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NEW ITEMS

Archdiocesan News



NEW Archsaintboniface.ca Website User Survey
The Archdiocese of St. Boniface is planning a website
update. While we have some ideas of what changes and
upgrades need to be made, we want to give our users a
chance to give us their own feedback and suggestions.
Please consider taking a few moments to fill in this survey
by CLICKING HERE. The survey will be open until
December 7



NEW "For the Love of the Creator's Land and People" - New Diocesan Land Acknowledgement

The Archdiocese of St. Boniface is happy to present its new Diocesan Land Acknowledgement, titled "Shaawiintan Manitou akii tako opimaatisii", which means "For the Love of the Creator's Land and People" in Anishinaabeg. The land acknowledgement has been crafted with the assistance of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, and has wonderful artwork by Roslyn Boucha, a Anishinaabe / German Settler artist of the Animakee Wa Zhing FIrst Nation. This artwork was originally commission during the 2022-23 school year by the Manitoba Catholic Schools.

This is Roslyn's description of the artwork:

"This illustration is my love letter to the land just as I believe a land acknowledgement should be; an act of reciprocity and a commitment to care for the land just as the land cares for us. Referencing the woodland art style, I included flora and fauna from across Turtle Island that has been integral to Indigenous groups since time immemorial, as well as cultural references to First Nations, Inuit, and our Metis relatives. The overall shape of the design references water as our life giver, flowing from the bottom of the page through to the infinity symbol and Creator's eye at the centre of the star blanket.

I chose not to include human shapes in this piece. Not because we are not an integral part of this system, but because we are included as the viewer, within the words, and within the shapes and stories throughout the image. A gentle reminder that we are not separate from the land. We are the land and this story is about us."

To download the Land Acknowledgement, please *click here*.





REMINDER Invitation to the Fall Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) Meeting – November 23, 2024

You are invited to our Fall Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting!

We look forward to welcoming newly formed & revitalized PPCs, as well as newly elected members! Our all-day session allows time for more in-depth discussions, sharing ideas & challenges, and creating new support systems and partnerships.

We are especially excited to finally introduce the latest REVISED version of the document: "From the Upper room to the Ends of the Earth"! (Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC). We are putting the finishing touches on this document and will send it to you for review before the meeting.

English: Nov 23, 2024, 10am - 3:30pm

St. John the Evangelist, 2 Academy Drive, Morden

French: Nov 30, 20224, 9:30am - 3:00pm

Paroisse St. Eugène, 1009 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg

Both meetings will allow for virtual attendance, but if you're able to come in person, please do. Lunch will be provided for those who come in person.

To register, use the QR code on the right, or click here: https://forms.office.com/r/nJgQghYy2q





NEW Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope: What is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is a significant period of celebration and forgiveness observed every 25 years in the Catholic Church. This sacred time provides a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, where individuals and communities can reflect on their faith, seek forgiveness, and restore relationships. The essence of the Jubilee is rooted in the themes of mercy and hope, inviting everyone to partake in the grace of God and the joy of reconciliation. Pope Francis has called for a year of jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024, at 19:00 with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St.

Peter's Square, Vatican City. The rite of the Opening of the Holy Door will follow. For the faithful around the world, the local diocesan Masses are to be held on December 29, 2024.

Save the date December 29th, 2024! The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Local Mass will be at Saint Boniface Cathedrale at 15:00, on December 29th, 2024, presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D. All are welcome!

REMINDER SAVE THE DATE!!! Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope - December 29, 2024

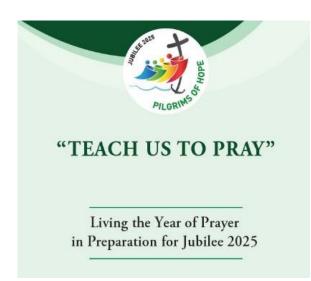
The Jubilee Year 2025 will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024. On December 29th, the Holy Door of the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, will also be opened by the Holy Father. On this same day, every Cathedral and co-Cathedral worldwide will celebrate a special Mass, presided over by the local Bishop, to mark the beginning of the Jubilee.

To mark this significant event, Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D. will celebrate Mass on December 29th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Saint Boniface Cathedral. All are invited to join in the opening of the Jubilee Year. Save the date!

As Pope Francis has said, "The Jubilee Year is a time of grace and mercy, a moment of renewal for the entire Church, and a call to walk together as pilgrims of hope."

Let us journey together in faith and joy as we open our hearts to the grace of this holy year.





NEW "TEACH US TO PRAY" – Document in Preparation of Jubilee 2025

A Brief Introduction - As we move closer to the Jubilee of 2025, Pope Francis wants 2024 to be dedicated to prayer. Thus, he is inviting the whole Church to a time of intense commitment in preparation for the Opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's in Rome, on December 24. The Jubilee will involve not only the city of Rome, but will extend far beyond, as God's mercy is proclaimed to the whole world, thus becoming a great opportunity for evangelization. As Christians, we are invited to bear witness as authentic "Pilgrims of Hope" walking toward the Lord, who opens his merciful and forgiving arms to us, as well as to our brothers and sisters who are still waiting for the Gospel to be proclaimed to them.

Prepared by the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization, "Teach Us to Pray", is a resource aide, inspired by the magisterium of Pope Francis, intended to be used by the faithful during this time of preparation for the

opening of the Holy Door. It is an invitation to intensify prayer as a personal dialogue with God.

To read Teach Us to Pray, please click here.

To help us all prepare for Jubilee 2025, the **Weekly News Bulletin** will be offering tips drawn from **Teach Us to Pray**. This week, we focus on **Youth and Prayer**...

Youth is an important period of transition. As with other aspects of life, including the journey of faith, at some point we come to question practices learned in childhood, in search of a more personal and intimate way of turning to the Lord. A journey of prayer with young people is bound to include doubts and questions about affections and relationships, fears and desires. It is precisely the silence and intimacy of prayer that together can constitute the space in which to tell the Lord: "If you enter into friendship with Him and begin to converse with the living Christ about the concrete things of your life" (Ex. Apos. Christus Vivit [CV], March 25, 2019, no. 129). Finally, a journey of prayer with young people raises vocational questions. The time of youth is par excellence the time when we look to and build our own future, including in the service of others.

Moments of socialization, of meeting with young people to pray together before devoting themselves to the various activities of the day can be proposed. For example, an appointment could be made in the morning, before going to school, to read the day's Gospel or to recite the morning prayers together. Or why not a short weekly Eucharistic adoration period, during which children can present their intentions, entrusting them to their companions. What's more, young people need to see and touch, to have both shared and first-hand experiences. Offer even small groups of young people the responsibility of being present and active in certain traditional parish activities, such as a Stations of the Cross, the recitation of Vespers or the Rosary.

SUGGESTED WORDING FOR A PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

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NEW Employment Opportunities – St. Mary's Academy – IT Support **Technician**

St. Mary's Academy is hiring an IT Support Technician to support the Academy's technology needs starting January 6, 2025. This full-time role provides essential technical assistance to students, faculty, and staff, ensuring seamless support. Key responsibilities include troubleshooting, hardware and software setup, and network maintenance. For the full job

posting and application details, please go to the following link smamb.ca/news/employment-opportunities. Applications are due by November 26, 2024.

Catholic Schools

REMINDER St. John Brebeuf School Invites Applications

St. John Brebeuf School invites applications for Kindergarten to Grade 8. Over 75% of our student continue their Catholic education at St. Paul's High School and St. Mary's Academy. Bursaries are available for qualifying families. "Living, Learning and Serving in Christ" is our motto. Call 204-489-2115 to book an appointment to learn more. For more information on St. John Brebeuf School, click here



NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 3, 2025 Applications accepted for all grades, with major entry points in Grades 7 & 9 Financial assistance available. All faiths welcome

REMINDER St. Mary's Academy Open House – January 14, 2025 St. Mary's Academy Open House takes place on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM. For families who are interested in an Academy education, this is a great opportunity to explore our vibrant community of learning, faith, and service. At St. Mary's Academy our core belief is in nurturing the whole person—spirit, mind and body. Our students graduate empowered with knowledge, aware of their gifts, possess a desire for excellence in all endeavours, and embrace a sense of social responsibility to use their abilities in the service of others. During the Open House, guests will have the opportunity to meet our inspiring students, dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff, and tour our beautiful campus. Find out more at www.smamb.ca/admissions/OpenHouse.



REMINDER St. Mary's Academy - Online Auction in Support of School Programs -November 30, 2024

St. Mary's Academy is holding its first ever Online Auction in Support of School Programs. Auction opens November 18 and closes on November 30, 2024 at 3:30 PM. Bid on your favourite prizes and share with your family and friends! All proceeds directly benefit students through enhanced program offerings, such as experiential learning, leadership development, and mental health and well-being initiatives. Your participation helps ensure that the students of the Academy are equipped with the skills and supports they need to thrive in today's ever-changing world. Together, we can make a lasting impact. The Online Auction features exciting getaways, gourmet dining, exclusive sports and entertainment experiences, and more! Visit www.smamb.ca/support-us/onlineauction. For more information, contact foundation@smamb.ca or 204-560-6924.



Evangelization

REMINDER Peer Evangelization Workshop - November 23, 2024

How to have effective faith building conversations with friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and random people! Presented by the Catholic School of Evangelization, Catholic Christian Outreach, CCRS of Manitoba. Saturday November 23, 9 am - 12 noon. St. Timothy's Church Hall. 135 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg. Free. No registration required. See you there! For poster, *click here*

Interchurch & Interfaith Learning (Ecumenism)

REMINDER Faith in the Public Square - panel discussion featuring the World Council of Churches General Secretary

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Reverend Professor Dr. Jerry Pillay, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, will be joined by local faith leaders to discuss how faith communities engage and contribute to society and how individuals can make a positive impact on the communities in which they live.

This event is FREE and open to the public. The gathering will be held in the Manitoba Teachers' Society classroom. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Panel Discussion starts 7:00 pm. Q & A to follow.

For information and tickets go online to Eventbrite:

Faith in the Public Square Tickets, Sun, Dec 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite

Marriage, Family & Life

NEW Marriage Tips

Before passing judgment on others (spouse, children, etc.) and becoming easily frustrated by miniscule happenings, ask them for their opinion and perspective on various daily situations.



REMINDER Red Bird Ministries

Pope Francis' prayer intention for November is for those who are grieving the loss of a child. See the Pope's video message here. If you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a child, Red Bird Ministries is a beautiful Catholic, pro-life/pro-family grief support ministry that focuses on bereaved families who have experienced child loss of any age and circumstance. They operate as Catholics with a ministry to serve anyone who has experienced the loss of a child during pregnancy or after birth as an infant, child, adolescent, or adult. Red Bird Ministries has resources including blogs, podcasts, downloads and books here. as well as support help here. They also have pregnancy and infant loss support here. Check out some other resources on the Archdiocese of St. Boniface page here.



REMINDER Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of November is for those who have lost a child. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents serves the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. https://www.emfgp.org/program-schedule/
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

One-Hour Monthly Midweek Gathering Retreats -Peace and comfort for a one-hour oasis during your busy week-offered monthly. Features a Spiritual Leader or Parent Witness reflection followed by a brief discussion. https://www.emfgp.org/2023-monthly-midweek-gathering/

Half-Hour Self-Directed Remote Retreats - Featuring spiritual reflections, music, and prayers specifically for grieving parents, we invite you to join together with other grieving parents in unison every Saturday morning to pray these retreats together. https://www.emfgp.org/emmaus-ministry-remote-retreat.../





REMINDER Date Night: Faith, Hope and Love and the greatest of these is LOVE – November 22, 2024

The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba and our team are working hard to create a special evening for couples in our community. This event is for couples of all ages and all walks of life who are looking for an affordable date night to escape the ordinary and reignite the spark that started it all. An evening of laughter, learning, growth and support to build better communication and a stronger relationship. The evening includes a 4-course meal, wine and a couple's photo shoot. \$50 per couple. The rest of the cost will be covered by The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba and our sponsors. Limited spots available so don't wait to register! Couples must have tickets to attend. Date Night is on **Friday, November 22, from 6 to 9 PM.**

To purchase tickets, and to find out more about this upcoming event, visit our website at www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/datenight. If you would like to sponsor a couple, please visit our website at www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/datenight.

Ministry of Care

REMINDER Loss and Grief Presentation - November 30, 2024

The Grief Support Ministry at the Parish of St. Timothy invite you to a special Loss and Grief presentation at the Parish of St. Timothy, 135 John Forsyth Road, Winnipeg. Grief - We all experience it. So, what do we do with it? Loss of a loved one, a job, a relationship, bad decisions... how do we feel if we live through such experiences? As we live grief, do we belabour loss, do we hold onto things that are no longer there or which we no longer can control? Is there a healthy way to grieve? In general, what do we do with grief? Father Eric Giddens, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, will be giving a workshop on grief and what we do with it. Fr. Eric will offer a biblical and Catholic faith grounded perspective on grief and loss, perhaps a perspective that will be very new to you. Fr. Eric will get you thinking, laughing, maybe even crying. Regardless, you will be glad you had the chance to hear him! Join us at the Parish of St Timothy, 135 John Forsyth Road, Winnipeg, on Saturday, November 30 from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the parish hall. Doors open at 9:15 am. Refreshments available upon arrival. Free-will offering accepted. Everyone is welcome!

New Resources



REMINDER Cozy Strategy Game "Sainthood" Officially Launches on Steam and Xbox!

Award-winning Winnipeg filmmaker Bisong Taiwo invites players to embark on a spiritual journey with the official release of Sainthood, a cozy, Catholic-themed strategy game steeped in African folklore. Available now on Steam and Xbox, Sainthood places players in the role of a nun stranded on an enigmatic island with only 33 days to fulfill her journey toward serving her community and growing her faith. With the community already rallying around the game's themes of faith and kindness, Sainthood has received enthusiastic early feedback.

"Sainthood has been a labor of love," said Taiwo, "and I'm incredibly moved by the support we've received from early players. We wanted to create a game where players focus on serving others, which feels rare in gaming today. Seeing it resonate with players around the world is inspiring."

In Sainthood, navigate a beautifully illustrated miniature-like grid representing the island which moves through beautiful seasons and day/night cycles. Immerse yourself in a relaxing, meditative world. Find and free the Angel Spirits known as 'Ehi' who will assist you with building upgrades. But be careful, when night descends, mysterious evil spirits known as the 'Shetani' emerge, hungry for your Faith.

As you interact with the custodians of each building—such as the Prioress in the Convent—learn snippets of Kongo culture and history, and the stories behind several saints from Africa and all over the world.

"Most video games that deal directly with the Christian faith typically fall into the realm of parodies, making them controversial, or use the faith as part of a larger strategy to dominate and subjugate, as is the case with 4X Strategy games," says Taiwo, creator of Sainthood. "I thought it would be a great idea to build a non-violent strategy game where the focus is on helping and serving others rather than conquering and controlling them."

To read more about Sainthood, click here

To view a YouTube trailer for Sainthood, click here



Social Justice



REMINDER Laos Project - Support the communities, orphans and the deaf of Laos!

Many thanks to all those who have supported the Catholic Mission Laos (the Laos project) financially for many years. Your donations enable Father Biengta's orphanage to continue to house and feed 12 young people, and also help a second community of deaf and mute young people to manage the gardens they have planted thanks to your donations.

If you would like to make another donation to the projects started by Father Gérard

Dionne some 30 years ago, please follow these guidelines:

Please send a cheque directly to the mission office at the following address:

Mission Catholique Laos - 457 Tissot Street - Winnipeg, Manitoba - R2J 0C6

To receive a tax credit, make cheque payable to: **MISSION CATHOLIQUE LAOS, INC**. Be sure to include your full name and address. Receipts will be sent at the end of January.

Thank you again for the support you offer to the various Laotian communities.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

NEW Waiting and Witness - Advent Praise and Worship Evening - December 7, 2024

The Youth and Young Adults of Mary, Mother of the Church invites you to an evening of Advent Praise and Worship - Waiting and Witness on Saturday, December 7 at 7-9pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish (85 Kirkbridge Drive). Join us for an evening of Testimony, Scripture Teaching and Song as we prepare ourselves for the Lords' coming! Reception and fellowship to follow afterwards. This evening is open to all and entry is free.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Cegayle, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leader at youth@mmoc.ca For poster, click here.



NEW Catholic School of Evangelization - Winter Camp Registration is Open!

Overnight winter camps is a dynamic, fun-filled weekend for those who want to grow in their faith! Going to Saint Malo Catholic Camp is the perfect way for you to experience new activities, grow in character, build lasting friendships, and most importantly, have fun! Camps are available in both French and English for ages 8-17. Early bird registration ends on December 12th, so don't wait to get registered.

To register, click here.

For more information, click here

Camps Dates:

- Ages 8-12 * English Camp * Jan 17 Jan 19
- Ages 8-12 * French Camp *Jan 24 Jan 26
- Ages 12-15 * English Camp * Jan 31 Feb 2
- Ages 12-15 * French Camp * Feb 7 Feb 9
- Ages 15-17 * Bilingual Camp * Feb 14 Feb 17





Upcoming Youth & Young Adult Events

Sunday, November 24th

- 6:30 9:00 p.m., Young Adults (18+). Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Winnipeg. Contact: Jason, youth@mmoc.ca
- 7:00 8:30 p.m., 12 years old and up. Christ Our Saviour Parish, Steinbach. Contact: Jason, <u>cospyouthministry@gmail.com</u>
- 7:30 9:00 p.m., grades 9 and up (French). Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish, Winnipeg. Contact: Nadine, jeunesse.smc@mymts.net

Thursday, November 28th

- 7:00 9:00 p.m., grades 6 and up (French). Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish, Winnipeg. Contact: Nadine, jeunesse.smc@mymts.net
- 7:00 9:30 p.m., 13-17 years old. Holy Cross Parish, Winnipeg. Contact: Dominique, holycrossparishyouthgroup@gmail.com

Friday, November 29th

- 6:00-8:30 pm, Grades 7 and up. Blessed Sacrament Parish, Winnipeg. Contact: Lydia, youth@blessedsacramentwpg.ca
- *NEW RURAL GATHERING*
 6:30 8:00 p.m., 12-17 years old. St. Alphonse Parish Hall in St. Alphonse, MB. Contact: slcatholiccentre@gmail.com
- 7:00 8:00 p.m., grades 3-5. St. Emile Parish, Winnipeg. Contact: st.emile.youth@gmail.com
- 7:00 9:15 p.m., grades 7-12. Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Winnipeg. Contact: Jason, youth@mmoc.ca

Saturday, November 30th – Diocesan World Youth Day Celebration!

- ➤ 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- > 12-17 years old (for youth from both the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and St. Boniface)
- Location: St. Paul's High School (2200 Grant Ave.)
- Free pizza lunch.
- Register by November 25th: https://form.jotform.com/242916801278057

Sunday, December 1st

- 7:00 8:30 p.m., 12 years old and up. Christ Our Saviour Parish, Steinbach. Contact: Jason, cospyouthministry@gmail.com
- 7:30 9:00 p.m., grades 9 and up (French). Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish, Winnipeg. Contact: Nadine, jeunesse.smc@mymts.net

Stewardship



November 24, 2024 - Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world." (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.



REPEATED ITEMS

Spiritual Growth

Advent Retreat. Dwelling in Peace, Engaging the Head, Heart, Hands and Holy - November 30, 2024 St. Ignatius Spiritual Education Centre invites all to attend our Advent Retreat. Dwelling in Peace, Engaging the Head, Heart, Hands and Holy. Nov 30th 10 am to 4:30 pm. \$25 Lunch is Included. Bursaries available. Carmela at adult.education@stignatius.ca or call (204) 453-9243. Follow this link for more information For more information, see attached poster.

Walking Together (Truth and Reconciliation)

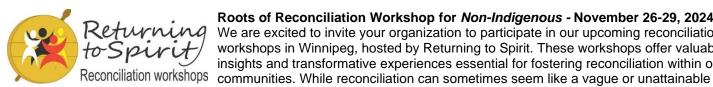


4 Seasons of Reconciliation Online Course - Many Spots Still Available!

Knowing more about Indigenous realities, both past and present is a vital step in entering into meaningful and just relationships with the Indigenous, thus ensuring our future together will be one where justice and the dignity of all are truly lived out. To help Catholics in our diocese, the Archdiocese of St.

Boniface is offering the faithful the opportunity to take the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation online course. This course, developed by Productions Cazabon in collaboration with the First Nations University in Regina and the Oblate Fathers, allows individuals to watch compelling videos and read testimonials and other material about the history, challenges and hopes of the Indigenous in Canada, touching on many of the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. All told, the course takes about three hours to complete, but anyone can do it at their own pace. The Archdiocese still has about thirty slots, available on a first come, first serve basis. To more information or to register for the course, contact Daniel Bahuaud at 204-594-0277 or at communications@archsaintboniface.ca

To view a video about the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation online course and get more information, click here!



Roots of Reconciliation Workshop for Non-Indigenous - November 26-29, 2024 We are excited to invite your organization to participate in our upcoming reconciliation workshops in Winnipeg, hosted by Returning to Spirit. These workshops offer valuable insights and transformative experiences essential for fostering reconciliation within our

concept, RTS breaks it down into small but impactful steps that are accessible to everyone and anyone. The Roots of Reconciliation Workshop is essential to the Returning to Spirit reconciliation model. It offers a safe and respectful space for participants to explore how past behaviors, judgments, and perceptions may have kept them stuck in a place of disempowerment. This workshop will provide your community with valuable tools and insights to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation. To register, click here.

> Visit our French website: http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/index.html?lang=fr to read the French bulletin, Nouvelles hebdomadaires, for announcements and activities that appear only in French.

Please note: All announcements must be submitted to the office of Communications: communications@archsaintboniface.ca, by Monday at 4 PM if they are to be published in the Tuesday bulletin.

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