing: Sheila Forbes.

For more information about the Safe Environments project, contact Dianna Robson at 452-2227, ext. 227 or drobson@archwinnipeg.ca

See page 7 for more information about upcoming Prevention in Motion workshops.

## Discernment process works well for adding members to PPC

The Pastoral Council (PPC) at St. Michaels Parish in Gimli has been in existence for almost 15 years. It is made up of the administration of the parish, appointed members (Knights of Columbus, CWL, Religious Education and Liturgy), trustees and elected members. In the past, when members left the council and new ones were needed, a nomination was held and then a vote was taken among parishioners.

However, this past year when the Council realized that they were in need of some new members, they took a different approach to selecting them; they went through a discernment process.

"A selection process is about trying to fill roles," said Sr. Cathy Laviolette, snjm, Administrator of the parish. "This discernment process is not about filling roles, but looking for people who are interested in the growth of the parish as a community of people."

The process, which took place over the course of a month this past November and December, began with the Pastoral Council looking at the demographics of its make up and thinking about what they felt they needed to complete the picture. They decided that three positions needed to be filled and developed a list of nominees.

The next part of the process involved the parish community. At weekend Masses, Sr. Cathy spoke about the PPC and explained the roles that needed to be filled. Information about the Pastoral Council and the discernment process was also included in the bulletin. Based on the information given, parishioners were asked to submit nominations of people within the parish who they thought would be able to fill the role.

Once all of the nominations had been submitted - there was now a combined list of about 28 people between the list that the Pastoral Council had created and those nominations from parishioners - Sr. Cathy called each of the people nominated. She explained the role to them again and asked if they would be willing to let their name stand. Five people agreed to let their name stand.

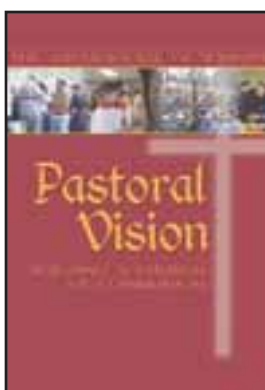
The evening of discernment came next. It was based on the process in *Re-visioning the Parish Pastoral Council: A Workbook*. Everyone in the group - current PPC members and those nominated - shared who they are, their involvement in the parish and spoke about their vision of the parish. Nominees were asked why they wanted to be involved with the PPC.

After some discussion, the nominees were asked to give an indication of where they stood regarding the nomination. In this case, three of the five said they would leave their names stand.

"The work of the spirit is incredible," said Sr. Cathy of the fact that, at the end of the process, three people let their names stand and it was exactly three positions that needed to be filled. The transition from a selection process to a discernment process was a relatively easy one, she added, emphasizing the importance of explaining the process at Masses and in the bulletin.

"The vision of the PPC should be that it provides leadership for all organizations in the parish," said Sr. Cathy. "The challenge is that people need to take ownership of the PPC and recognize the role of the laity in it. The PPC also has to be able to look at real needs of real people and create a way to respond to them."

## Pastoral Vision Facilitators Available



Since the publication of Archbishop Weisgerber's Pastoral Letter, *Building a Church of Communion*, many parishes have been using the Pastoral Letter Facilitation Guide available at [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca).

This guide can be used on its own, with a person from the parish or group as a facilitator, or with a facilitator from the pool of diocesan facilitators. It is anticipated that parishes will offer to pay mileage to the facilitator if appropriate.

To schedule the services of a facilitator, contact Brian McKinnon, Pastoral Councils Coordinator at (204)452-2227 extension 237, [bmckinnon@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:bmckinnon@archwinnipeg.ca)

The following skilled facilitators have agreed to be available:

- Elvier Brunel, Associate Director of Catechetics, Dauphin Deanery Resource Center, Ste-Rose-du-Lac
- Rev. Paul Bisson, Parochial Vicar, St. Peter's Parish, Winnipeg
- Rev. Mr. Robert Gate, Deacon, St Charles Parish, Winnipeg
- Rev. Eric Giddins, Pastor, St Antoninus Parish, Deloraine
- Rev. Kevin Smith, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Roblin
- Rev. Gerald Langevin, Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Stonewall
- Kathy Brost, Pastoral Services Coordinator, St. John Brebeuf Parish, Winnipeg
- Sr. Denise Kuyp, RNDM, Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, Ste-Anne
- Sr. Lorraine St-Hilaire, Provincial, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Wpg.
- Marg Craddock, Director of Catechetics, Catholic Centre, Winnipeg
- Sr. Cathy Laviolette, Pastoral Administrator, St. Michael's Parish, Gimli
- Joanne Struch, Director of Communications, Catholic Center, Winnipeg



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebrated in the diocese

"The beginning of victory is Jesus Christ," said Archbishop James Weisgerber at the Closing of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Mary's Cathedral. "The centre of our faith is his incarnation. In our baptism, each is drawn into a new and intimate relationship with God and also a new relationship with each other."

"We need to recognize there is only one church," he went on to say. "Through our baptism, all have been made one. We need to allow our lives, institutions, communities and hearts, to be melted and shaped by that unity." He said that hostility toward each other is a betrayal of the gift we have received from God. "God has made us holy and we have to allow that gift to shape us. There is hope amid division and what unites us is greater than the things that divide us."

As Canada becomes more secular, he

said, it is important that we learn to live in the society. It scares and humbles us that society has learned to live without the church. We have to remember, though, that the Church is not ours, it is Jesus Christ's. "Jesus is shaping and forming us according to his will," said Weisgerber. "We have to open our hearts so that the Lord can shape us according to his purpose. Our vocation is to be the sign of Jesus' love, desire for unity and victory for all the world."

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity opened with a service at St John's Anglican Cathedral and continued with services at the Salvation Army, United, Presbyterian, and Russian-Greek Orthodox Churches. Throughout the week, a Celtic cross was moved from church to church, in recognition of the Irish ecumenical group that prepared this year's prayer materials.

Contributed by Joanne Struch

Students and staff at St. Mary's Academy celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year for the first time. Although the official week is January 22-29, which for the school is in the heart of exams, the alternative was to offer Morning Prayer services for three consecutive days led by different Christian denominations on January 17th -19th. Pastor Rick Sauer of St. Mark's Lutheran (River Heights) began the week with a morning prayer that looked very familiar to us in the Catholic tradition as it consisted of communal reading of psalms and readings from Scripture. The next day was led by Mary Reimer, Pastor of Faithworks (a part of Mennonite Brethren) and then followed by Noelle Bowles, Minister at Young United. This experience was unique for us at St. Mary's as Mary and Noelle are also Alumnae. It was a wonderful experience to begin these days with prayer in the Holy Names Chapel and celebrate our common foundation – Jesus Christ.

Contributed by Michelle Garlinski, Director of Campus Ministry, St. Mary's Academy

## Nathanaelites study the Doctors of the Church



The Doctors of the Church have an everlasting influence on the present-day Catholic Church, leaving behind a legacy of faith-based ideas and writings as a gift to devoted Christians everywhere. They were the focus of the session for the Winnipeg Nathanael group in February. Participants came together at St. Charles Parish to share their knowledge of several doctors of the church.

"It was almost an action of the Holy Spirit that we covered a large church history. It really spanned the ages," said theology instructor Fr. Renato Pasinato. "I was impressed with how much time people put into it."

Annette Kohut studied the history of St. Bede the Venerable, the Benedictine priest who was the Father of English history. She said learning about St. Bede reminded her of her own potential for spiritual growth. "We have examples of people who lived lives that drew them closer to God ... and got to know God better," she said. Her group took an inventive approach in its presentation, following a model of the Canadian television show Witness to Yesterday.

Kelly Sullivan collaborated on the project and played the role of St. Bede being questioned by reporters in today's world. He said St. Bede wrote the first book of martyrs and was also recognized for in-

venting the process of footnoting. "We had a lot of fun with it," Sullivan said after the presentation.

Jerome Strachan researched the life of his namesake, St. Jerome, who translated the Bible from Greek to Latin. The scriptures were later re-edited into English by St. Bede. Strachan was inspired upon reading of the dream which led to St. Jerome's spiritual rebirth. "In the vividness of the dream, he resolved to put aside the life of a pagan and devoted himself to Christ," said Strachan, adding the saint's ascetic life resembled that of Christ.

Tracy Maloney-Bullock studied the history of St. Teresa of Avila. The Spanish nun was the first female doctor of the Church. Maloney-Bullock was fascinated to learn of St. Teresa's many writings.

Fr. Renato said he hopes the Nathanaelites came away from the session with an understanding of their own potential as Christians. "We are one body in Christ Jesus and sometimes we're not entirely aware of how much influence we can have on others, on how God manages to use our talents," he said.

The Nathanael process also includes sessions on scripture, liturgy, spirituality and human growth as part of the students' formation.

Contributed by Angela Brown, Good Shepherd Parish

## St. Viator's, Dauphin, hosts community building events

A Stewardship workshop on "Discovering and Exploring your gifts" was held at St. Viator's Parish Hall in Dauphin on Saturday Feb. 11, 2006. The entire workshop was encouraging and uplifting, helping us realize our giftedness and how we are all gifts to each other. Throughout the workshop participants became aware that each of us is a gift package from God, and we are called to develop and use our gifts, as well as appreciate the giftedness of others. The overall workshop left us with a feeling of enlightenment and of truly being blessed by a God who loves us.

Contributed by Anna Flower & Marilyn Delaurier.



As part of the International Food Festival at St. Viator's, a parade of nations was held. Pictured left are representatives from some of the countries carrying in their flags.

On Saturday, February 25, St. Viator's Church in Dauphin held its second International Food Festival, a joint project of St. Viator's Development and Peace committee and the St. Viator's Catholic Women's League. This celebration of cultural diversity raised over \$2000 for the victims of hurricanes in El Salvador and Guatemala.

Many people from Dauphin and the surrounding communities came to sample a wide variety of delicious cuisines from around the world. The 16 booths included: Aboriginal Canadians, Austria, France, Germany, Netherlands, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Nicaragua, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Scotland and Ukraine.

While munching on empanadas, adobo chicken, tourtiere or sweet bannock, participants were entertained by many different ethnic dances, songs and instruments including the Dauphin Friendship Centre Square Dancers, an Iranian dance, Philippine folk songs, a Polish choir and even a solo by Father Yolando Gamallo.

A lot of effort was made to make the event a success. "It was a huge investment of time and work for those who prepared the food," says Val Stark who helped at the Polish booth. "It was a fun experience—having all those different national groups."

Ligaya Debuque, the coordinator for the event, expressed her thanks to all those who gave of their time and talent. "Everyone was so supportive and willing to make the Festival a success. There was no hesitation to help when asked."

This cultural celebration at St. Viator's is a testimony to the beautiful treasure that is our richly diverse Archdiocese. In bringing together the heritage of great peoples and cultures and in celebrating our uniqueness alongside our similarities, we can come to appreciate the infinite goodness of God, present in so many varied ways.

Contributed by James deBeer, Seminarian intern at St. Viator's Parish, Dauphin.

## Religious archivists meet

Representatives from nine religious archives from Manitoba met in late January at the Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies in order to learn from each other as well as to work together on mutual projects. Of concern to the gathering was how best to instill a sense of history within each religious denomination or group, as well as how to properly keep records in the best possible formats and conditions.

Consensus was that the group should work together in promoting such projects as Christian Unity Week, promoting Heritage Sunday or Christian History Week, as well as circulating displays such as the Mendis

Photography Display, which is comprised of photographs of a wide variety of church buildings in Manitoba.

The group has been active within the broader Association for Manitoba Archives for a number of years, but more recently has found renewed energy to address concerns and issues among religious archives. It was noted continually throughout the meeting that the group needs to work together more closely rather than archives remaining isolated within their respective religious affiliations.

Contributed by Ken Reddig



Front Row, from left: Sr. Therese Bilodeau (Missionary Oblates of St. Boniface), Sr. Agnes Breton and Lynn Champagne (Filles de la Croix), Kimberley Hiebert (St. Gianna Parish), Myrna Brownlie and Doreen Oliver (Diocese of Rupertsland), Sr. Gerarda Pura (St. Benedict's Monastery). Back Row, from left: Wolodymyr Senchuk (Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada), Darren Pries and Conrad Stoesz (Mennonite Heritage Centre), Diane Haglund (United Church of Canada), Ken Reddig (Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies in Canada), Alf Redekopp (Mennonite Heritage Centre).

## Safe Environments Education Workshops

Over the next few months the twenty Safe Environments Educators will be working through the final processes of the certification process.

Once this step has been completed we will be offering workshops to people within the archdiocese whose ministry or work includes youth or children.

Information will be communicated in the New Wine Press and through Parish bulletins.

### Workshop overview:

- The Safe Environments program uses the Canadian Red Cross's Prevention in Motion program that deals with all types of maltreatment – emotional, physical and sexual – and is aimed at educating adults who work with youth and children.
- Participants gain knowledge about barriers and benefits to preventing abuse, and learn ways to proactively build safer relationships within organizations and communities. The interactive workshops also examine how to handle disclosures, the legal reporting requirements and risk management strategies.
- The Safe Environments education program will provide valuable information that will not only benefit your families and our Archdiocesan community but will also empower you to make a difference in the larger community of Manitoba.

**Dates and locations:** Information will be available in the fall edition of the New Wine Press. If you would like more information about the workshops please contact Dianna Robson by phone at 452-2227 ext. 227 or by email at [drobson@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:drobson@archwinnipeg.ca) with your name and parish information.

### Who should attend?

People whose ministry involves children and youth:

- ◆ Catechists
- ◆ Youth Group Leaders
- ◆ Altar Server Coordinators
- ◆ Pastors and Administrators
- ◆ Parish Support Staff
- ◆ Choir Directors of Children/Youth
- ◆ Children's Liturgy Coordinator
- ◆ Youth Ministry Coordinators

### Cost:

There will not be any cost to participants who work or volunteer with youth or children within the Archdiocese of Winnipeg.

## Upcoming Events April/May 2006

### April, 2006

#### 4, 6:00 p.m.: Caritas Dinner

The Board of Directors of The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba has named the Knights of Columbus of Manitoba to be the Caritas Award recipient for 2006. They will be honoured at the 28th Annual Caritas Award Dinner on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. For further information or to arrange for tickets, contact The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba at (204) 233-4268 or e-mail: [cfmb@mts.net](mailto:cfmb@mts.net)

#### 5, 5:30 p.m.: Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

#### 14, 9:00 a.m.: Sacred Tracks: The Archdiocese of Winnipeg's 19th Annual Public Way of the Cross

The Annual Public Way of the Cross will take place starting at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2400 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg. For more information please call St. Paul the Apostle Parish at 832-6122. All Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for Winnipeg Harvest.

#### 21-23: Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Look at the calendar...it's time for that 5 year tune-up! We would never expect a car to run smoothly forever without a tune-up, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition. For more information call Tony & Rosemary, at 895-9209 to find out how to schedule that tune-up, or visit our web site at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

### May, 2006

#### May 26-28: Catholic Conference: "Here I stand knocking at your door-come"

Come and join hundreds for an inspirational Catholic Conference with Archbishop James Weisgerber, Fr. Tom DiLorenzo, Fr. George Reynolds and Bill Richart on May 26-28. Includes lively worship group, healing service, great talks. For more info call CCRS 204-895-7544 or [ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com](mailto:ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com)

#### 26 - 28: St. Charles School 100th Anniversary Celebrations

A celebration is planned to mark the 100th anniversary of Saint Charles Catholic School, formerly known as Academie St. Charles Academy and St. Charles Convent. All former /current students, staff, and friends are invited to attend the festivities May 26 to 28 2006. More information and registration packages are available by contacting the school at 837-1520.



**2006 Event Dates**

**Sunday, July 23, 2006**  
Pre-Tournament BBQ  
St. Paul the Apostle Church

**Monday, July 24, 2006**  
Golf Day / Banquet  
Breezy Bend Country Club

**Friday, June 16, 2006**  
Neepawa Golf & Country Club

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For more information contact,  
Dan Potvin @ 452-2227 ext. 228 or email [danpotvin@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:danpotvin@archwinnipeg.ca)

## YOUTHLEADER†

will be held:

Monday July 24, 1:00 p.m. - Friday July 28, 3:00 p.m., 2006  
At the Canadian Mennonite University Campus,  
500 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg

### What is YouthLeader?

YouthLeader provides a team approach to Christian leadership formation that integrates Christian spirituality and ministry skills. The purpose of YouthLeader is to empower young people for Christian leadership in the Church and the wider community.

The program is based on these principles:

- The voice of youth must be heard if we are to announce the Good News to its fullest.
- Youth have gifts and charisms to share in leadership and ministry.
- Youth who are striving to be young disciples deserve training and support.
- Adults make a crucial difference in sponsoring youth as leaders by readying the community and providing ongoing support.

### Registration & Cost

To register your team:

Call: 452-2227, ext. 248

E-mail: [youthleaderarchwinnipeg@gmail.com](mailto:youthleaderarchwinnipeg@gmail.com)

Visit: [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)

Cost: Youth or adult \$250 per person (includes accommodations, meals, program resources)

Registration deadline: April 30, 2006

### Who should attend?

- Young people (who have completed grade 9/ S1) and adults (over 21) who are currently involved in leadership, or who will be assuming leadership roles, in their parish, school or community.
- Registration will only be accepted in teams. Each team must be made up of at least one adult for every five young people.

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## Band program up and running at St. Maurice School

Students at St. Maurice School had the opportunity to experience some professional live music when the Canadian Forces' Air Command Band presented a concert at the school in February. The Air Command Band, a 35-member full-time professional ensemble performs throughout Canada and abroad, providing musical support to the Canadian Forces, government and public functions. At St. Maurice, the band presented a wonderful show with a program comprised of classical, jazz and modern offerings as well as pieces from cartoons and video games.

St. Maurice Band teacher Frank Unger organized the concert with the aim of getting more students excited about music and involved in the school's fledgling band program, which started this past September in grades 7 and 8. There are plans to add a Senior 1 Band program next year, and other high school grades in subsequent years until all have a band option. So far about 20 students are involved in the band program and, although only in the early stages, some of them were involved in solo performances at the Christmas concert.

The implementation of a band program is "extremely important,"



**St. Maurice Students were treated to a performance by the Air Command Band in February**

says the school's principal Giuseppe Caligiuri. "Not only to enable the school to compete with what is available in the public system, but also for the benefit of students if we believe that we want to develop well rounded students, and we do! We want to offer a top quality experience to students through the S4 level."

*Contributed by Joanne Struch*

## Catholic Schools must maintain a spirit of communion

Archbishop James Weisgerber addressed Catholic Educational leaders at Winnipeg's Caboto Centre on February 9th, at a coffee and desert reception hosted by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Catholic Schools. Weisgerber began by thanking the assembled school principals, pastors, directors and board chairs and continued by saying that living as a Church of Communion prompts people of faith to "take our baptism seriously, enter into new relationships with each other and realize that we are incomplete without one another. The model holds true for individuals and communities as well."

Archbishop Weisgerber turned to a colloquial restatement of St. Paul's words to emphasize the crucial need for well-filled and well-defined roles. He stressed the importance of "re-recognizing our interdependence" calling for a spirit of trust, forgiveness and communication. "All gifts have quality and dignity," he said, "and need to be recognized and received in a well-ordered way."

Rev. Richard Arsenault reviewed the structures within the diocese from both a civil and canon law per-

spective. Essential to each is the role of the Bishop who, in order to assure communion, remains clearly and purposely the central figure in parish and school structures. The Bishop does not act outside the structures and individual parishes and schools cannot operate apart from the Bishop.

Strong, visionary school boards, pastors, directors and principals tend to the well-being of staff and students, continued Arsenault. The goal is the promotion of smooth functioning of the schools while maintaining a spirit of "good communion" and faith-filled vision.

In discussions regarding the increasing role of the laity in many schools, it was noted that the "Catholicity" is continually strengthened. Indeed, a new focus on faith grew from former assumptions and reliance on clergy. In closing, Archbishop Weisgerber enthused that "there is lots to celebrate during the upcoming Catholic Schools Week".

*Contributed by Barbara Fawcett*

## Archbishop Weisgerber writes about the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday we continue one of the most ancient practices of the Church: the collection we take up is for the needs of the Church in the Holy Land. This collection harks back to Peter in mandating Paul to take the Gospel to the gentile world, asks him not to allow the new churches to forget the needs of the Mother Church, Jerusalem, which lived in poverty. (Galatians 2.10).

The Church in the Holy Land today finds itself in very difficult straights. It is in a minority situation both in Israel and in the Arab world which is mostly Muslim. Minority status usually creates poverty and this along with political and racial tension is driving many families, especially young families, to emigrate in search of a better life. The "land of the Bible" is quickly and quietly losing its historic Christian presence.

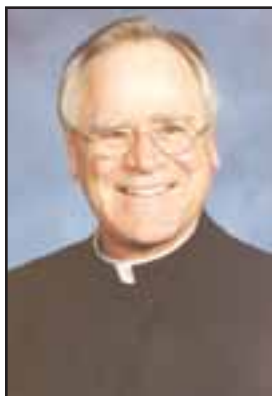
Christian families can continue to live in the Holy Land only with the support of their brothers and sisters throughout the world and this is the purpose of our Good Friday collection. Funds collected enable the Christian community, especially in the Arab portions of the Holy Land, to help the poor, to build schools and other institutions and to maintain the shrines that welcome pilgrims from all over the world.

The Good Friday collection, taken up in every Catholic Church throughout the world, is a great opportunity to show our solidarity with fellow Christians in the Holy Land and a powerful expression of our desire to maintain a living Christian presence in the land of the Master.

I encourage the members of our Archdiocese to be as generous as you can be when the collection basket is passed around on this Good Friday.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ V. James Weisgerber  
Archbishop of Winnipeg



## Archbishop Weisgerber's Schedule

### April 2006

2, 10:30 a.m.: Mass & Confirmation, St. Francis De Sales Church of the Deaf

4, 6:00 p.m.: Caritas Dinner, Winnipeg Convention Centre

5, 5:30 p.m.: Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral

9, 11:30 a.m.: Palm Sunday, St. Mary's Cathedral

13, 7:30 p.m.: Holy Thursday, St. Mary's Cathedral

14, 9:00 a.m.: Public Way of the Cross, St. Paul the Apostle

3:00 p.m.: Good Friday, St. Mary's Cathedral

15, 8:30 p.m.: Easter Vigil, St. Mary's Cathedral

19-20: CCCB Executive Meetings, Ottawa

21, 5:00 p.m.: CWL Diocesan Convention - Mass & Banquet, St. Peter's Parish, Winnipeg

22, 7:00 p.m.: Confirmation, Holy Ghost, Winnipeg

23, 4:00 p.m.: Confirmation, St. John Brebeuf, Winnipeg

24, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Theresa's, Winnipeg

25, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Anthony of Padua (WK), Winnipeg

27, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Lazare Parish, St. Lazare

28, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Augustine's, Brandon

29, 7:00 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Viator's & Corpus Christi, Dauphin

30, 9:30 a.m.: Confirmation, St. Columba's, Swan River

### May 2005

3, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, Blessed Sacrament, Elie

4, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Winnipeg

5, 8:30 a.m.: Canadian Church Press Convention

6, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Teachers Retreat, Kenora

8, 7:00 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Ann's, Winnipeg

10, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Paul the Apostle, Winnipeg

11, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, Our Lady of Victory, Winnipeg

12, 7:30 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Patrick's, Winnipeg

13, 5:30 p.m.: K of C Manitoba State Council Banquet, Victoria Inn, Winnipeg

14, 10:00 a.m.: Nathanael Program Presentation, Brandon

21, 11:30 a.m.: Confirmation, St. Charles, Winnipeg

22-26: Hamilton Clergy Retreat

27, 4:00 p.m.: CCRS Conference, Winnipeg

28, 2:00 p.m.: Confirmation, Holy Rosary, Winnipeg

29 - June 2: Annual Priest's Retreat, Villa Maria