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## Rite of Election welcomes catechumens

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg enrolled 29 adult and child catechumens from 16 parishes at the Rite of Election, celebrated Feb. 10 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Also welcomed were 35 future candidates and their sponsors.

At the Rite of Election the church formally announces the names of those who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation — baptism, confirmation and eucharist — at the Easter Vigil. These individuals entered the cathedral as catechumens and became "elect."

"Even now, with temperatures in the minus 40s, buds are preparing to bloom in the spring. In the same way, the church is a sign of that hope in the world," said Archbishop James Weisgerber in his homily, addressing a large congregation.

Celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent, the Rite of Election marks the beginning of the period of intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation.

Weisgerber quoted Pope Paul VI's *Divinae Consortium*:

"The sharing of the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishment of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life.

"By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity."

Candidates and their sponsors were already seated in the cathedral and were questioned by the archbishop regarding their wish to enter full communion with the church.

They were then signed with the cross by their sponsors.

The candidates then joined the archbishop in welcoming the procession of catechumens and their sponsors or godparents into the



Dwight Klipperstine signs the Book of the Elect accompanied by his wife Magdalena and son Antoni Feb. 10 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Photo by Denise Terpstra.

cathedral.

The catechumens were

called forward, presented to the archbishop and in-

vited to continue their preparation for the sacra-

ments. Then each catechumen signed the Book of the Elect.

"Lent is a time when we become serious about our faith," said Weisgerber in his homily.

"We get back to basics and reclaim our life in Christ. It is a time to learn who we are and where we are going."

Alluding to the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden, Weisgerber said.

"God never gives up on us. Through the gift of his death, Jesus gave us a new garden. As we make God the centre of our lives day after day, the more verdant and the more fruitful that garden will become."

Director of Catechetics for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Margaret Craddock said, "This is a wonderful celebration in the life of the archdiocese. It is exciting to welcome these people; they bring such life to the church."

Contributed by  
Barbara Fawcett

## 21st Annual Way of the Cross seeks 'Right of Way'

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg's 21st annual Public Way of the Cross was attended by about 1,000 people who followed a two-kilometre route through the city's North End, stopping at five sites to hear scripture and to reflect on this year's theme 'Northern Traffic: The Right of Way.'

The event was hosted by St. Joseph's Parish and organizers chose the theme to illustrate life in their neighbourhood

"It reflects our need to stop and remember our brothers and sisters," said one of the organizers, Roley Leyson, a member of the St. Joseph's youth ministry. Youth have traditionally played a large role in the annual event.

In the program for the morning's events, participants were reminded that "Jesus always stopped, and yielded his time, effort,

and love to those left behind or stuck on the side of the road. Even on the road to Calvary, Jesus slowed down, looked at the signs on the people's faces, and put his brothers and sisters first."

*'We have been blessed by God. Now is the time when our wants must yield to the needs of others'*

The procession began with Reverend Kevin Smith, pastor at St. Joseph's, and Archbishop James Weisgerber carrying the large wooden cross as they led the crowd to the first of the five stations, the Andrews Street Family Centre.

The centre was chosen as

"a testimony that here in this place in the North End our Lord, our Good Shepherd, is present and actively working 24/7 through the staff of the centre to provide a place of rest, of refuge, of help and emergency assistance to families in need.

The second station was a dead end.

"Lord never let me feel that any sin of mine is greater than your love," was the prayer read at the second station. "No matter what my past has been, no matter what dead end I face, you help me begin anew.

The third station was represented by a yield sign.

"We have been blessed abundantly by God," read the reflection. "Now is the time in our life where our wants must yield to the needs of others."

The fourth station was a crosswalk. The procession was reminded that "Jesus



Reverend Kevin Smith, far left, Pastor at St. Joseph's, and Archbishop James Weisgerber lead worshippers to begin the Public Way of the Cross on Good Friday.

asks us to stop and look at those in the crosswalks of our lives, open our hearts and eyes to recognize those in need."

The fifth station was Michah House, the Catholic Centre for Social Justice.

The words of the reflection at the fifth station told

participants that "God asks us to remember those in our society who are overlooked, marginalized, and neglected."

## Brandon Nathanael Group donates to StreetLove

The Blessed Mother Teresa Nathanael group in Brandon is in its third and final year of personal and spiritual growth formation.

An important component of the third year for each Nathanaelite is choosing a Ministry of Presence. Some of the ministries chosen include working with new immigrants, the elderly, the disabled, the homeless, and the terminally ill.

One of the participants chose to serve at StreetLove Ministries in Brandon. StreetLove Ministries serves the homeless in the Brandon area and it was suggested that StreetLove be considered to be the 2007 charity recipient of the monies raised at our Christmas auction.

Over the past three years, it became tradition for the group to hold an auction at their Christmas Social, with the goal of donating money to a local charity.

Each year a different charity is chosen to receive the



Christmas Auctioneers from left to right are: Larry Teetaert, Bob Boucher and Terry Szmon.



Left to right Sharon Camier, Henry Idonije, Director of StreetLove, and Annette Boucher.

monies raised.

Several items are donated by participants of the formation program which are auctioned. Besides raising a significant amount of money, the auction provides a lot of laughs for Nathanaelites who enjoy the "bidding wars" and

cajoling others to up their bids.

StreetLove Ministries was a very appropriate recipient since the Nathanael group is named after Blessed Mother Teresa and her service to the hungry, homeless and dying people of Calcutta.

StreetLove serves the hungry, hurting, displaced, homeless and needy in Brandon by supplying coffee or coffee by donation, and a soup supper four days a week and on Saturdays, food supplements are available. There is a thrift shop as well.

While providing meals and food is important to StreetLove Ministries, there is also a great need to provide shelter. The building which houses StreetLove requires a sprinkler system in order to operate as a shelter. The sprinkler system comes with a hefty price tag. Blessed Mother Teresa Nathanael group raised \$2,200 towards this end. This will be a start to put the architectural plan into effect, so StreetLove can begin to shelter the homeless.

Contributed by  
Judy Wells  
Brandon Nathanael  
Formation

## New Member of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council

Dr. Geoffrey Kindle  
St. Augustine's  
Parish, Brandon



Dr. Geoffrey Kindle

Dr. Geoffrey Kindle is a graduate of Queen's University Medical School in Kingston, Ont.

He is married to Lorraine and they have two children and two grandchildren and have lived in Brandon since 1981.

Dr. Kindle has been a diagnostic radiologist for 27 years.

He became Catholic through the RCIA program five years ago and since that time has been active in church ministries.

He is chairperson of the St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council and facilitator of the Brandon Deanery Pastoral Council.

He and his wife and are active on the Stewardship Committee at St. Augustine's.

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## St. Augustine of Canterbury 125th Anniversary

Parishioners of St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Brandon, are celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the founding of their parish as well as the 50th Anniversary since the oldest portion of St. Augustine's School was built.

To mark this grand occasion, we are inviting all former parishioners, priests and religious to join us for a day of celebration on Saturday, May 31, 2008.

The festivities will begin at 12 noon with hot dogs, fries and drinks prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Tours of the church and the school will begin in the parish centre. Carnival games for the children will be set up outside and in the event of poor weather will be held in the school gymnasium.

From 1-4 pm the teachers of St. Augustine's School will host a come and go tea with anniversary cake for all.

At 7 p.m., Archbishop James Weisgerber will preside at a mass which will be celebrated in the Manitoa Room at the Keystone Centre.

Following the mass there will be a musical medley of various songs spanning over the past 125 years.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you know of any former parishioners who now live elsewhere, please inform us, so that we can extend them a personal invitation.

We extend an invitation to everyone to join us for this grand event. For more information phone (204) 727-4728 or e-mail staug@mts.net

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to schedule a workshop.**

## John Paul II Nathanael puts words into action

The John Paul II Nathanael lay formation members are putting their words into action by reaching out into the community to help others.

The Winnipeg-based group which is completing the final year of the three-year Nathanael program, is currently involved in a ministry of presence project as part of its formation training.

Nathanael members are involved in a number of projects to provide service to others. They are volunteering at drop-in centres, providing palliative care, mentoring others or offering outreach services in prisons.

Director Sr. Cathy Laviolette believes the ministry of presence will help the Nathanael candidates identify their own strengths and weaknesses in the process.

"The aim is to enable people to come to know who they are as ministers, and to offer a quality of presence to those whom they meet in their lives," she said.

In their ministry, Nathanaelites work with people facing many challenging situations in life, such as



Program director Sr. Cathy Laviolette with Nathanaelite Brian Grubber.

the poor, the homeless, and those dealing with mental health issues or physical disabilities.

"The long-term goal is that people come to recognize they are the presence of Christ wherever they are," Laviolette said.

Nathanaelite Brian Grubber is volunteering at Our Place/Chez Nous drop-in centre, on Main Street in Winnipeg.

He is engaged in a variety of activities at the centre and strives to better understand the clients by spending time listening to their experiences and providing some support.

"We're a conduit for God, listening, without words needing to be said," he explained.

"We're not trying to solve their problems or transfer our own problems. It's not an easy concept."

Grubber appreciates the value of his ministry of presence work and aims to recognize the many ways God lives in others.

Inspired by the words of Mother Teresa, Grubber explained he believes Christians need to seek out Jesus' love in everyone, regardless of the personal struggles each individual deals with in life.

"I feel like I'm doing something good, in general," Grubber added.

"I'm not looking to change the world. I'm simply going to be present."

Nathanaelite Kelly Sullivan is providing his ministry of presence work by reaching out to those who are struggling with imprisonment, both physical and spiritual. He visits inmates at Headingley Correctional Centre in his service.

"We've been going through workbooks talking about Christ," Sullivan said of his experience.

"It's an opportunity for them to have a one-on-one relationship with someone that cares enough to come and talk to them."

Sullivan realizes it is not an easy life for those who are incarcerated and he now feels more compassionate towards others since beginning this ministry.

"In my belief, all experiences help you grow, and this is another one," he said.

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Angela Brown  
Portage la Prairie

## St. Valentine's Familia Evening



Familia couple Holly and Jamie Gustafson.

Elegant decorations, a delicious dinner, entertaining speakers, renewal of marriage vows, a silent auction and a dance rounded out the annual St. Valentine's Familia Evening at St. John Brebeuf Parish Feb. 16.

Close to 30 couples enjoyed the gala fundraising event.

After dinner, the couples were treated to an entertaining and inspiring talk given by a Familia couple from Regina. Jamie and Holly Gustafson travelled to Winnipeg to share the journey of God's grace in their lives through the years of their marriage.

The talk culminated with Msgr. Ward Jamieson

leading the couples in a renewal of marriage vows as they recommitted their love for each other. There was a toast to celebrate a total of 685 years of marriage between all the couples.

A few other highlights included a slideshow of the couples on their wedding day, the fun of bidding on the silent auction baskets and finally dancing the night away.

It was a beautiful evening celebrating the gift of God's love in our marriages.

Contributed by  
Sylvia and David Hood  
District Directors,  
Familia Wpg.

## St. Ann's Parish Community Plans 100th Anniversary Celebrations

One hundred years ago a group of people got together to worship. They would eventually form what is now St. Ann's Parish, 271 Hampton St., in

St. James.

In December, 1917, the doors to St. Ann's Church officially opened. St. Ann's School also began at this time and was located in the

church basement.

The school was run by the Sisters of St. Joseph and they remained there until a shortage of vocations required them to leave,

forcing the closure of the school in 1971.

There were several priests who were at St. Ann's during its early years. In 1933 Reverend Francis Xavi-

er MacAulay began his 39 years as pastor of St. Ann's. Thanks to Father MacAulay's hard work and dedication St. Ann's Parish flourished.

Many priests came through St. Ann's doors after Father MacAulay, including father Edward Morand, Father Sean Cahill, Father Ted Nagengast and Father Wilf Daniels, an ex-football player and Kraft Foods Executive turned parish priest. The parish family grew considerably thanks to Father Wilf's hard work.

During these years we were also very fortunate to have had two sisters working at our parish.

In 1984, Sister Cathy Laviolette, a Holy Names Sister, began a three-year term as pastoral assistant to Father Nagengast. Sister Cathy took a heavy load off the then ailing Father Ted.

In 1989, Sister Alice Konefall, also a Holy Names Sister, arrived becoming pastoral assistant to Father Wilf.

Both were an invaluable asset to our parish, taking up many duties within the church. Sr. Alice became our parish administrator a few years later and is still with us today.

Over the years, since Father Wilf's passing, we have been fortunate to have had the opportunity

to welcome three other great priests, each bringing their own gifts of time and talent to our parish family.

This year the community of St. Ann's parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary and a weekend of events are being planned to celebrate this occasion.

The Feast of St. Ann is celebrated July 26 and what better a time to celebrate our 100th anniversary.

During the weekend of July 25-27, 2008 we will be hosting several events and we welcome any former members of St. Ann's parish to join us.


Scheduled events are:  
**July 25:** 7:30 p.m. Prayer service followed by a Wine and Cheese in the lower hall.

**July 26:** 4:30 p.m. Mass celebrated with the Archbishop followed by a dinner and dance at The Viscount Gort Hotel. Tickets, \$20, available May 8.

**July 27:** 9:30 a.m. Mass followed by a family picnic at Bourkvale Community Club.

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click on Diocesan Links, Offices and Ministries, Human Resources  
or call Dianna Robson at the Catholic Centre, Archdiocese of Winnipeg  
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## Winnipeg youth attend Rise Up in Calgary

This year, sixteen Manitoba youth decided to celebrate New Year's in a special way. They drove to Calgary to participate in Rise Up, a conference hosted by CCO, Catholic Christian Outreach, and attended by 450 university-aged Catholics from 65 universities and colleges from across the country.

The five-day conference Dec. 27 to Jan. 1 at the Paliser Hotel, themed *A Renaissance of Hope*, provided participants with many opportunities to experience and embrace the hope offered through Christ, while encouraging them, as future leaders of the Church, to bring that hope to others.

The conference featured inspiring speakers such as Brett Powell, Dr. Reginald Bibby, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, Fr. Thomas Rosica, and Arch-

bishop Michael Miller, many of whom stayed to participate in the conference with the youth.

In his talk, Fr. Thomas Rosica, founder of Salt and Light television, pointed to the lives of the saints as a source of hope, as well as a challenge to holiness.

"At the times when the Church hits its low points God raises up tremendous saints to bring the Church back to its real mission," Rosica said.

"It's almost as if in those times of darkness the light of Christ shines ever more brightly. We are living through one of those times, and the Lord is still taking applications for his extreme form of holiness and sanctity."

This message of both encouragement and challenge was a theme that was present throughout the conference.



A group of Winnipeg youths attended the Catholic Christian Outreach 'Rise Up' conference in Calgary Dec. 27 to Jan. 1.

A moving night of adoration and reconciliation gave attendees an opportunity to grow in their relationship with Christ.

On the following night, they were challenged to share that relationship with others by committing to lead a bible study with their peers.

Rise Up participants were

also treated to powerful and inspiring praise and worship throughout the conference, culminating with an hour of praise at the stroke of midnight to bring in the New Year.

In fact, the enthusiastic participation of conference attendees drew more than a few curious onlookers to the meeting room, drawn

in by the passion and enthusiasm of the youth.

That enthusiasm, and above all, hope, is what the Winnipeg youth that attended the conference have brought back with them, and they are willing and ready to share it with others.

The Rise Up conference occurs in a different city

each year, and will be hosted by Toronto in Dec. 2008.

For more information on CCO, and Rise Up, visit [www.cco.ca](http://www.cco.ca).

Contributed by Edward Bohncke  
Our Lady of Victory Parish



Easter tells the story of the life and ministry of Jesus.

## St. Boniface Diocesan High School presents Easter Remixed

Following the success of last year's world premiere of the musical *Estar*, St. Boniface Diocesan High School presented *Estar Re-mixed* April 10 to 12 in the Salle Martial-Caron Theatre at St. Boniface College.

Last year's performance received a Rainbow Stage Performance Award.

The show's author, Shawn Coughlin, said this year's production introduced new songs and a new look.

*Estar* takes the viewer from *In the Beginning*, the title of the first number, through the life and ministry of Jesus including his death and resurrection.

"This toe-tapping lively musical leaves audiences inspired," said Coughlin.

Fr. Marcel Damphousse, the Chaplain at St. Boniface Diocesan High School said *Estar* is about youth from different Christian backgrounds coming together.

"It's a fun yet profound musical production that has great potential to evangelize for it speaks to young and old about God's great gift of his Son to humanity," said Damphousse.

"It's upbeat, contemporary and creative. Music and lyrics are not only entertaining but leave you with a powerful long-lasting message that nurtures the mind and soul."

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

To date there are about 60 people from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg who plan to be involved in World Youth Day in Australia.

To assist in the preparation of the pilgrims the Archdiocese will sponsor a retreat. This will be a great opportunity to focus on the pilgrimage and also to allow the pilgrims to get to know each other. The retreat will take place at

the Catholic School of Evangelization  
in St. Malo, Manitoba,

Friday evening, May 23 to Sunday noon, May 25.

All pilgrims are invited to attend.

Some of you will be working and may not be able to attend the whole weekend, but feel very welcome to attend any part that you are able.

Archbishop James Weisgerber will be with us for the weekend.

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**Catholic Schools Day Feb. 15**

# Catholic Schools Light The Way

‘Catholic Schools Light The Way’ was the theme of this year’s Catholic Schools Day celebrated Fri., Feb. 15 at St. Mary’s Academy.

The daylong event for Catholic teachers was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Catholic Schools and the Catholic Schools Commission and featured an opening Mass, a presentation on the Eucharist by Rev. Darrin Gurr and an afternoon presentation by performer Judy Savoy.

Archbishop James Weisgerber presided over the liturgy.

In his homily, Weisgerber recalled the arduous journeys of immigrants to Canada, buffered and sustained by faith, hope and the belief that life would be better. In the same way our life journeys, when centered on Jesus, have meaning and power, Weisgerber said.

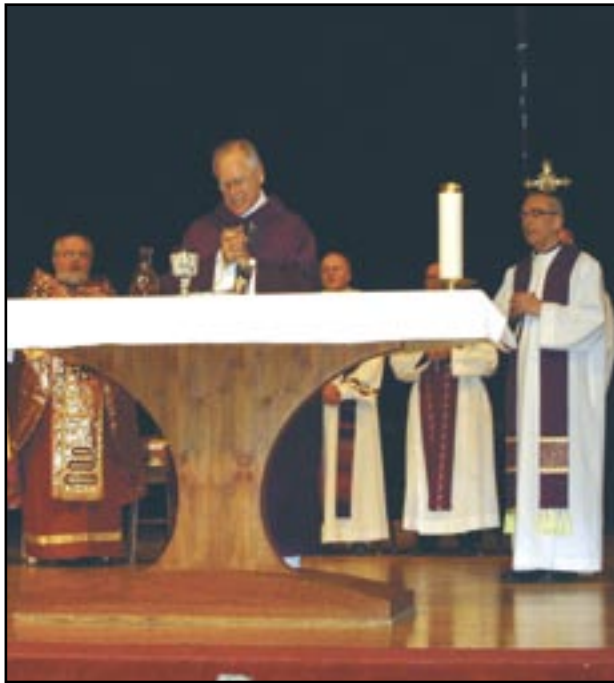
“Love is a choice to be present to others, a decision to be there for the marginalised, the poor and

the weak,” Weisgerber said. “We can’t want to do it or accomplish it without God. We set an example for young Christians and on our journey we touch others with the touch of God.”

Welcoming the assembled educators, Robert Praznik, director of Catholic education for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg expressed the hope that the teachers would enjoy and profit from the personal growth day prepared for them.

“We gather in communion with one another, one community, to celebrate who we are as a people,” said Praznik.

Rev. Darrin Gurr, Director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese, and founding pastor of the archdiocese’s newest parish, St. Gianna’s, gave a presentation entitled ‘Life Giving Eucharist.’ The choice of topic was prompted by the upcoming International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Quebec City in June, and the ongoing liturgical renewal being undertaken



**Catholic Schools Day Feb 15 began with mass celebrated by Winnipeg’s Ukrainian Archbishop Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak (left) Archbishop James Weisgerber, middle, and Rev. Darrin Gurr, far right, among other celebrants.**

in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Gurr holds a degree in Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame. He led the teachers through a short workbook on the Eucharist.

“Eucharistic remember-

ing brings the Christ event forward,” Gurr said. “It is present to us again right at our finger tips and in our lives right now, just like the first time – not reminiscent but current and contemporary.”

He stressed that the Eucharist event is more than the transformation of bread and wine, saying the whole community is also transformed into the presence of Jesus as well.

“We are bread and wine; we are offered up. We dispose ourselves to being changed and are called to a new level of engagement – a radical sense of community,” said Gurr. “Together we are the image of God – not as individuals. Eucharist without mission has nowhere to go. That’s why outreach is so important.”

The entire presence of Jesus’s earthly ministry is contained in the Eucharist, Gurr said.

“God’s presence is distilled to food. In bread and wine God dwells perfectly. We can hold it in the palm of our hand, true food and drink of God’s very life.” Gurr encouraged congregations to remain standing until all receive communion to make Eucharist less an individual act and more an act of community.

Gurr sees membership as an important consideration in the celebration of Eucharist.

“Membership means belief in Christ, a sign of our membership in the Church and a relationship with the persons of the Church, the Archbishop, the Pope and Majesterium,” he said.

He discouraged the offering of communion to anyone outside membership of the Catholic Church as he said it would weaken the strength of membership and added, “We give the same respect to other churches’ memberships by refraining from receiving communion even when it is offered.”

Gurr said the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows each individual to be reconciled with the Eucharistic community and “be fully reunited to the table of the Lord.”

*Contributed by Barbara Fawcett*

## Comedian brings life lessons to teachers and students

Actor and comedian Judy Savoy said after visiting three Winnipeg catholic schools during Catholic Schools Week Feb. 11 to 15, “I would want to come back as a seven year old in a Winnipeg Catholic School where love and joy inspires art.”

Drawing from characters in her one-woman show, *Get Me Back to the Garden, I’m Choking on the Weeds*, Savoy entertained and inspired educators and students from across the Archdiocese of Winnipeg during her presentation at Catholic Schools Day Feb. 15 at St. Mary’s Academy.

Savoy, who is also a television and radio broadcaster, writer, singer, drama workshop leader and conference speaker, praised the teachers who daily encourage and nurture the self-esteem of their students.

Using minimal props and costumes Savoy played the parts of Eve, Mrs. Noah, a rapping Pharisee and a host of others.

Intertwined in her versions of biblical tales came the gentle and candid unfolding of Savoy’s own life journey.

Savoy shared her responses and reactions to being bullied and excluded as a young teenager, her father’s alcoholism and her mother’s subsequent departure from the family home.

With determination, she



**Actor and comedian Judy Savoy.**

strove to be the best at everything she undertook and resolved, “Nobody will ever hurt me again.”

Savoy said she threw herself into academics, left the faith of her childhood behind and concentrated on her studies and self-sufficiency.

As a student at Toronto’s Ryerson College (now University), she recalled how one year she somehow worked, at one time or other, part-time, for ten different employers.

In 1976, she took a posi-

tion as a weathercaster for a television network.

Material gain and success in broadcasting brought the security Savoy thought was her goal. Nagging within, however, was a void that she described as “an ache and a longing.”

In a pivotal moment, she turned to God and said, “If you are real, I want you in my life.”

She realized, almost immediately that something had changed; God was meeting her where she was. Savoy still harboured over-

functioning tendencies and entered marriage and then family life as an Anglican minister’s wife with the same multi-tasking drive.

By 1980, Savoy had two sons and the myriad responsibilities of family, work, the church and the community.

As the responsibilities took their toll, Savoy began to burn out and withdraw from some of her activities. She finally realized that God’s presence in her life could be depended upon absolutely and unconditionally.

In 1998 she debuted a one-woman performance of story, monologue and music to share that knowledge. *Get Me Back to the Garden, I’m Choking on the Weeds* has since been performed all over North America and is available on DVD.

Savoy shared the peaks and valleys of her life including the end of her marriage in 2002.

With candour, she shared her journey to forgiveness and the deepening of her faith that resulted.

Through her performances, Savoy often discovers that the telling of her story helps audience members to find their voices and tap into their own faith resources to heal life’s wounds.

*Contributed by Barbara Fawcett*

## St. Mary’s Academy Celebrates Fourth Marian Awards Saturday, May 3

**St. Mary’s Academy celebrates the presentation of the fourth Marian Awards on Saturday, May 3, 2008 recognizing alumnae and friends who model excellence and service in their personal and professional lives.**

**Recipients are people who distinguish themselves and the Academy by continuing to Hold High the Torch.**

**This year we are honouring Professor Emeritus Joan Harland (’32) who developed the University of Manitoba’s four-year Interior Design programme into one of the leading courses in ID in North America; Alaina Prokopchuk (’98), a graduate student in Landscape Architecture at the University of Manitoba, recognized internationally for her design of a portable water filtration system; and Rekha Malaviya (’83) who is both a Senior Prosecutor in the Domestic Violence Unit of Manitoba Public Prosecutions and a longtime volunteer and now the Chair of the Board of Directors at Osborne House, the largest crisis shelter in Canada for women and their children.**

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**Sat., May 3, 2008**

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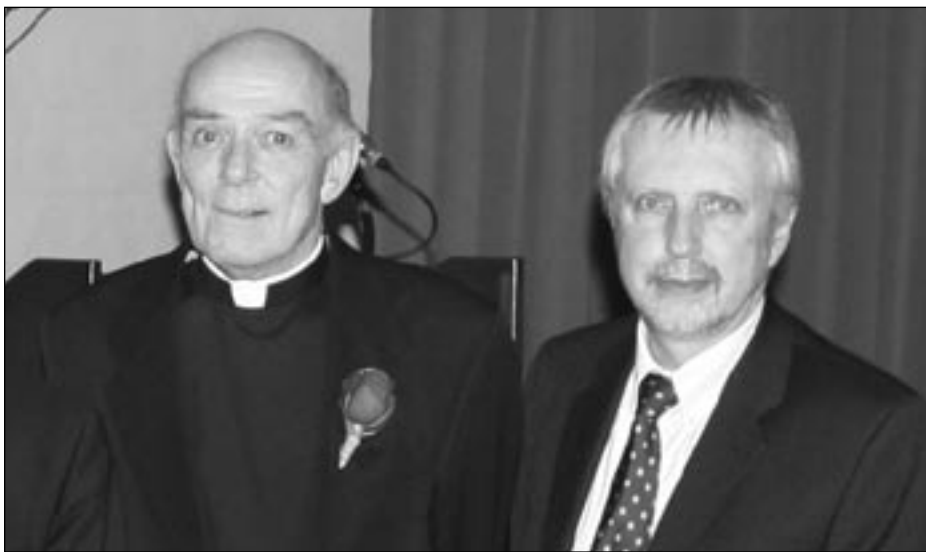
## Jesuits honoured by St. Paul's College Alumni

The Jesuits of Winnipeg were honoured Jan. 26 at the St. Paul's College Alumni and Friends Association Annual Dinner.

"Thank you for being part of what God wants us to do," said Fr. Brian Massie S.J., Pastor of St. Ignatius Church upon receiving the award on behalf of the Jesuits of Winnipeg. He and his fellow Jesuits received an enthusiastic ovation from about 200 guests. The Jesuits have played a key role in education in Winnipeg and particularly in the college for over 75 years. Dr. Denis Bracken, Rector of St. Paul's College, presented a review of the relationship between the Jesuits and St. Paul's College.

St. Paul's College was established in 1926 and turned over to the Jesuits in 1933; they continued to operate the college until 1999.

The College is now administered by the St. Paul's



Reverend Brian Massie, S.J., left, and Dr. Denis Bracken, Rector of St. Paul's College. Photo by Paul Swart.

Corporation and an 18-member Board of Governors, with Archbishop James Weisgerber as its current Chancellor. Three Jesuit priests still serve at the college.

In 1989, the Jesuit Centre was opened at the college under the direction of Fr. David Creamer, S.J. and transformed in 1995 to the Centre for Catholic Studies.

In the Ignatian tradition, St. Paul's College continues to offer both a secular and spiritual education.

The St. Paul's College Alumni and Friends Association was formed in 1990 to foster fellowship among the alumni and foster activities in support of the

college and its students. The association provides scholarships and bursaries and promotes the college to a wider audience through speakers and activities.

Four scholarships of \$1,000 each are awarded annually to high school students from each of the catholic high schools in Winnipeg: St. Mary's Academy, St. Paul's High School, St. Maurice High School and St. Boniface Diocesan High School. The scholarships are awarded for exceptional scholastic achievement and demonstrated leadership skills.

Proceeds from the Annual Dinner are donated to the Scholarship Fund and matched with funds from

the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative. To date the association has awarded more than \$33,000. Organizers were pleased to announce that the 2008 dinner gathered some \$9,000 for the Scholarship Fund.

The Society of Jesus, founded in 1540 by St. Ignatius of Loyola, opened its first college in Messina, Italy in 1558, with the belief that education was central to service to the church. Today the order is active in 112 nations on six continents and is served by almost 20,000 Jesuits.

Contributed by  
Barbara Fawcett

## 'Playing God' a responsibility many must face

The phrase 'playing God' is often heard in situations involving a person's or a group's right to make decisions that could prolong another person's life or speed their death.

Yet, caring for loved ones and raising families is "a lifelong stewardship in which we are playing God all the time," says Winnipeg clinical ethicist Pat Murphy.

Murphy spoke at a session Feb. 19 entitled, *Now and at The Hour of Our Death*. The event was arranged by Micah House, the Catholic Centre for Social Justice, to address important recent controversial events that impact the topic of end-of-life decisions. Micah House director Sr. Johanna Jonker said it is a question of social justice

"Death is raw and organic. Feelings of discomfort and uncertainty are predictable," said Murphy, who works at St. Boniface Hospital.

"Decisions on when to initiate, withhold or withdraw care become a challenge. These decisions touch our deepest beliefs. The phrase 'playing God' speaks to the awesome responsibility in navigating the decline into death."

Murphy said that the process of death has changed over the years. In the past, acute illnesses often took lives quickly. Now, death comes more often as the result of chronic or degenerative conditions and death comes much more slowly "punctuated by opportunities to circumvent it," she said.

She recommends discussing preferences for end of life care with loved ones before the onset of critical or chronic illness. Many people choose a proxy who can make decisions for them if they are unable to communicate their wishes. Murphy believes that for the most part, health facilities strive to respond to individuals' wishes and values.

Caregivers need to balance the 'benefit and burden' of any therapy that is offered, she said. They need to be educated and well-informed about the options and implications of therapy. Murphy has found it useful to confirm the level of understanding



Pat Murphy

by asking, "What did you hear the doctor say?"

"People are complicated," she said. "Life histories have a great impact on their treatment choices."

When someone is dying, Murphy encourages careful consideration of the patient's biography and values as well as the diagnosis and prognosis. It is important to distinguish between the goals and the means of a treatment. Good clinical judgment will take into account all the factors, she said.

Murphy reviewed critical distinctions regarding ordinary vs. extraordinary measures, sanctity of life vs. vitalism and active and passive euthanasia versus allowing death.

She quoted Fr. Kevin O'Rourke, Director of Health Care Ethics at the St. Louis Medical School: "The distinction is as thin as silk but as strong as steel." Murphy explained that "it turns on the intention of the action taken."

Murphy said all end of life decisions are complex and deserve careful discernment. "A rush to judgment is unwise," she said.

The field of clinical ethics is only 40 years old, she said. Murphy noted that in early cases, families typically sought to de-escalate aggressive treatments. Now, de-escalation is more often sought by health facilities.

She encouraged all clinicians and families to carefully consider value judgments regarding the efficacy of their choices.

Murphy quoted the rule of St. Benedict: "Keep death before your eyes daily ... death is a feature of every human life."

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Geoffrey Angeles

## Ordinations, May 30 St. Mary's Cathedral

Archbishop James Weisgerber has announced that Geoffrey Angeles and James deBeer will be ordained to the Priesthood on Friday, May 30, 2008. The ordinations will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please plan on attending this important event in the life of our local church.



James deBeer

## Caritas dinner honours Sisters of the Good Shepherd/Marymount

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd / Marymount were honoured at the 30th Annual Caritas Award Dinner on Tues., April 8, 2008, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba's Board of Directors annually selects an individual or organization to be a recipient of the award at an annual dinner held in their honour.

The Caritas Award has been awarded annually since 1979.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd form one international congregation ministering in 71 countries on five continents.

In Canada the Sisters sponsor programs in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario Manitoba and British Co-

lumbia.

Founded nearly two hundred years ago in Angers, France, by St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier who believed that God is like a compassionate Shepherd whose love for all is boundless, Good Shepherd Sisters respond to a call to reach out to everyone and help awaken in all peoples a sense of each one's unique worth and inestimable value.

A Sister of the Good Shepherd can express her zeal for God's people either as an apostolic or contemplative sister.

The Sisters came to Winnipeg in 1911 at the invitation of Judge Thomas Daly. Judge Daly was seeking an alternative to prison for young women and girls he

encountered in his court. Knowing of the Sisters' work in Montreal, where they had been established since 1844, he recognized in them zeal for helping the unfortunate and the commitment and skill he knew these women needed.

In April, 1911 five Sisters of the Good Shepherd came from Montreal to Winnipeg.

Marymount was established in its present location on the west bank of the Red River in North Kildonan in the fall of that same year.

In the early to mid 20th century up to 100 girls lived on Scotia Street, in either St Agnes Priory or Marymount, two halves of the current administrative building.

Today, Marymount has facilities throughout Winnipeg and in Thompson, Man. in the North.

Marymount supports 1,200 young people, both male and female, and their families, every year.

In all it does, Marymount strives to remain true to the values and standards of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and follow the example they set for compassion, zeal and reconciliation.

They have truly shown us, as Mary Euphrasia taught, 'One person is worth the whole world.' Marymount's determination is to live that in all the work they do.

## First Catholic Schools Justice Workshop Inspires Future Leaders

‘Living Justice, Living Faith’ was the theme of the first Catholic Schools Justice Workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Catholic schools and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, held February 19.

The goal of this event was for students to deepen their awareness of social justice issues and to further their development as leaders.

The workshop was open to Catholic schools throughout Manitoba.

Sixty students and teachers attended representing eight schools: Our Lady of Victory School, St. Gerard’s School, St. Mary’s Academy, St. Ignatius School, St. Augustine’s School from Brandon, St. Boniface Diocesan High School, St. Jean Brebeuf School and Christ the King School.

Throughout the day, students and teachers participated in various sessions.

They explored the differences between charity and social justice, learned more about the Catholic organization Development and Peace, examined the role of stewardship in their lives and made connections between faith and the environment.

There was also time for prayer and reflection as well as a lively praise and worship session.



**Sixty students and teachers representing eight schools attended the first Catholic Schools Justice Workshop Feb. 19.**

Recognizing that it will be students themselves who will be the biggest agents of change in their communities, each was given a resource folder with ideas for activities to be used in their schools.

The participants were also introduced to people throughout the province who are able to support them as they become leaders and live out the Catholic

Social Teachings.

A highlight of the day was the presentation by Daniel Saning’o Kiroket. Daniel is a young Kenyan who is in Winnipeg on an exchange with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, an ecumenical organization that Development and Peace has recently joined.

Wearing traditional Kenya attire, Daniel showed photos of his life in Kenya and

spoke about the effects that climate change is having on the traditional lifestyle of his people.

The response to the workshop was very positive

Shaya Gasnarek, a grade eight student from St. Augustine’s school in Brandon said that she really enjoyed the workshop.

“The way that you told us how we have power (to create change) over and over again really made us think we can make a difference. That’s really great to hear.”

Development and Peace, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Catholic Schools and the Catholic Schools Commission were all on board to make this event happen.

As a result, students and teachers were able to learn from a variety of facilitators.

The 2nd Catholic Schools Justice Workshop has been scheduled for Feb. 27, 2009.

All Catholic schools in the Archdioceses of Winnipeg and St. Boniface, as well as the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg will be invited to take part.

*Contributed by Roberta Gramlich and Barbara Fawcett For more information please contact Roberta at roberta.gramlich@devp.org or (204) 231-2848*

## The View from Micah House



### A modern day Exodus

Then the Lord said, “I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians....”

Just recently, I re-read Robert McAfee Brown’s book *Unexpected News: Reading the Bible with Third World Eyes*. He invites the reader to reflect on the Exodus story which is recounted during the Easter Vigil, the transition from Lent to Easter.

It is an astounding description of our God. Seeing the affliction of the people, God sides with God’s people against the Egyptians and announces that (he) will deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians.

The story is very familiar to us. God sides with the oppressed against the oppressor; in this case, the Egyptians. There is nothing new about those words, either. But who do we stand with in the Exodus story? Just formulating the question is disturbing. Do we stand with the oppressor or the oppressed? Isn’t the answer obvious and instantaneous? Read on.

Jackie Anderson, a Métis woman from Ma Mawi Chi Itata Centre, shared a horrifying story with her audience Saturday, March 1. Jackie works at a transition home called Honouring the Spirit of our Little Sisters. At present she has 110 young people waiting for admission to the six person residence for sexually exploited children and youth.

Most of these young people are victims of poverty, racism, past abuse and trauma, medical, mental or developmental disorders. Often they refer themselves in order to escape the cruel and dehumanizing life on the street.

Are we implicated in what is happening on our streets? Have we turned a blind eye to the many young women and children on street corners soliciting business? Do we, with Yahweh, see the affliction of these young victims and determine to support laws and organizations that work to transform lives of suffering and degradation on the street to a life of dignity and belonging?

Now is the time to awaken to the reality of children bearing immense burdens not of their making. Poverty, family dysfunction, drug addiction and misery make them victims.

Are we unwittingly repeating the actions of the Egyptian overseers who insisted that the Hebrews find their own straw for the formation of the bricks while we wonder out loud, “Where are their parents?” and “Why don’t they get jobs?”

It is time to recognize the beauty of God in the children and youth who are sexually exploited. They are not perpetrators but victims. May our hearts and minds be touched as we move from Lent to Easter. May we stand with and empower these youngsters to live into their own time of Easter.

*Sr. Johanna Jonker is at Micah House 1039 Main St. Winnipeg 589-5393*

*Contributed by Barbara Fawcett*

## D and P works to bring democracy to Congo

The people of the Democratic Republic of Congo “are like crocodiles who live in rivers but die of thirst,” says a Congolese educator, activist and partner with Development and Peace, the international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

Fidele Banza Mutumbo shared his vision for the future of Congo at a presentation at the St. Ignatius Adult Education Centre Feb. 24.

Mutumbo said Congo’s more than 62 million people live in a “spacious” 2.34-million-square-kilometer country, rich in natural resources where the land is fertile and can support multiple crops each year.

But the very wealth of the country has escalated violent struggles for control. A five-year war that began in



**Fidele Banza Mutumbo**

the late 90s between government forces and rebels from surrounding countries, resulted in an estimated three million deaths due to fighting, disease or malnutrition by 2003.

Development and Peace has been educating the

people to participate in the elections and democracy in general.

A very successful D and P initiative was the establishment of community radio stations and Internet access.

Mutumbo said people who hear the radio broadcasts are beginning to participate more fully in community decisions.

He encouraged Canadians to educate themselves about the mining practices of international companies including Canadian mining companies and noted that the vast funds being invested can easily corrupt and take control of the Congo’s ministries. He concluded by expressing hope for international cooperation.

“A single arm can collect wood for the fire but it cannot tie it for transport. You

have a hand and we have a hand. Let us work together.”

According to its website, for more than 40 years Development and Peace has worked with organizations representing the poor and marginalized in the Global South, and provided in excess of \$500 million to 15,000 projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. D and P has more than 200 partners in 33 countries.

In Canada, it is a democratic movement for international solidarity, educating the public about the root causes of poverty and mobilizing social action for change, with 13,000 members from coast to coast.

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## ‘Without the truth, there can be no reconciliation’

Church leaders, including Archbishop James Weisgerber, joined Manitoba’s aboriginal community and survivors of Indian Residential Schools March 10, at a Winnipeg conference of a multi-city tour to promote the work of the upcoming Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Remembering the Children tour was launched in Ottawa on Sunday, March 2 and also made stops in Vancouver and Saskatoon.

About 400 people gathered at The Forks to hear words of apology from the Anglican, Presbyterian, United and Roman Catholic churches offered to the many who suffered abuse while attending one

of Canada’s residential schools.

The government of Canada started residential schools in the 1920s to assimilate aboriginals into white society. The government enlisted the help of the churches to administer the schools.

Aboriginal children between the ages of 7 and 15 were forcibly taken from their homes and families to be placed in the schools. In the 1930s there were 80 residential schools operating in Canada. In 1979 there were still 12 residential schools with 1,899 students. In the 1980s residential school students began disclosing sexual and other forms of abuse.

“It’s a very important thing to tell the truth,” Weisgerber told the gath-



Archbishop Weisgerber addresses Remembering the Children conference in Winnipeg.

ering. “Without the truth, there can be no reconciliation.”

“I hope we’re going to be able to raise the consciousness of church people all over this country about the tremendous importance of this particular issue,” he said in an interview at the event. “Aboriginal people,

especially in Manitoba, suffered unbelievable things and have suffered for a long, long time .... We, as Canadians, really have to try to understand. History seldom gives us a second chance.”

Rev. Dr. J.H. (Hans) Kouwenberg, moderator for the Presbyterian Church in

Canada, asked forgiveness and noted Canadians have failed to love their neighbour, the First Nations people.

“We confess in those schools the children were deprived.... We confess some were abused. We want to say we deeply regret this,” Kouwenberg said.

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Ron Evans said aboriginal people faced many injustices that have affected both residential school survivors and future generations, however he remains hopeful for a brighter future.

“The truth telling and reconciliation process means two parties coming together to reach a point of understanding or agreement,” said Evans. “It’s a

journey we have to take to find peace.”

The tour paved the way for the work of the Indian Residential School Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which is currently being established, in accordance with the federal Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement of 2006.

As part of its five-year mandate, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission must establish a research centre, prepare a historic record of residential school survivor experiences and help renew relationships between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Canadians.

*Contributed by Angela Brown Portage la Prairie*

## Evening prayer honours religious men and women of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg

The religious men and women of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg were honoured with a service Feb. 4 at St. Mary’s Cathedral with Archbishop Weisgerber presiding.

The Archbishop reminded all that it was the wish of Pope John Paul II that religious orders would be so honoured on the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus, which took place Sun. Feb. 3.

The readings for the Monday evening service were taken from the previous Sunday’s mass.

“We give thanks to God for his wonderful gift of your work,” Weisgerber told about 200 in attendance.

“For this is all God’s grace and we give thanks for the rich and varied ways in which you have touched our society.”

Among the groups honoured were the Congregation of Our Lady of Sion, Filles de la Croix, Grey Nuns of Montréal, Heralds of Good News, Missionaries of Charity, Missionary Oblate Sisters of St. Boniface, Sisters of Our Lady



Representatives of the religious orders within the Archdiocese of Winnipeg gather with Archbishop Weisgerber Feb. 4 at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

of the Missions, Sisters of St. Benedict, Sisters of the Child Jesus, Sisters of

the Good Shepherd, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Sisters of

the Presentation of Mary, School Sisters of Notre Dame, The Oblates of

Mary Immaculate and The Society of Jesus.

## Archbishop Weisgerber’s Schedule

<b>April</b>	
15 1:00 pm	Visit to Headingley Correctional Institute
16 7:30 pm	Confirmation, St. John Cantius Parish, Winnipeg
17 10:30 am	International-Local Priest Committee, Winnipeg
7:30 pm	Confirmation, St Anthony of Padua (WK) Parish, Winnipeg
18 7:00 pm	Confirmation, St Vital Parish, Winnipeg
19 5:00 pm	Confirmation, St Gianna’a Parish, Winnipeg
20 10:00 am	Confirmation, St Eustache Parish, St Eustache
21 4:30 pm	St. Paul’s College Board of Governors, Winnipeg
23 7:30 pm	Confirmation, St John Brebeuf Parish, Winnipeg
24 3:00 pm	Interfaith Meeting, Winnipeg
7:30 pm	Confirmation, Holy Rosary Parish, Winnipeg
26 3:00 pm	Emmaus Graduation, St. Paul’s College, Winnipeg
5:00 pm	Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Anniversary Celebration, Winnipeg
27 4:30 pm	Confirmation, Holy Cross Parish, Ashern
29 7:00 pm	Confirmation, St Joseph Parish, Winnipeg

30 7:00 pm	Holocaust Memorial Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Winnipeg
<b>May</b>	
3 12:10 pm	House of Peace, Winnipeg
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus State Convention
4 11:00 am	Confirmation, St Michael’s Parish, Gimli
7 7:30 pm	Confirmation, St Nicholas Tavelic Parish, Winnipeg
8 7:30 pm	Confirmation, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Winnipeg
9 7:30 pm	Confirmation, St Charles Parish, Winnipeg
10 5:00 pm	Confirmation, St Mary’s Cathedral
11 5:00 pm	Confirmation, Holy Ghost Parish, Winnipeg
14 7:30 pm	Confirmation, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Winnipeg
15 7:30 pm	Confirmation, St Helen Parish, Shoal Lake
16 7:30 pm	Confirmation, St Lazare Parish, St Lazare
17 7:30 pm	Confirmation, St Viator Parish, Dauphin
18 9:30 am	Confirmation, St Columba Parish, Swan River
21 7:30 pm	Confirmation, St Ignatius Parish, Winnipeg

22 7:00 pm	Confirmation, St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winnipeg
23-25	World Youth Day Participants Retreat, St. Malo
26-30	Priests Retreat Pinawa
30 7:30 pm	Priesthood Ordinations St Mary’s Cathedral
31 7:00 PM	125TH Anniversary of St. Augustine’s Parish, Brandon
<b>June</b>	
1 11:00 am	Confirmation, St. Dominic’s Parish, Neepawa
4-5	CCCB Executive, Ottawa
7 5:00 pm	Confirmation, Immaculate Conception Parish, Winnipeg
8	Brandon Nathanael Closing Celebration
10 2:30 pm	Archdiocesan Finance Council
7:30 pm	Confirmation, St Peter’s Parish, Winnipeg
12 7:00 pm	Confirmation, St Patrick Parish, Winnipeg
14 11:00 am	Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
5:30 pm	Father Henry Uczniak’s 50th Anniversary of Ordination, St John Cantius, Winnipeg
15 7:00 pm	Confirmation, St Edward’s Parish, Winnipeg
16-22	International Eucharistic Congress, Quebec City