



# Diocesan Bulletin

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In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,  
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

## Upcoming Events

**World Youth Day 2013 in Brazil** - Those interested in learning more about diocesan plans for WYD in Rio de Janeiro in 2013 are invited to attend an info meeting 12:30 p.m. **Sunday, Feb. 12** at St. Philip Neri Parish, Munroe Ave. and Taylor St., Saskatoon. Plans for the trip include working with the diocesan missionaries in Maceio during Days in the Diocese, visiting Salvador, attending the WYD week in Rio, as well as visiting Our Lady of Aparecida church, one of the largest in the world, and spending a retreat day in Sau Paulo. For information contact Colm Leyne, diocesan Youth Ministry office, 659-5843 or youthmin@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

**Centennial Year Performing Arts Showcase** - Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools staff will share their talents 7 p.m. **Monday, Feb. 13** at St. Joseph High School, 110 Nelson Road and Attridge Drive, Saskatoon. A wine and cheese reception will follow (cash bar).

**Foundations:** "Exploring Our Faith Together" diocesan program - "**Marriage and the Gift of Hospitality**" with Madeline and Peter Oliver 7:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 14** at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Outlook, SK. Fee: \$5 each, all are welcome. Call Bill Paslawski 306-846-2161 to register.

**YEP (Youth Evangelization Program)** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 18**, at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, 1235 -12th Street East, and Wiggins Avenue, Saskatoon - A program of teen discipleship for high school youth (and beyond), who want to get more out of their faith so they can give more back to the world. The theme this month is "Prayer and Discernment," featuring Fr. Geoffrey Young, sharing his testimony of discernment. YEP begins with Mass and continues with the opportunity for confession, lunch, games, talks and fun activities. Lunch and supper are included. Suggested donation of \$10 or more per youth helps cover costs. For more information visit www.purewitness.com or call 651-3465.

**Pure Witness Ministries fundraising family dance** will be held **Saturday, Feb. 18**, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at St. Joseph hall in Saskatoon, with live music. Tickets \$12 for ages 13 to adult; \$6 for ages 3 to 12 years; children under 2 are free. Purchase tickets at Universal Church Supplies or call Carmen Marcoux at 651-3465.

**Knights of Columbus Steak Night** will be held **Sunday, Feb. 19** at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral, in Bishop Mahoney Hall. Cocktails at 5 p.m., supper at 6 p.m., with a 50/50 draw and silent auction. Tickets are \$17.50 each and are available at the parish office or by phoning Bart at 384-6856, or Reg at 665-8445 (work), 652-4441 (home).

**Discernment Retreat** - "*Prayer and your Relationship With Christ*" is the theme of this retreat for young, single Catholic men and women, 19 years of age and older, to be held **Friday, Feb. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 26** at Discernment House, 851 University Drive, Saskatoon. Come and explore your baptismal call to follow Jesus Christ, renew your spirit and refresh your soul. To register or for more information, contact: Sr Evelyn or Sr. Lucie at 306-244-0726 or e-mail: sk.dhouse@gmail.com

## CONGRESS DAY WITH THE BISHOP

### Diocesan Congress Day

will be held in three locations across the diocese: **Feb. 25 in Saskatoon; March 10 in Humboldt; and March 24 in Kindersley.**

The diocesan Congress Day is an opportunity to meet with the bishop and the leadership of the diocese to discuss issues of importance to all parishes. Parishioners and representatives from deaneries, religious congregations and community groups are invited to attend. There is no fee to participate, but pre-registration is required before the deadline dates, in order to facilitate planning for lunch. All are welcome!

Topics of discussion at this year's Congress Day include:

- Marriage trends and ministry
- Evangelization and the upcoming Year of Faith
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission about residential schools and the upcoming national event June 21-24 in Saskatoon

At all three locations, Congress Day will conclude with celebration of Mass with Bishop Don Bolen.

**Congress Day in Saskatoon** - 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 25** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (access building from Attridge Drive at Forestry Farm Park Drive, or from Nelson Road, just north of St. Joseph High School) for Saskatoon City, Saskatoon Rural and Outlook deaneries and parishes. **Register for the Saskatoon event before Friday, Feb. 17** by calling our receptionist, Sharon, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 242-1500, or toll free: 1-877-661-5005 or e-mail: reception@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

**Congress Day in Humboldt** - 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, March 10** at St. Augustine parish, 809-10th Street, Humboldt, SK. for Humboldt Deanery and Wadena Deanery. **Register for the Humboldt event before Friday, March 2** by calling Marie-Louise at (306) 682-2106 or e-mail staug.marlou@sasktel.net

**Congress Day in Kindersley** - 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, March 24** at St. Joseph parish, 600-4th Avenue West, Kindersley, SK. for Eatonia Deanery and Kerrobert Deanery. **Register for the Kindersley event before Friday, March 16:** Susan (306) 463-4520 or e-mail: seidelsusan@hotmail.com

**Rite of Election** - All are welcome to attend this diocesan celebration 3 p.m. **Sunday, Feb. 26**, at the new Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon with Bishop Donald Bolen presiding. This is an important step in the RCIA process for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. The diocesan choir will provide music ministry at the Rite of Election and the diocesan CWL will provide refreshments afterwards. Parishes are asked to send names of catechumens and candidates to Fr. Michael Koch as soon as possible: (306) 373-0404 or e-mail: mjkr cia@shaw.ca

# Message Board



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**Protecting the vulnerable** - The diocese of Saskatoon document "Working Together for a Safe and Respectful Church Environment" sets out policies regarding sexual abuse and harassment. Addressing the protection of children and the vulnerable, the policy is available online at: [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com) by clicking the link on the front page or using the web page's search function.

**Residential School hearings** – The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) is holding community hearings around the province in preparation for a Saskatchewan **national TRC event June 21-24 in Saskatoon**. For information about the TRC, and to learn more about Indian Residential Schools, and the continuing impact of removing generations of children from their families, communities, language and culture, see: [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca)

**Healing the Pain of Abortion:** This weekend retreat by Rachel's Vineyard **April 13 to April 15**, offers a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion, focusing on God's love and forgiveness in a non-judgmental environment. The retreat is open and welcomes individuals of all denominations. For confidential information call (306) 480-8911 or e-mail: [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

**Eucharistic Adoration** schedule for Saskatoon is posted online at [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com). Click the link near the bottom of the home page. Check the schedule and come spend a silent hour in the presence of God. For information call Sally at 373-2621.

**Divine Mercy Conference** will be held at St. Therese Institute in Bruno, SK. **Feb. 23-26**. Call 369-2555 or see: [www.sttherese.ca](http://www.sttherese.ca)

**Men's Spiritual Growth Event** - Knights of Columbus invite all men of faith to join them in a reflection on this year's theme "So That The World May Know New Hope" 7 p.m. **March 16** and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **March 17** at Holy Child Parish, Regina. Speakers include bishops of Saskatoon, Regina and Winnipeg. Cost is \$30 beforehand, or \$40 at the door. Contact Lorne Kirzinger at 789-6397.

**Differences that Unite: A 21st century exploration of Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry.** This five-week Lenten ecumenical series explores doctrinal consensus and convergence on key issues of church life and practice 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays, from **Feb. 27 to March 26** at Mayfair United Church, 902-33rd Street West, Saskatoon. Nick Jesson and Rev. Amanda Currie will explore the significant agreement reached between the churches in the past half century and look to the future. There is no fee for the Lenten series, but donations to Prairie Centre for Ecumenism are welcome. For information, contact Rev. Amanda Currie at (306) 242-0525 or e-mail: [amanda@standrews-saskatoon.net](mailto:amanda@standrews-saskatoon.net)

**Diocesan Prayer Intention:** We pray as a diocesan family for all married couples, and for those who support and minister to them. May the sacrament of marriage serve as a sign of God's love and grace at work in our world.

## Sunday Smile: A child's take on love and marriage -

- How do people fall in love? "I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful." - *Lori, age 7.*
- What is it like to be in love? "It's like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." - *John, age 9.*
- How can a stranger tell if two people are married? "You might have to guess, but see if they seem to be yelling at the same kids." - *Derrick, age 8.*

## Diocesan Mission Opportunities: Northern Manitoba / Tanzania, Africa

The Diocesan Mission Office is sponsoring two upcoming opportunities for mission experience:

- **Mission 1:** Sr. Margaret Sadler needs assistance with a week-long summer program for children in the northern community of **Lynn Lake, Manitoba**. This is an ideal mission experience for a family, a team of three young adults, or for anyone who likes working with youth. An information meeting will be held **7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14** at Queen's House or call Elan at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. 839.
- **Mission 2:** Visit an African mission and assist in serving alongside Joyce and John de Gooijer, former members of the Diocesan Mission Office, currently serving as missionaries with Volunteer International Christian Services (VICS) in **Arusha, Tanzania**. An information meeting about this trip will be held **7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15** at Queen's House in Saskatoon or call Elan, 242-1500 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005.

**Foundations:** "Exploring Our Faith Together" diocesan program - "**Theology of Johnny Cash**" with Blake Sittler will be held 7 p.m. **Monday, Feb. 27** at St. Anne parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. Fee: \$5 each. Call Sr. Dianne Sehn 931-4700 to register.

**Introduction to Centering Prayer** - Christ-centered centering prayer is a renewal of an ancient Christian contemplative practice, updated for our time, that can lead to a deeper prayer life, personal healing, spiritual transformation, and closer union with God. Fr. Kevin McGee and Marge Copeland will lead an "Introduction to Centering Prayer" from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. **Saturday, March 3** at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Northumberland Ave., adjacent to Bishop Klein School in Saskatoon. Soup lunch provided. Follow-up sessions will also be held Saturday, March 10 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. To register call 382- 5503. Cost is \$25.

**Diocesan Youth Trip to Table Mountain** (Grades 8 to 12) - **Saturday March 10** for tubing, skiing or snowboarding. Parish youth groups will meet at St. Michael's parish in Saskatoon at 10:30 a.m. and will spend a half day on the hill (1 to 4 p.m.), returning home around 7 p.m., with a stop in North Battleford to purchase supper. There is a also a \$5 per person fee to help cover the cost of gas and participants are also responsible for paying their way into the facility and any rentals required. Youth cannot bring their own skis or snowboards due to lack of space (ski or snowboard boots are allowed). Rental prices (half day) can be found online at: [www.tablemountainregionalpharm.com/Rentals.htm](http://www.tablemountainregionalpharm.com/Rentals.htm) **Registration deadline is midnight, March 4.** Call Matthew at 382-5503, Colm at 242-1500 or your parish youth minister. Youth need a signed permission form -(contact [stpministry@gmail.com](mailto:stpministry@gmail.com)) to have a copy emailed or pick one up from your parish youth minister.

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