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## Archdiocese Celebrates Ordinations to the Priesthood

The brotherhood of priests in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg grew by two May 22 at St. Mary's Cathedral, as the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon presided at his first Ordinations to the Ministerial Priesthood since becoming Archbishop of Winnipeg in January.

Two men entered the cathedral as deacons that evening but following the laying on of hands by the archbishop and concelebrating priests, the prayer of Consecration, the anointing with sacred Oil of Chrism, and all the attendant steps in the Rite of Ordination, they emerged as Rev. Fr. Patrick Neufeld and Rev. Fr. Kelly Wilson.

Gagnon said Neufeld and Wilson chose the evenings readings, from Acts and 1 Peter, "as a means of reflection on the vocation to which they have been called, the priestly ministry to serve the people of God."

"Our faith, from the beginning, sees those who inherit the apostolic tradition through the laying on of hands, namely the bishops, priests and deacons, as charged to be witnesses so as to preach to the people that Jesus is the Christ. This calling through the

laying on of hands occurs within the people of God to enliven them as the priesthood of the baptized and call all the nations to know the Lord," the archbishop said.

Many family members and friends of both the new priests were in attendance. The gifts for the eucharist were carried by Wilson's parents, Kate and Kerry Wilson, and by Neufeld's friends, David and Tracy Devine.

Both men completed their seminary studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee, which has been attended by a number of priests currently serving in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg.

At the conclusion of the ordinations, the new priests spoke to the assembly with Fr. Neufeld thanking all for their prayers. "So many have done so much," he said. He recalled the many mass celebrations he has been part of at the cathedral since coming to Winnipeg in 1987, and offered a special thanks to those at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Winnipeg where he served as an intern last summer. For the Investiture with Stole and Chasuble, Fr. Neufeld was vested by Fr. Jose Eduardo



The two newly ordained priests, Rev. Kelly Wilson (left) and Rev. Patrick Neufeld (right) with Archbishop Richard Gagnon.

Medeiros, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle.

Neufeld grew up in Fort St. John, in northeast British Columbia. He began post secondary studies in mathematics at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, later pursuing his interest in graphic arts, which he continued when he moved to Winnipeg and up until he entered the seminary at Sacred Heart.

Rev. Neufeld has been appointed Parochial Vicar of

St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Brandon and St. Mary's Parish in Souris effective July 1.

Fr. Wilson thanked all for attending, especially considering the option of a Lady Gaga concert happening a few streets away. He said without the support and guidance of many, he wasn't sure where he might be. "Maybe at the concert," he joked. He made special mention of Fr. Gerry McDougall, S.J., pastor of St.

Ignatius Church in Winnipeg where Wilson spent a year as an intern, and Rev. Lynn Granke, manager of spiritual care at Victoria General Hospital in Winnipeg, for their guidance during his discernment. For the Investiture with Stole and Chasuble, Fr. Wilson was vested by Fr. McDougall.

Wilson grew up in Oakville, Man., and was a parishioner at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, and later Good Shepherd Parish, both in Portage la

Prairie, Man. He began post-secondary studies at Providence College in Otterburne, Man. and later the University of Lethbridge (Alta.). He began as a seminarian at St. Joseph's Seminary and Newman Theological College in Edmonton, later interning at St. Ignatius Church and completing his formation at Sacred Heart.

Rev. Wilson has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Vital Parish in Winnipeg effective July 1.

"Dear Brothers," said Gagnon, "you have successfully completed your seminary formation and have performed your ministry as deacons well. Now more than ever you must remain in Christ and, like Peter, place yourselves in humility and openness before our saviour, watching, learning and praying for grace, truth, guidance and support. It is your life of prayer that will root you deeply in your vocation as a priest. And as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of John, after he had washed the feet of the apostles at the last supper, 'As the father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.'"

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James Buchok

## Chrism Mass celebrated with view to archdiocese's 100th year

The Chrism Mass is "one which recognizes the college of presbyters gathered around their bishop," said Archbishop Richard Gagnon as he presided at the annual celebration, also known as Mass of the Oils, April 14 at Winnipeg's St. Mary's Cathedral.

"Tonight," the archbishop said, "the church reflects on the brotherhood and fraternity of priests and the part they play in the service of the Good News."

It is at this mass that the bishop, or in this case archbishop, blesses three oils to be used in the administration of sacraments at the churches throughout the archdiocese for the coming year.

The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint those called in the sacrament of baptism. The Oil of Chrism is used in bap-

tism, confirmation and holy orders. The Oil of the Infirm is used in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

Because the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this mass highlights his ministry and the union of the churches of the archdiocese with him. He will not baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the archdiocese, but he will symbolically be present in the chrism which the priests and deacons will use.

Quoting from the evening's reading of the Prophet Isaiah, Gagnon reminded the faithful that "God will comfort all who mourn with the oil of joy."

The archbishop spoke of the upcoming 100th anniversary of the creation of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg in



Wayne Gutscher, right, from St. Félix de Valois Church in Dunrea, Man., is among church representatives from across the archdiocese to receive the sanctified oils from Archbishop Richard Gagnon at the Chrism Mass April 14.

December, 2015. "It has been 100 years of faith, of a people in communion with God and with each other," Gagnon said a great theme of the Second Vatican Council was "church

as communion," a concept which, he said, "should be familiar to us in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg," since Community Building is the current and final phase of

the ten-year pastoral plan set out by Archbishop James Weisgerber in his 2005 letter *Pastoral Vision, Building A Church of Communion*. The vision focused on four priori-

ties which began with liturgy, education and stewardship.

The mass also included a renewal of commitments to priestly service by the priests of the archdiocese. The priests renewed their promises of prayer, obedience and celibacy and recommitted themselves to the Lord's service. The archbishop received their promises, and reminded them of their responsibilities.

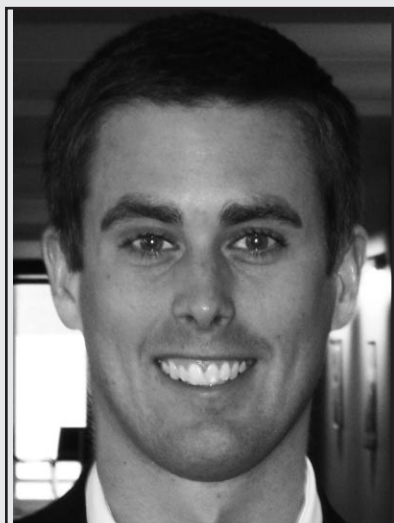
"Building community," Gagnon said, "reflects the desire to restore the communion and collegiality that should exist between bishops and priests and deacons. This Chrism Mass recalls that close connection but also the idea that the bishop with his priests forms a college, a council."

The archbishop touched on the subject of vocations to

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## Archbishop Richard Gagnon announces the following Ordinations to the Transitional Diaconate



**Christopher Dubois**  
will be Ordained  
on Thursday,  
July 24, 2014 at  
St. Augustine of  
Canterbury Parish  
in Brandon at 7:30 pm.



**Peter Nemcek**  
will be Ordained  
on Friday,  
July 25, 2014 at  
Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help Parish in  
Winnipeg at 7:30 pm.

*Please announce these Ordinations  
in your parish bulletins. All are welcome.*

Follow Archbishop Richard Gagnon's  
travels in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg  
and beyond on the



on the Archdiocese of Winnipeg website  
[www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)

*A few past blogs:*

**At Ebb and Flow  
in the Parkland  
Deanery in April.**



**The Rite of Election,  
March 9,  
St. Mary's Cathedral,  
Winnipeg**



**Confirmations at  
Ste-Rose-de-Lima  
Church at  
Ste-Rose-du-Lac,  
Manitoba,  
May 18.**



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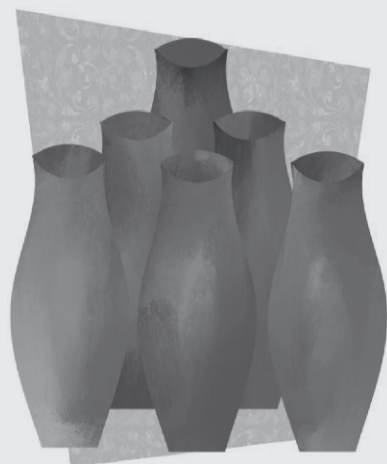
CANA is a six-day session for married couples to strengthen their marriage and deepen their spiritual life. The weeklong, live-in session includes talks, prayer, time together as a couple, relaxation and celebration.

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**Facilitator: Sr. Sandra Stewart, RNDM**

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**Rachel Twigg Boyce (left) and Kalyn Falk Register by July 30th. Private Room \$350 Commuter \$240; after July 30th add \$25.**



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# Archbishop announces personnel appointments

Following consultation, Archbishop Richard Gagnon announces the following Pastoral Appointments effective July 1, 2014:

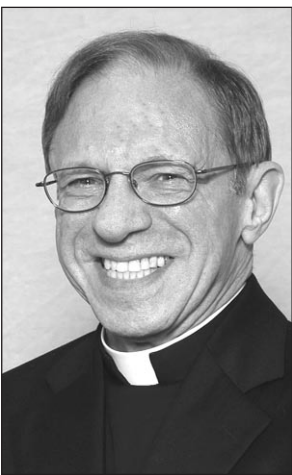
**Reverend Msgr. D. Ward Jamieson** has been re-appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. (This is effective immediately). Msgr. Jamieson is also appointed Chair of the Interdiocesan Committee on the Permanent Diaconate.

**Reverend W. Richard Arsenault** has been re-appointed Moderator of the Curia and Episcopal Vicar for Spiritual and Canonical Affairs. In addition, Father Arsenault is confirmed as Chancellor and Judicial Vicar. (This is effective immediately).

**Reverend John Okosun** becomes Parochial Vicar of St. Columba's Parish in Swan River with attached Parishes and Missions.

**Reverend Vincent de Paul Tchaoule** is appointed Sacramental Chaplain at Misericordia Health Centre, Winnipeg.

**Reverend Patrick Neufeld** becomes Parochial Vicar of St. Augustine of



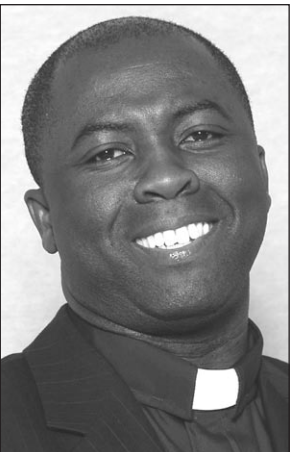
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Reverend W. Richard Arsenault



Reverend John Okosun



Reverend Vincent de Paul Tchaoule



Reverend Patrick Neufeld



Reverend Kelly Wilson

Canterbury Parish in Brandon and St. Mary's Parish in Souris.

**Reverend Kelly Wilson**

becomes Parochial Vicar of St. Vital Parish in Winnipeg. Effective July 1, 2014, Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Parish in Camperville, St. Thom-

as Aquinas Parish in Duck Bay and Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Pine River will be served from St. Columba's Parish in Swan River.

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the priesthood by recalling the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. "By faith we know the Lord's promise to send somebody to lead the flock will not fail, and where there are many we give thanks. Where there are shortages we pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will send labourers into his harvest field. Remember to pray for your priests," he added.

The liturgy's concluding rite included the Distribution of the Oils with representatives from each parish, together with their pastor or administrator, being called forward and

entrusted with carrying the oils to their faith communities.

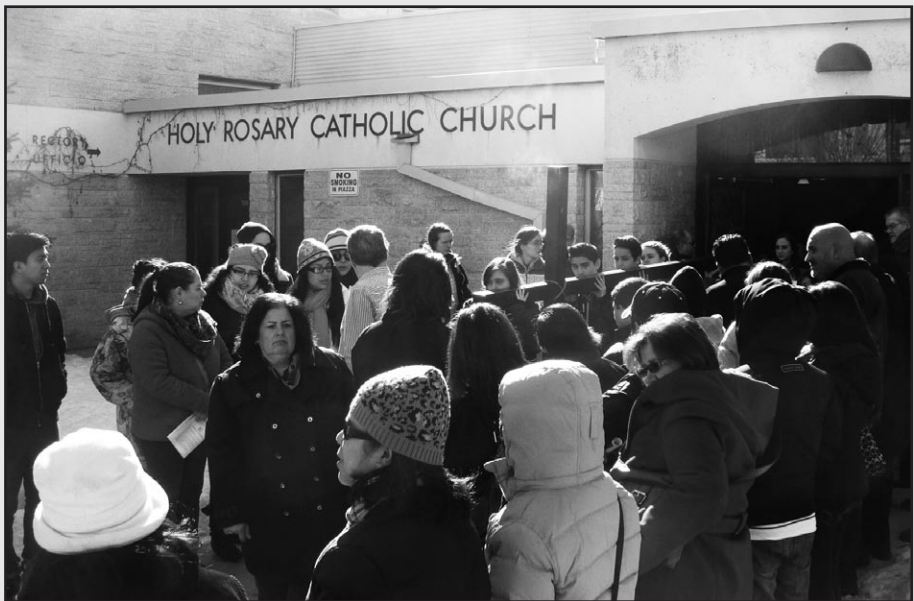
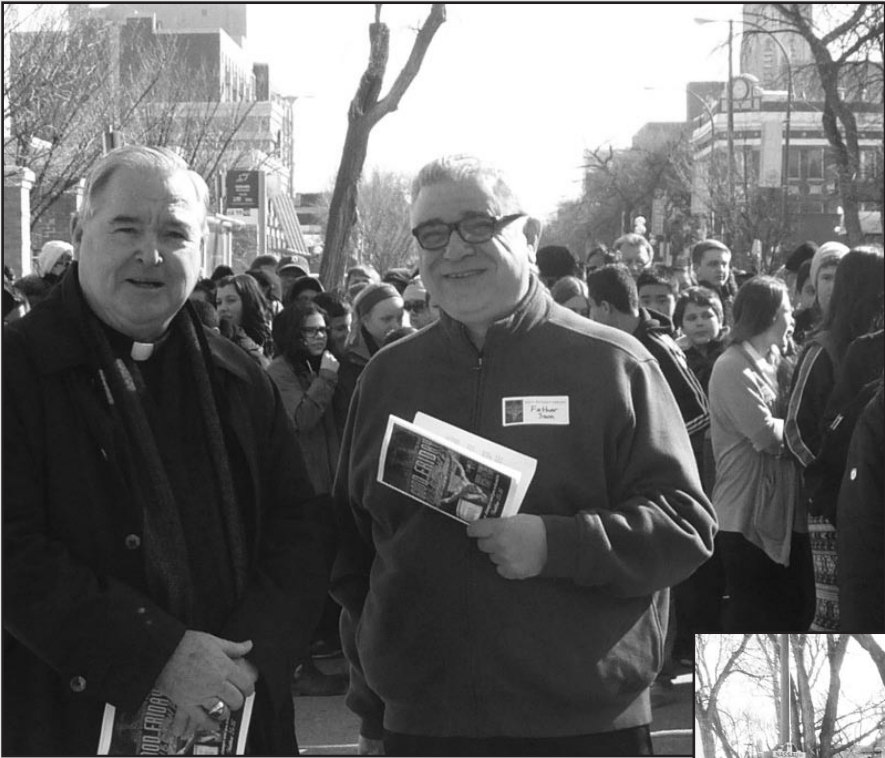
In honour of the two new Canadian Saints recently canonized by Pope Francis, St. Marie de l'incarnation and St. Francois de Laval, and the two past popes who were canonized April 27, John XXIII and John Paul II, large images of the four were carried through the cathedral as part of the opening procession.

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## Public Way of the Cross, Good Friday April 18



Above, Archbishop Richard Gagnon and Rev. Sam Argenziano, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, await the first steps in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg's 27th Annual Public Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18. About 1,500 people joined in the 2.7 km procession heading east on River Avenue, returning via Corydon Avenue. Holy Rosary hosted this year's Public Way of the Cross which is organized and managed by the host church's youth ministry.



# Archbishop installed as Chancellor of St. Paul’s College

The Archbishop of Winnipeg, Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, was installed as Chancellor of St. Paul’s College, an associate college of the University of Manitoba, April 6.

Gagnon expressed his gratitude for “the warmth and support” he has felt from the college community since becoming the seventh Archbishop of Winnipeg on Jan. 3

In attendance at the installation was Manitoba’s Lieutenant Governor Philip Lee, himself a graduate of St. Paul’s College, who described the college as “a place of special memories, for someone who left home and family far away,” said Lee, who as a young man came from China to attend university in Manitoba. Lee said the college became “my home and my shelter.” He spoke of the timelessness of the college “renewed by a never ending process of change, and the new young faces in research and learning.”

St. Paul’s College had its beginnings in 1926 in North Winnipeg when the Oblate Fathers, with a staff of

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six and a student body of one hundred, opened the first English Catholic High School for boys in Manitoba. A rapid increase in students led to a move in 1931, initiated by the first Archbishop of Winnipeg Alfred Sinnott, to the former Manitoba College at the corner of Ellice and Vaughan in downtown Winnipeg. In the same year, the College became affiliated with the University of Manitoba and the direction of the college passed into the hands of the diocesan clergy.

At Sinnott’s request the Jesuits undertook direction of the college in 1933. In 1957 the college became a post secondary institution on the Fort Garry campus of the University of Mani-



At left, St. Paul’s College Board Chair Deacon Richard Ludwick with Archbishop of Winnipeg Richard Gagnon at Gagnon’s installation as Chancellor of St. Paul’s College April 6. Photo by Siri Kousonsavath.

toba leaving St. Paul’s High School downtown (until the high school relocated to South Winnipeg in 1964).

In 2003 the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice was established at St. Paul’s College, dedicated to the advancement of human

rights, conflict resolution, global citizenship and peace and social justice through research, education and outreach.

College Rector Dr. Christopher Adams said the faculty and administration strive “to steward the achievements

of our Jesuit predecessors.” Adams said there are nearly 300 students enrolled in catholic studies at the college while others students “from around the world” journey there to study at the Arthur V. Mauro Centre. Currently, he added, 1,200

students on the University of Manitoba Campus attend classes at St. Paul’s.

In his initial address as chancellor, Gagnon spoke of his experience of once walking the El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in northern Spain, covering 25 to 30 kms a day. “At the end of the day you see all the land that has been traversed. It’s incredible how far one can walk step by step. At this installation as Chancellor of St. Paul’s College I recall the ‘camino’ St. Paul’s College has been on since being founded as a high school and college, to being overseen by the Jesuits and the Ignatian educational tradition. It has been a good journey from which we all benefit today. It is God’s grace that is responsible.”

Gagnon said the Mauro Centre and “vibrant campus ministry are achievements to be proud of. As chancellor I look to the future with hope. The goals of the college are challenging and important for the church and the wider community as well.”

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# ABCDs of care: attitude, behaviour, compassion, dialogue

For the elderly, the dying and their loved ones, the topic of dignity eventually enters the room and evokes a range of emotions and opinions, but a Winnipeg-based physician devoted to palliative care believes hard data about dignity leads to better decisions and better care.

Dr. Harvey Chochinov says patients should be asked, “what is it like to be dying and how can we make it better?”

Chochinov was a speaker at the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care National Conference in Winnipeg April 9-12. The theme of the gathering was Dignity at the Centre. He spoke of how maintaining and enhancing the dignity of the person at the end of life is a key aspect of providing comprehensive, quality palliative care.

Chochinov is a professor of psychiatry at the University of Manitoba and Director of the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Unit at Cancer Care Manitoba. He holds the only Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care and in 2012 he received the Canadian Medical Association’s Frederic Newton Gisborne Starr Award, the highest award that the CMA can bestow.

Chochinov spoke of “dignity conserving care” and

*‘If we are seen as our ailment we become the embodiment of that ailment. If we are seen in totality it leads to dignity.’*

said such an approach should “become part of the parlance of medicine.”

He said the ABCDs of dignity conserving care are attitude, behaviour, compassion and dialogue, and together they form one part of a Patient Dignity Inventory developed by his research unit. The PDI is designed to measure various sources of dignity-related distress among patients nearing the end of life. It asks 25 questions about a patient’s problems ranging from difficulty with bathing, to loss of individuality and feeling like a burden. Patients are asked to rate each stress factor from one to five. “We need details about our patients to help us remember them,” Chochinov said.

“Dignity is in the eye of the beholder,” he said. “When patients are looking in our eyes they are looking for a reflection that will affirm their personhood. If we are seen as our ailment we



Dr. Harvey Chochinov

become the embodiment of that ailment. If we are seen in totality it leads to dignity.”

Chochinov said death anxiety; “not being able to

picture what death will look like,” is a leading stressor for palliative patients and their families. He said the most-downloaded article from the Winnipeg-based

Canadian Virtual Hospice website at [www.virtual-hospice.ca](http://www.virtual-hospice.ca) is entitled *When Death is Near*. It touches on the dying person’s decreasing energy, difficulty taking food and medications and the role of a loved one at a bedside. The website offers extensive information and support on palliative and end-of-life care, loss and grief for patients and loved ones.

Chochinov said a care provider’s attitude has a profound effect on a patient’s sense of dignity. “If people feel caring is forthcoming they are much more likely to be forthcoming with what is going on,” he said. Healthcare workers will speak of “routine medical examinations. But when it is your body being examined there is nothing routine

about it. We come into this work with good intentions and if we can keep that top of mind we’ll do okay,” Chochinov said.

Chochinov shared a story of how he had his own attitude checked when he referred to a friend, who is an advocate for the disabled, as being wheelchair-bound. “He said, ‘I’m not wheelchair bound, I am wheelchair liberated. With this chair I can go wherever I need to go.’”

“It’s impossible to feel compassion without feeling your own vulnerability,” Chochinov said. “We have to realize there is very little difference between us and our patients besides luck and time.”

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# 130 People Respond to the Call to Ministry

A fruitful response to a parish ‘Call to Ministry’ can only occur through the power of the Holy Spirit, a great deal of prayer, and planning. This was the experience for our Stewardship Team at St. John Cantius Parish. A Ministry Fair was our first step; and the starting point. The planning process really began six months prior to the actual event.

With the support and direction of the Archdiocesan Stewardship Office the ‘Action Plan’ slowly came together and the results were incredible! The theme for the Ministry Fair became, ‘To Walk – To Build – To Witness’ A few weeks following the Ministry Fair the Stewardship Team organized the ‘Call to Ministry’ weekend which included Lay Witness talks at all the Masses.

“Having the Stewardship Office encouraging us to keep going has really paid off. St. John Cantius will reap the benefits for many years, and it touches my heart to see so many excited about serving the Lord,” says Jeanette Moran, Stewardship Team Leader.

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The St. John Cantius  
Stewardship Team



Congratulations to St. Vital Roman Catholic Parish on the occasion of your 100th anniversary as a parish, and to Fr. Barry Schoonbaert as you celebrate your 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood!

Thank you to St. Vital Parish and its pastors, both past and present, for the guidance and support offered to the community of St. Maurice School. The students, parents, staff and alumni of St. Maurice School pray that God will continue to shower His blessings upon you.



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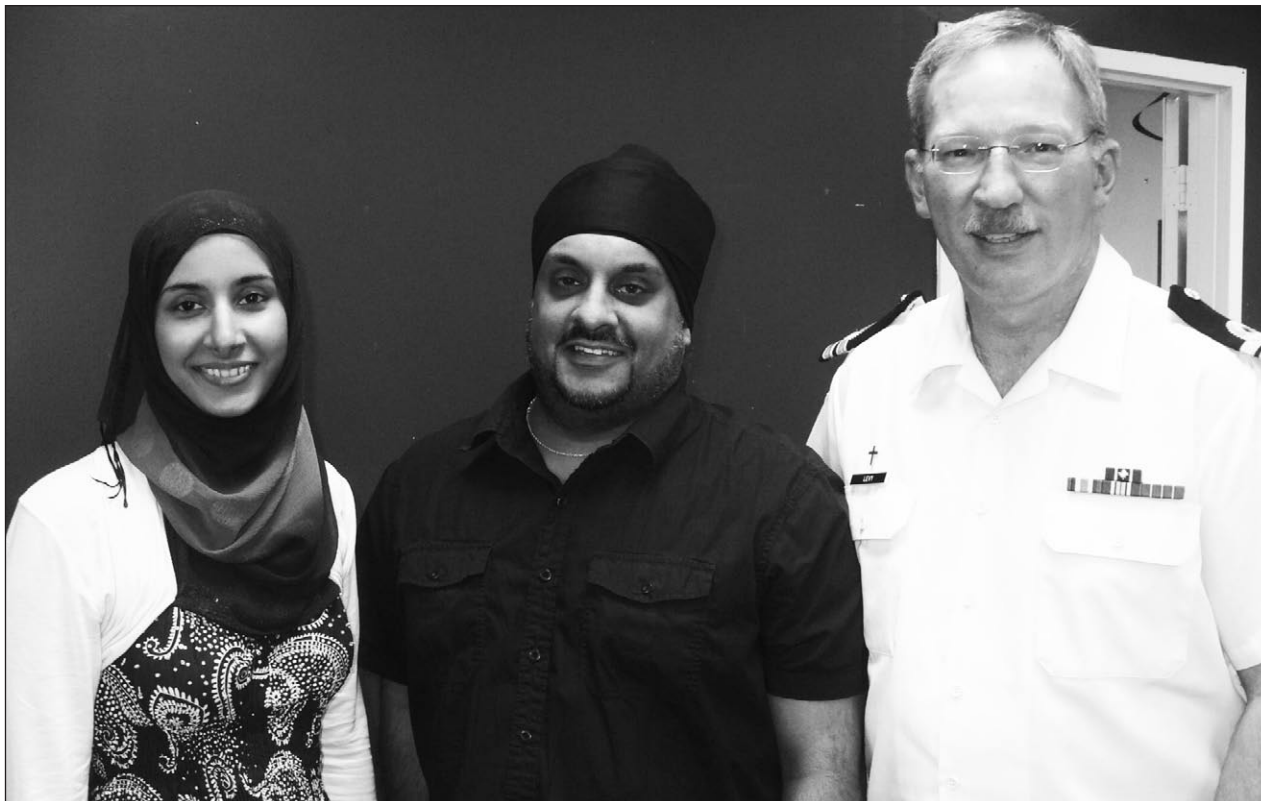


# PQ plan defeated, but multifaith group remains vigilant

The Manitoba Multifaith Council promotes inter-faith dialogue, understanding and collaboration, so no surprise its members react to an idea such as the Quebec Charter of Values with shock and sadness.

The MMC held its annual general meeting May 28 at Singh Sabha Winnipeg, a place of Sikh worship, and heard a panel discussion on *Religious Symbols, Public Spaces: After Quebec, What Next?* The Quebec Charter of Values would have banned Quebec's civil servants from wearing any religious oriented garb or symbols while on the job.

John Harvard, former journalist, Member of Parliament and Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba from 2004 to 2009, chaired the panel describing himself as a secularist, yet a supporter of the MMC. Harvard asked since the Quebec Charter of Values had been "soundly defeated" by Quebecers in the April provincial election "should we stop worrying about this arising again? No, we have to remain ever vigilant." He compared those who would support such a charter to "small children who want no part of food they have never tasted. Canada is multicultural. There will be differences and we have to work to stop those differences from becoming barriers."



From left, Nadia Kidwal, Amer Parwana and Navy Padre Lt. Darryl Levy discussed the proposed Quebec Charter of Values at the Manitoba Multifaith Council Annual General Meeting May 28.

Panelist Nadia Kidwal, a Muslim and co-designer and facilitator of the Canadian Muslim Leadership Institute in Winnipeg, was born and raised in the United Kingdom and began wearing a hijab, or head scarf, when she was 18. "It was my choice," said Kidwal, and she committed to it one month before 9/11. After the attacks, Kidwal said, "I became a walking, talking ad for Islam. I had to know all the answers. I never had a negative experience. The

only silver lining to 9/11 is it opened a dialogue, it showed the importance of asking questions and stepping out of a comfort zone."

Kidwal, who was educated at Oxford University, is a writer, filmmaker and former consultant on issues related to multiculturalism and immigration. She currently works at CBC Manitoba. She said the Quebec charter was "alien to me. In Manitoba we are so blessed, I felt like I was living in a little bubble," compared

to attitudes in other parts of the world, including the UK. She said she tried explaining the Quebec charter to her boys, ages 5 and 7, and did her best to be non-judgmental. "My five-year-old asked me 'is Quebec in Canada?' He didn't realize the profound nature of his question."

"I want my boys to grow up as proud, confident Muslims and proud, confident Canadians," Kidwal said. "Part of what I do with the Canadian Muslim Leadership is

empower our community to strengthen Canada as a whole."

Panelist Amer Parwana is a Sikh working in corrections who wears a turban, including at his place of work, the Manitoba Youth Centre for young offenders. Parwana said his initial reaction to the Quebec charter was "sadness, I couldn't believe it was happening in Canada."

Parwana said the charter would have produced a great loss in skilled labour. "If I

wear a turban and I work in a factory, or I'm a doctor in a hospital, then I can't come in here and do my job? Our responsibility is to teach our children about other faiths. If you're my neighbour, I don't want to tolerate you. I want to replace the word tolerance with understanding."

Parwana said while studying criminology, a classmate told him he should never be in the RCMP because the turban "desecrates the uniform. We discussed it and had to agree to disagree, but I will always defend his right to have that opinion. Let's talk about it."

Lt. Padre Darryl Levy, a Chaplain at 17 Wing in Winnipeg, served in the Golan Heights in 2005 and 2006, and in Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2010. Levy described a Protestant/Catholic dominated chaplaincy that existed in the Canadian military dating back to 1899 and the Boer War. Not until the early 2000s did a multifaith approach emerge "almost overnight" with an influx of Muslim imams and Jewish rabbis. "Things were changing, we needed to change," he said. "Canada can be proud that no religion is put ahead of another."

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James Buchok

## Roman Catholic communicators gather in Winnipeg

The Christian faith "is beautiful and it is crying out to be seen as such," says Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie O.M.I., former archbishop of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas, and it is up to the writers and editors of faith-based books, magazines, newspapers and websites to spread the word.

Lavoie was speaking at the annual conference of the Association of Roman Catholic Communicators of Canada, held in conjunction with a gathering of the Canadian Church Press, in Winnipeg April 30 to May 2.

He said Christian communicators, including himself as an author, "need to address our human needs of love, of humour, of play, to be valued. It matches the great commandment Jesus gave us to love God, love your neighbour and love yourself. I think Jesus was the first and greatest psychologist."

Lavoie, originally from Delmas, Sask., was ordained in 1974 and became Provincial Superior of his religious community working in a number of parishes in Keewatin-Le Pas, covering



Left, Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, former archbishop of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas, with Joe Sinasac, Publishing Director with Novalis, Toronto, and current president of the Association of Roman Catholic Communicators of Canada.

a vast area of northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He was archbishop from 2006 to 2012.

With almost 40 years in Canada's Far North he developed a special mission among those suffering from

various forms of abuse.

In 2009 Novalis published Lavoie's *Drumming from Within: Tales of Hope and Faith from Canada's North*, and more recently published *Together We Heal: A 12-Step Approach for the Healing of*

*Sex Abuse*.

"The church can lead the way to the recovery of aboriginal spirituality and it is our role to promote this," he said.

He said addiction "is curious, baffling, powerful, an

illusion and a lie. It's an attempt to avoid legitimate suffering. Its root is a core grief, an injury." He said a 12-step program such as Alcoholics Anonymous will not work without God, "but there is a lot of room for definitions of God. Step three is about 'God as I understand Him.' But taking God out is an exercise in futility."

He asked why someone who is already a rich and famous athlete would use steroids. "Pressure. When money isn't enough we seek more, when honour isn't enough we seek more. This awful pattern is what we call addiction. Happiness can only be found in the experience of union with God. As communicators we would tell society this."

Lavoie is based at Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert, Alberta. From January to April he presented a program entitled *Exploration of Scripture Through Biblical Art*.

He said for Christian communicators, knowledge of scripture is paramount. "There is such a richness of stories to share and learn from. It's a beautiful chal-

lenge for us to bring that hope to the world.

Lavoie advised his audience to "follow Pope Francis. Follow his momentum. He is the new global celebrity and most searched person on Google. This Pope has enormous currency that we can all build on. Yet all he wants to do is live like Jesus, it's not about him, it's about Jesus. The challenge for us is to help him change the culture of our churches with less judgment and more grace, less seeking saintly power and more social justice."

"The church is the Pope's parish, not his hiding place," Lavoie said. He added a quote from Pope Francis, saying "a church that does not get out, gets sick."

At the conclusion of the conference the Canadian Church Press, with a membership of more than 50 publications across the country, presented its annual awards of excellence for writing, editing and publishing.

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Tri-Diocesan Committee on Prison Ministry

Prisoners grieve, suffer due to bad decisions

In Matthew 25:31 Jesus tells the crowds and his disciples of the forthcoming judgement when the Son of Man comes in glory. With all the nations before him, he separates the people. On his right he puts those who are blessed by his Father and who will inherit the kingdom that was prepared for them from the foundation of the world. These people are blessed because when Jesus was hungry they gave him food and when he was in prison they visited him. When asked when it was that the disciples saw him in prison, Jesus responded: “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Most people will never know what it is like to be locked up in a prison. Most will never even visit a prison. Most will never truly appreciate why Jesus emphasized that to be blessed, one had to visit him or a member of his family in prison.

On April 14 the tri-diocesan committee on prison ministry hosted a luncheon attended by Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Ukrainian Metropolitan Archbishop Lawrence Huculak, Archbishop of St. Boniface Albert LeGatt, our Catholic chaplains and community service providers. The prison chaplains and community service providers and the archbishops shared their thoughts and experiences in prison ministries and their

hopes for the future of the ministry.

Deacon Colin Peterson, Catholic Chaplain at Headingley Correctional Centre, spoke on behalf of himself and Fr. Ceas Chmiel, who presides over the chaplaincy at Headingley Provincial Jail, and Greg Dunwoody who also provides chaplaincy services at Headingley.

*‘The incarcerated grieve the loss of family and friends and are swallowed up in the negativity and darkness of their surroundings. By our presence, advocacy and faith-filled support, we can assist them to a grace filled life.’*

Colin poignantly pointed out that after making bad decisions a person can find themselves locked up where their lives are on hold for indefinite periods of time. Frequently the only person the accused or convicted can talk to is the chaplain. As Colin said; “Into this, chaplaincy seeks to bring a measure . . . of honesty, of a greater sense of meaning, purpose and perhaps even holiness. We seek to try to uphold and nurture the better nature of the inmate, to possibly provide a new direction or option in life. The chaplain does not try to excuse what they (the incarcerated) are said to have done, but tries to learn their name, part of their story and

hopefully, strengthen them for the journey beyond their time in custody.

Charlotte Novak, chaplain at Stony Mountain Correctional Institute, spoke about those incarcerated in federal prisons. She pointed out that being incarcerated means losing all freedom, all control over their lives.

The incarcerated grieve the loss of family and friends and are swallowed up in the negativity and darkness of their surroundings. She said that while the chaplain cannot replace the losses the convicted experience, the chaplain can and does provide support, hope, compassion and Christ’s love.

Fr. Greg Zubacz, who ministers to those incarcerated at Milner Ridge Correctional Institute, encouraged all to consider the place of incarceration as a hospital not a jail.

Kathleen Mico of Next Step and Father Con Mulvihill S.J., of Quixote House, spoke of the challenges the convicted face upon release from prison. These chal-

lenges include trying to adjust to the world outside of prison; getting the appropriate support for health care, mental health issues, addictions, and finding work; finding affordable safe housing; learning how to budget and handle finances and learning new or better social skills such as effective conflict resolution.

Archbishop Gagnon, Metropolitan Archbishop Huculak and Archbishop LeGatt voiced their appreciation for the good work of the chaplains and community service providers in their respective ministries. All expressed the hope that the experiences and the importance of being a presence for the incarcerated, while incarcerated and through their rehabilitation, be heard by all parishioners. All of the parishes should learn of this important ministry and advocate on behalf of prisoners and their rehabilitation.

In a society which answers its own fears by locking up those who offend, a society which places less and less value on rehabilitation, the chaplains remind us that all deserve to be treated with dignity. By our presence, advocacy and faith filled support, we can assist the incarcerated and parolees in their journey to a grace filled life.

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The View from  
Micah House



A couple of weeks ago I was driving an acquaintance to his hotel. Along the way I pointed out some of our Winnipeg highlights. As we passed City Hall, he commented that the building and the grounds did not look very good. I took a second look and had to agree that at that time of the year, when the snow had just melted, that City Hall was not at its most attractive. I had not noticed the bare trees, lack of flowers, dull buildings and gritty sidewalks. I explained to him that when I looked at the buildings I was seeing the landscape as I knew it would soon be with leafy green trees, flowers in bloom, hanging flower baskets and buildings reflecting the sun’s brilliance.

How we view our world plays an important part in how we live our lives. If we only see the pain and suffering, the evil and cruelty we will live in fear and avoidance. However if we look beyond these fears and see the love of God in all the people we meet we can live a joyful, faith-filled life. We can see the leafy green trees instead of bare branches. We can be uplifted by what is coming.

Wouldn’t it be great if we could see in the people we meet, the beauty of who they are, rather than judging them for who or what they are not?

Summer is upon us. After a very hard winter, we must take the time to enjoy God’s beautiful gift of creation. Enjoy the opportunity of meeting the stranger. Take the time to be a presence in the life of the poor and the vulnerable. Have a joy filled summer.

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Marian Initiative — Celebrating maternal love at Villa Rosa

For the parishioners at St. Gianna’s Church, the month of May was a time to remember, celebrate and believe in the transformative gift of Mary, and all mothers, through whom the maternal love of God is revealed. In a particular way, we acknowledged and celebrated the young women who complete their pregnancies at Villa Rosa.

Our initiative began with a celebration of mothers within our parish. Several parishioners shared testimonials to describe the gift of both Mary and St. Gianna in the daily joys and struggles of their motherhood journeys. Alongside these testimonials, our members also learned about the young women at Villa Rosa, many of whom are among the most marginalized in our province. Faced with hardships that most of us would find difficult to imagine, these young women are choosing life for their babies and embracing the vocation of motherhood. These are the types of mothers for whom our patroness, St. Gianna,



Hampers were prepared for residents of Villa Rosa.

had a particular affection, and it is through her charism to honour the dignity of every human life that we were called to action.

Our parishioners engaged in the preparation of thirty-three hampers for the residents at Villa Rosa and their babies. In gratitude we shared from

our abundance to select and purchase new items for the moms and their babies. Lists were prepared to suggest a wide array of essentials for infants — bottles, clothing, bath supplies, dishes and small toys. A companion list was generated for the mothers, consisting of special little

luxuries to express our love and support for their courageous decisions.

Thoughtfully selected items from parishioners of all ages poured in over the course of two weeks. In addition, cash donations were made so that fresh flowers could be purchased for each young mother.

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The hampers were lovingly assembled and wrapped by a group of parishioners in anticipation of our visit to Villa Rosa the following day. The activity also included preparing a handwritten card of gratitude for each of the residents at Villa Rosa on behalf of our parish.

On June 4, ten parishioners and I made our way to Villa Rosa, our vehicles filled with hampers, flowers and one jolly jumper. The highlight of our visit was a guided tour of the centre offered by Kathy Strachan, the director of Villa Rosa. For most of us, this was a wonderful glimpse into an unknown environment . . . Mothers and expectant mothers were busy in classrooms

— working at computers, sewing, sketching. Volunteers cradled babies as their moms attended classes down the hall. The reality of the struggle and the hope for a better tomorrow were simultaneously visible.

Choosing life . . . It seems rather simple from the comfort of our homes, but the magnitude of that choice can easily be overlooked if we remain sheltered from those who face different realities and limited options. It is only when we actively engage our faith that transformation can occur. In the past few weeks, our hearts and minds have been invited into realities that many of us had never considered, and rather than being an activity completed, our parish initiative with Villa Rosa has awakened us to the responsibility we collectively share in supporting and protecting the dignity of every human life.

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The Archbishop's Message  
*A warm cup of tea  
and a mug of sour vinegar*

At this writing I couldn't help but notice the contrast between two individuals in Canada who were front page news in our country this past week. The first, a man born into privilege, a weak man who has made mistakes, whose public role is to go about affirming the good work that people are doing in all sorts of fields. The second, a man also born into privilege, who must present himself as strong rather than weak, in control, rather than affirming diversity of opinion and action. The first is Charles, Prince of Wales, the second, Justin Trudeau, aspirant to the Prime Minister's Office.

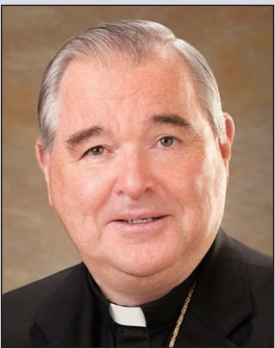
When I was invited by the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba to attend the official opening of Place Bernadette Poirier and be part of the welcoming for Prince Charles, who would do the unveiling, I accepted willingly. I did so, not because I am particularly monarchist, but rather, over the years, I have noticed that one of the important roles of the Royal Family, and for that matter, their representatives at the provincial or national levels, is to bring together people in all walks of life, not just the political, so as to recognize their roles and accomplishments in our society – people in the military, business, the world of art, performers, clergy, academics, the disadvantaged, charitable institutions etc. – in other words, the very fabric of society. Place Bernadette Poirier, operated by Sara-Riel, an organization founded by the Grey Nuns (Les Soeurs Grises) to provide accommodation with dignity for the mentally ill, is the kind of place Charles would be interested in. I was pleased to note, that he spent time talking to the residents in their rooms and then, holding the inevitable cup of tea, went about to each person present acknowledging their roles in the project. In the end he directed his remarks, rather spontaneously, to the Sisters present and offered praise for their work in Canada as well as overseas. People left the short ceremony affirmed in their work – the kind of work that really matters to people at the grassroots level in our neighbourhoods.

In contrast, this past week we have all become aware of the weakening of the public discourse in Canada due to Mr. Trudeau's enthusiastic muting of divergent thought and expression on the abortion question, that is to say, instead of a warm cup of tea to accompany a valuable exchange of ideas and an acknowledgement of diverse views from the grassroots of our country, we find a rather unfortunate fellow attempting to participate in a Parliament (the word means a place for exchanging ideas and opinions), walking about with a cup of very sour vinegar – hardly conducive to fruitful discourse! Many people, both within and outside the Christian Faith are deeply troubled by this.

Indeed if the question of abortion has been settled, as Justin so often says, then why is it necessary to squash freedom of thought and expression within his own party? The fact is, that the majority of Canadians reveal in opinion polls, that they are deeply uneasy with no law whatsoever governing abortion. It would seem, in light of the total inability of our political process to deal with this question, that faith in our democracy needs to be restored and the voices of Canada's mosaic be acknowledged and affirmed — in other words, throw out the vinegar and brew some decent tea!

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Archbishop of Winnipeg



Priests Annual Retreat



Priests in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg gathered with Archbishop Gagnon for the Annual Priests' Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Pinawa, May 5-9.

Installation as Chancellor of St. Paul's College



Archbishop Gagnon was installed as Chancellor of St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba April 6. Above, front row, from left, Dean of Studies at St. Paul's College Moti Shojania, University of Manitoba Chancellor Harvey Secter, Her Honour Anita K. Lee and the Honourable Philip S. Lee Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, Archbishop Gagnon, College Rector Dr. Christopher Adams, College Board Chair Deacon Richard Ludwick, Arthur Mauro, founder of the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College and Prof. Geoffrey Lambert, Retired. See story on page 4.

Archbishop Gagnon's Schedule

Saturday	June 14	9:00 am	Meeting with Diaconate Aspirancy Group
		5:00 pm	St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winnipeg
Sunday	June 15	11:00 am	Confirmation, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Winnipeg
Wednesday	June 18	1:30 pm	Confirmation, St. Hedwig's Church, Brandon
		4:00 pm	Inter-diocesan Pro-Life Committee, Winnipeg
Thursday	June 19	7:00 pm	Archdiocesan Finance Council, Catholic Centre, Winnipeg
Saturday	June 21	11:00 am	Confirmation, St John Vianney Parish, Teulon
Sunday	June 22	11:30 am	Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Ste Anne's Parish, Petersfield
Tuesday	June 24		100th Anniversary, St Vital Parish, Winnipeg
Thursday	June 26	12:00	National Liturgical Commission Meeting, Ottawa
		5:30 pm	Misericordia Health Centre AGM, Winnipeg
Saturday	June 28	5:00 pm	Chez Nous Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, Winnipeg
Sunday	June 29	12:00	Confirmation, Immaculate Conception Parish, Winnipeg
Thursday	July 3	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation, Holy Rosary Parish, Winnipeg
Sunday	July 6	11:30 am	YouthLeader, St. Benedict's Monastery, Winnipeg
Friday	July 11	3:00 pm	Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, Winnipeg
Saturday	July 12	4:00 pm	Visit & Mass, Catholic School of Evangelization, St Malo
Sunday	July 13	9:00 am	Pilgrimage Mass, St Elizabeth's Parish, Polonia
Saturday	July 19	5:00 pm	Candidacy for Christopher Dubois, Ste-Rose Parish, Ste-Rose-du-Lac
Sunday	July 20	9:00 am	Mass & Parish Visit, Sacred Heart Parish, Virden
		11:15 am	Mass & Parish Visit, St Jean Parish , Grande Clairiere
Thursday	July 24	7:30 pm	Mass & Parish Visit, Sacred Heart Parish, Virden
Friday	July 25	7:30 pm	Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Christopher Dubois, St Augustine's Parish, Brandon
Sunday	July 27		Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Peter Nemcek, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Winnipeg
Monday	July 28		Mass & Parish Visit, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sandy Bay
August 3-8			Visit to St. Columba's Parish, Swan River, and Missions
Sunday	August 10	3:00 pm	Manitoba Bishops' Meeting, Churchill
Friday	September 5	7:00 am	Grotto Mass, St Laurent Parish, St Laurent
Saturday	September 6	6:15 pm	Mass at Missionaries of Charity, Winnipeg
Sunday	September 7	10:00 am	Mass, Stony Mountain Institution, Stony Mountain
Friday	September 12	5:00 pm	Blessing of New Church, St Gianna's Parish, Winnipeg
September 14-19			Inter-Deanery Celebration, Immaculate Conception Parish, Winnipeg
Wednesday	September 24	2:30 pm	CCCB Plenary Assembly
Sunday	September 28	11:00 am	New Teachers' Workshop, Catholic Centre, Winnipeg
September 29-October 2			Confirmation, St Dominic's Parish, Neepawa
			Priests' Study Days, Elkhorn



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