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## A Centennial Mass for 'the people of God'



The Centennial Mass attended by 14,000 faithful at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg, May 3. More than 800 young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg marked its 100th year in the grandest of fashion May 3, celebrating a Centennial Mass with 14,000 of the faithful at the MTS Centre arena, presided by Most Reverend Richard Gagnon.

The Mass was celebrated by bishops and archbishops from across Canada including the two other Archbishops that call Winnipeg home, Most Reverend Albert LeGatt of St. Boniface and Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg.

A 200 voice choir was led by Rev. Geoffrey Angeles. The Mass also included the conferring of the sacrament of confirmation on more than 800 candidates, all gowned in white in the centre of the arena's grandstands, each anointed by one of the many bishops and priests.

"As we gather for this Centennial Mass, our one hundredth anniversary celebration, we find ourselves caught up today in a special moment," Archbishop Gagnon said. "A moment in time between the future, which for us is a Christian journey that we make in our lives with hope, and the past that comes before. The future, in which we place our hope and trust through Jesus Christ, and our past which inspires us, which is so full of wisdom and experience, as well as tears."

"We see a good portion of our archdiocese present here. The people of God seeking to live their faith in this present day and knowing that they have responsibility for the church of the future."

"Jesus says 'remain in me as I remain in you.' As a

church facing our future together beyond this centennial, this is absolutely necessary. As Jesus warns us, 'just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, neither can you unless you abide in me.' God is very concerned for the union between his Son and the branches, which is the church, you and I. And this is what the church really is. It is the people of God called and gathered into communion with the Father through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. And this communion is so intimate that it cannot be compromised. Either the branches are joined or they are not joined to the vine."

"As we look to the future together, as we begin our second 100 years, let us do all we can to abide in Jesus so that his word will abide in us and so that we have confidence in his word today. 'Ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you,' Jesus says. 'My father is glorified by this. That you bear much fruit and become my disciples.' " The Archbishop wished the congregation, "a blessed anniversary year to all of you."

Prior to the celebration a ritual of purification was performed by aboriginal elders with drumming, singing and smudging with burning sweetgrass. Greetings were brought by Lisa Raven, executive director of Returning to Spirit, the organization created to address the legacy of Indian Residential Schools through transformative workshops and programs.

Raven said she and others in Returning to Spirit were "deeply touched" by the invitation to be a part of the Mass. "Our mission is about rebuilding the relationship between aboriginal and



Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, was one of many bishops and priests to anoint the confirmands.

non-aboriginal people that got disconnected as a result of residential schools," said Raven. "It had to be done in complete partnership and that is what this means to us. Partnership to move forward and create a different future." Raven acknowledged Archbishop Gagnon "for his vision in creating a different future" as she recalled the Archbishop when he was Bishop of Victoria inviting Returning to Spirit into his diocese. She said seven years ago reconciliation seemed impossible. "But now with the support of people like each and every one of you, the impossible is now possible." The collection from the Mass was presented as a legacy gift to the work of Returning to Spirit.

The very special guest of the day was the Apostolic Nuncio for Canada, Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi. "I bring with me the greetings and affection of our Holy Father Pope Francis," Archbishop Bonazzi said. "I transmit to you his apostolic blessing, and assure you of his closeness as well as his spiritual participation in today's Eucharistic Liturgy."

The theme for the Centennial Year, which continues until the actual 100th anniversary date of Dec. 4, 2015, is Proclaiming Christ Always. Archbishop Bonazzi said Proclaiming Christ Always "means, above all, that the point of departure

of a Christian's life is Jesus Christ. Therefore, to understand our history and, in particular, to tackle the problems that often assail us, we need to start, first of all, from Jesus; the first step, the first thing to do, above all, is to go to Jesus. It is only after we have 'spent time' with Jesus, in prayer, in listening to His Word and taking part in the sacraments, will we find the light, the courage and the strength to face the difficulties we encounter, so as to overcome and transform them into opportunities for good. Therefore start, always start, from Jesus, through prayer, by living the Gospel and taking part in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation."

Archbishop LeGatt provided closing remarks referring to the creation of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg out of a part of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, which, he said, may be described as a mother and daughter relationship. "I would much rather prefer that when we talk about the relationship between St. Boniface and Winnipeg that we not talk about mother and daughter but that we talk about sister churches."

The entire celebration can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Winnipeg website at [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)


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pictures from the  
Centennial Mass  
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### Archdiocese presents Centennial Mass collection to Returning to Spirit



The Archdiocese of Winnipeg presented the collection from the Centennial Mass to Returning to Spirit, an Aboriginal non-profit charitable organization providing reconciliation and healing workshops that bring Aboriginals and Non-Aboriginals together. A donation of \$60,000 was presented by Archbishop Richard Gagnon to Lisa Raven, Executive Director of Returning to Spirit. Above, from left, Chief Financial Officer Rhonda Chorney, Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Lisa Raven and Rev. François Paradis, a priest in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and a Returning to Spirit workshop coordinator. Returning to Spirit is based in Headingley, Man. The website is [www.returningtospirit.org](http://www.returningtospirit.org)



# Mark Your Calendar!!!

Sponsored by Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops’  
Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and  
Newman Theological College, Edmonton AB

**Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*“DECOLONIZING PASTORAL MINISTRY”  
The Journey after the TRC: Building Right Relations of  
Respect and Integrity*

**DIRECTIONS IN ABORIGINAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre  
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creating imbalances and injustices which now require a process of  
reconciliation and decolonization.

We will explore how our pastoral ministry can: support healing and  
social transformation in overcoming the harmful legacies of colonization;  
be supportive of authentic reconciliation; and celebrate and strengthen  
the contributions of Aboriginal peoples within the church and Canadian  
society.


Program details, registration forms and conference costs will follow.

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## Ordinations to the Priesthood of Christopher DuBois and Peter Nemcek



Deacon  
Christopher  
Dubois





Deacon  
Peter  
Nemcek

**July 3, 2015 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary’s Cathedral**  
**Archbishop Richard Gagnon Presiding**

*All are welcome to join in this  
important celebration in the life of our church.*

## Living Waters Columbarium

- Honouring Life in the Catholic Tradition



Living Waters Columbarium was inaugurated on September 28, 2014. As an integral part of the ministry and mission at St. Gianna Beretta Molla Church, the columbarium is a vehicle through which we build community and facilitate our ministry of compassion and care. Our patroness, St. Gianna, is truly a witness of the intangible dignity of every human existence, and it is through this charism of respecting the dignity of life in all its stages that Living Waters Columbarium supports our understanding of death as a great threshold to be celebrated within the beauty of our baptismal journey.

The entombment niches within the columbarium are available to all members of the Catholic community and their families. Our current release of niches offers a range of locations and prices within the columbarium. Please visit [www.livingwaterswpg.ca](http://www.livingwaterswpg.ca) or call 204-488-3977 to schedule an appointment.



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St. Benedict’s Retreat & Conference Centre  
225 Masters Avenue (off main 3 km north of the Perimeter Hwy)  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R4A 2A1

# First national shrine to St. Gianna is dedicated

The first Canadian shrine of St. Gianna Beretta Molla was dedicated May 10 at St. Gianna Beretta Molla Church in Winnipeg, by Archbishop Richard Gagnon, and illuminated by the presence of the saint's daughter, Gianna Emanuela Molla.

"The saints tell us something important about our own lives and that is that we are all called to be saints ourselves," Archbishop Gagnon said. "St. Peter tells us, 'like living stones, let your selves be built into a spiritual house.'"

The Archbishop said St. Gianna shows "how each of us in our ordinary lives are called to be saints. All of her life was built on the cornerstone of Christ in such a way that her life was a vocation to sanctity. She is a saint for our time, in many ways."

Archbishop Gagnon said at a gathering the previous evening Gianna Emanuela proclaimed she was given her life because "she was much loved," and she described life "as a sacred gift that must be honoured and protected."

"This dedication," the Archbishop said, "reminds us of our call to the sanctity of life."

Gianna Emanuela and Arch-



From left, Rev. Darrin Gurr, Pastor of St. Gianna's Church, Gianna Emanuela Molla, the daughter of St. Gianna, and sculptor John Collier with the shrine's centrepiece, the statue of St. Gianna. Photo by Paulo Amenta.

bishop Gagnon together unveiled a statue of St. Gianna, to be the centrepiece of the shrine. Archbishop Gagnon said the shrine is "for the people of God. May it be a place of prayer, consolation, mercy, hope and promise."

The statue's creator, John Collier of Texas, who has crafted other pieces for the church, was also in attendance. "No one becomes a saint by themselves," Collier said, "we all need each other." He described his new

*"I am so happy that here, in Canada, there is a shrine dedicated to my saint mother. I am happy to share my saint mother with all people who suffer. I feel your affectionate welcome and I feel part of this family too."*

— Gianna Emanuela Molla, daughter of St. Gianna

work as "a mother coming from the grocery store. She is pregnant and has just been told unless she gives up the baby she may die. I decided to pick the moment when she decided what to do."

Gianna Beretta was born in Italy in 1922 and was a working mother, who lived an ordinary middle-class life. Working as a physician, her vocation was her husband and children. In September 1961, in the second month of her fourth pregnancy with Gianna Emanuela, she was diagnosed with a benign tumor in the uterus. Gianna told the doctors if they had to choose between saving her life and the life of her baby, they were to save the baby. On April 21, 1962, Holy Sat-

urday, Gianna gave birth and died a week later. She had chosen the gift of life for her daughter. Gianna was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1994 and canonized in 2004. Gianna Emanuela followed her mother into medicine, becoming a doctor specializing in geriatrics.

"I am so happy, proud and touched," said Gianna Emanuela. She quoted her father, who died on Holy Saturday in 2010, and what he said her mother believed in. "Life is, in itself, the first and irreplaceable gift of God. The human creation is sacred because of God's presence. Each one of our deeds is done for God and Jesus and the end of our earthly days will be based on this."

"As in the teaching of Jesus," she said, "there is no greater love than the love that gives its life for a loved one."

"I thank God with all my heart for the beautiful gift of my mother and I am so happy that here, in Canada, there is a shrine dedicated to my saint mother. " Gianna then spoke directly to her mother asking, "please, try to answer all of the intercessions of those who pray to you here at this shrine."

"How many suffer in the world?," she asked. " I am happy to share my saint mother with all people who suffer. I feel your affectionate welcome and I feel that you are a big family. You are the soul of this church, and now I feel part of this family too."

Archbishop Gagnon charged the parishioners of St. Gianna's with a new and ongoing responsibility, saying "there will be people coming from all over to this shrine so the parish has an important role to play in that."

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## Truth and Reconciliation findings released

*Winnipeg event hears words of hope, calls for action*

As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its findings in Ottawa June 2, stirring feelings of hope for the future, a gathering in Winnipeg heard sobering words from the Grand Chief of The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Derek Nepinak.

"The atrocities of yesterday are happening right now," Chief Nepinak said. "The colonial patterns are still there. It's going to take more than just this moment in history."

Nepinak joined speakers from political, community and educational spheres at the University of Winnipeg to talk about the work of the TRC and the completion of its five-year mandate. Winnipeg hosted the TRC's first event in 2010 and is home to the TRC's offices, its archives and its report.

"Do not think this is the end of something," Chief Nepinak said. "This is the beginning of something. Let's make sure we make changes in this lifetime. Let's make the difference now."

Mayor of Winnipeg Brian Bowman said the city "sits at the crossroads of an ancient aboriginal meeting place" and "has an important role to play to advance reconciliation, it's important to

the health of our community and our country."

"We honour those who have demanded justice and demonstrated true courage. We must all hear their stories. Thank you to the survivors. You have shared your experience so we can all learn."

In September the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg will host the first National Anti-Racism summit. Bowman said the conference "will bring Canadians together as a think-tank of compassion and inspiration to brainstorm about how to eradicate racism."

Treaty commissioner James Wilson said "young people in Manitoba and across Canada need to know our true history and Indian Residential Schools is a part of that. They have to know that history but they also have to be given hope. The work doesn't stop today, it continues after today." Wilson quoted TRC Chair Justice Murray Sinclair, saying it is time "to turn our greatest shame into our greatest source of pride."

University of Winnipeg president Annette Trimbee reminded all that the university is on Treaty One land in the heart of Metis nation. "While growing up in Mani-

toba, and earning a master's degree, I didn't know that," Trimbee said, "and that's kind of amazing."

"This university has a role as a convenor," Trimbee said, "as a place that invites all people in, to have a conversation. The U of W is committed to thinking through how to indiginize our academy. To deconstruct our institution and see how we do things."

The university has considered a proposal from its student associations to have all undergraduates fulfil an indigenous studies credit before graduation.

The morning's moderator, Stan McKay, a member of the Fisher River Cree Nation and well-known spiritual leader and teacher, invited all to be "mindful of the three TRC commissioners (Sinclair, Marie Wilson and Wilton Littlechild) and the burden of the last five years that they carry. They, too, are in need of support and healing and it's not over yet. We give thanks to the creator that we can gather in this way. We know the pain can lead to new possibilities."

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### Archbishop Gagnon's Pastoral Letter on the closing of the TRC

Dear Members of First Nations and all People of God in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg,

I wish to express a few words to all members of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and in a special way, to First Nations People living in southwestern Manitoba - the geographical location of our archdiocese.

I feel very deeply, the immense responsibility given to our generation to lay the foundation for a better future among aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples - a future which is life giving; it is how we walk together, as fellow human beings that will give direction and hope to those who follow us. The closing events for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission are not only historic days, but they form an honorable moment - a humble moment not to be forgotten.

As the Roman Catholic Archbishop in Winnipeg, I simply wish to say that I have grown to understand more and more, the reality of Residential Schools and their impact on First Nations Peoples from one generation to the next. It is painful for me to recall my own ignorance of, and even detachment from, the woundedness and grief that I witnessed among First Nations People during my time as a school student on the west coast of Canada - the student body of my high school was one-half aboriginal and located next to a First Nations community in North Vancouver.

With the concluding events for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission before us, I wish to express my deep sorrow for the suffering that occurred to aboriginal people through the Residential School system. It is important for all of us in the Church to acknowledge with regret, that some members of our Faith inflicted harm on the young people committed to their care in these schools and that the separation of family members contributed to the breakdown of family life and loss of traditions among First Nations peoples. We have a moral responsibility and an obligation to repent of this wrong doing and work towards healing and peace.

It is also important to recognize not only this woundedness among aboriginal people, but also the pain and disappointment experienced by many good men and women who worked in the schools, often giving their lives for the noble cause of education. Every member of the Church has, in fact, been affected by this legacy. At the same time it is humbling and a source of hope to see both aboriginal and non-aboriginal people seeking ways to bring understanding and justice within this brokenness.

We cannot change what has occurred, but what we can do is build a future -to do the 'right' thing together - and that is why we must pray for healing among all those affected by Residential Schools and work sincerely for true and lasting reconciliation. We have a responsibility to the next generation, to leave a legacy of mutual respect, understanding, and a willingness to listen to one another. Let us extend the hand of friendship to one another and treat the days ahead as an honourable time to bring about reconciliation between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples.

As a Christian, I look toward our crucified Lord and see that in the midst of pain, alienation and grief, there is still hope -there is still the promise of new life. As Jesus was lifted up to his Father - to the Creator of all-so we must ask for the grace to lift ourselves up, to walk a new path towards true and lasting relationships with one another.

# SNJMs celebrate 140th with Honouring Arts in Education

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary celebrated 140 years in Manitoba May 24 with Honouring the Arts in Education, an afternoon of musical and dramatic performances by the students of St. Mary's Academy.

It was on Aug. 22, 1874, that four Sisters of the Holy Names arrived from Montreal to assume responsibility for the school. They travelled by train, steamer and barge to arrive at St. Boniface.

Celebrating the arts has always been an important part of the education provided by the sisters, said Manitoba Provincial Sr. Cathy Laviolette as she addressed the audience and students, "and how you performed today showed your willingness to carry the torch."



Above, the St. Mary's Academy Grade 11 Drama Class performs *Going Home*. Below, left, the Violin Club and right, Con Fuoco choir.

Laviolette said the founder of the SNJMs, Mother Marie-Rose and the four young nuns who arrived 140 years ago, "are full of delight today."

Performances included the Con Fuoco choir, the Violin Club and a Grade 11 Drama Class performance of the students' creation entitled *Going Home*, depicting the arrival of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary to Manitoba and their experiences through the years.



## Serra on the Move



Winnipeg and Brandon Serrans visit Diocese of Prince Albert, Sask.

The Winnipeg Serra Club was contacted by Fr. James Kaptein, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, to present on Serra at their annual Diocesan Meeting. Guy Coughlin, Winnipeg Serra Club, and Ken Fox, Brandon Serra Club gave a presentation to 180 representatives on How To Start a Serra Club. We pray our comments landed on fertile soil. Serra has also been asked to make presentations on starting Serra Clubs in June, 2015 in Regina, at their Diocesan Meeting and in Saskatoon, in September, 2015.

Serrans are Catholic men and women who do what they can to support vocations for the church through prayers and active functions the clubs undertake. Serra also has a Foundation for financial assistance in Catholic activities and can be viewed on Serra Canada's website. Serra Canada is pleased to announce a new French speaking club that has been formed this year in Montreal.

Our inspiration, Blessed Junipero Serra will be canonized by Pope Francis when the pope visits Washington, D.C. in September, 2015.

The Serra Club is always looking for more members to join us in our journey praying together for priests, religious, and vocations. Another part of our mission is to assist the clergy and religious in our diocese. Your ideas and energy would make a wonderful addition to our club.

If interested, please call: Irene Kirouac, President, Winnipeg Serra Club at 204-487-7934 or Beverly Hicks, President and District Governor, Brandon Serra Club at 204-726-5978

## The Knights of Columbus – supporting Catholic education



From left, Sir Knight Robert Girouard (Comptroller), Mrs. Jeannine Pistawka, Principal of St. Ignatius School, Sir Knight Stan Blady (Chairman), Father Joe Newman SJ and Sir Knight Larry Zarychanski (Coordinator).

On May 22 the Captain Miles MacDonell, Fourth Degree Assembly proudly presented a cheque for \$10,213 to the St. Ignatius Catholic School. This money was raised at the 39th Annual Dinner and Draw held at St. John XXIII Church on April 29, 2015 in support of Catholic education. This event was made possible by the generous support of the St. James Knights of Columbus Council and the St. John XXIII Church.

Over the past few years Captain Miles MacDonell Assembly #370 has raised over \$125,000 in support of Catholic education.

# Centennial Mass, May 3, 2015, MTS Centre, Winnipeg

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Philip Lee, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba



Lisa Raven of Returning to Spirit



Masters of Ceremonies Mike Radcliffe and Luchie Sanchez



Archbishop Richard Gagnon, anointing one of the 823 confirmands, wears the pectoral cross worn by the first Archbishop of Winnipeg, Most Rev. Alfred Sinnott at his episcopal ordination in 1916.



The Centennial Legacy Project for the 100th Anniversary is the creation of an original Icon of the Holy Family which will be installed in St. Mary's Cathedral at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year. The Icon design is based on the Archdiocese's Centenary theme, Proclaiming Christ Always. The icon was created by Andre Prevost, originally from Manitoba. Mr. Prevost has been widely involved within the Canadian artistic community for many years. The Legacy Icon will travel to a number of areas of the archdiocese for viewing and devotion until it is installed in St. Mary's Cathedral in December, 2015. A limited number of prints of the icon will also be available. Pictured above with the icon following the Mass are the artist's mother and Centennial and Mass committee chairs John Stapleton (left) and Rob O'Keefe. A detailed description of the meaning and relevance of each image in the icon can be found on the Archdiocese of Winnipeg website, [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)



The Archbishop blesses souvenir candles for each of the faithful in attendance.

# Archbishop announces personnel appointments

Having followed the consultation process called for by the Code of Canon Law, Archbishop of Winnipeg Most Reverend Richard Gagnon has announced the following Personnel Appointments in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Archbishop Gagnon expressed his gratitude “for the spirit of cooperation from those who are accepting new assignments this year.” Unless otherwise indicated these changes will be effective August 1, 2015.

**Retirement**  
**Reverend Vincent Herner**, after 35 years of ministry in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, and since 1995, Director of Chaplaincy at Misericordia Health Centre, retires to Campbell River, B.C. We wish Fr. Vince well and express our gratitude for his Priestly Ministry in the Archdiocese. (Effective June 15, 2015).

**Departure from the Archdiocese**  
**Reverend Jose Eduardo Medeiros** is granted leave to pursue joining the Missionary Community of Holy Providence in Brazil. We wish Fr. Jose Eduardo well and express our gratitude for his Priestly Ministry in the Archdiocese for the past 16 years.

**Reverend Dindo Pepito** is returning to his home Diocese of San Carlos in the Philippines. We are grateful to Fr. Dindo for his five years of Priestly Service in the Archdiocese and wish him well. (Effective May 31, 2015).

**Pastors**  
**Reverend Paul Tinguely** becomes Pastor of St. Laurent Parish in St. Laurent, St. Olaf's Parish in Lundar, Annunciation Parish in Woodlands, St. Theresa's Church in Lake Manitoba and St. Erik's Reduced Service Mission in Eriksdale.

**Reverend Robert Polz** becomes Pastor of St. John XXIII Parish in Winnipeg.

**Reverend James Ahaneke** becomes Pastor of St. Jude's Parish in Erickson, St. Alphonsus' Church in Minnedosa, Sacred Heart Church in Elphinstone and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Reduced Service Mission in Polonia.

**Reverend David Kowalski** becomes Pastor of St. Theresa's Parish in West St. Paul and St. Margaret's Parish in Little Britain.

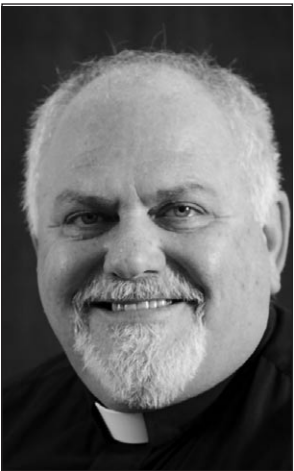
**Reverend Michel Nault** becomes Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Elie, St. Eustache Parish in St. Eustache and St. Francois Xavier Parish in St. Francois Xavier.

**Reverend Gerald Langevin** becomes Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Portage la Prairie and St. Ambrose Reduced Service Mission in St. Ambrose.

**Reverend Michael Wollbaum** becomes Pastor of St. Charles' Parish in Winnipeg.

**Reverend Juan Legitimas** becomes Pastor of St. Viator's Parish in Dauphin and Corpus Christi Parish in Winnipegosis.

**Reverend Eric Giddins** becomes Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Winnipeg and Chaplain at Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg.



Reverend Vincent Herner



Reverend Jose Eduardo Medeiros



Reverend Dindo Pepito



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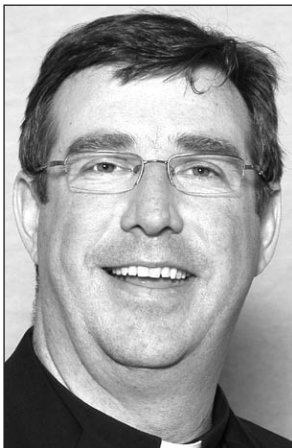
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Reverend Michael Wollbaum



Reverend Juan Legitimas



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Reverend Bastin Gnna Arockiyam



Reverend Marko Stefanec



Reverend Renerio Dayanan



Reverend Nepolian Suvakin



Reverend Kelly Wilson



Reverend Christopher Dubois



Reverend Peter Nemcek



Reverend Albert Bouffard

**Reverend Bastin Gnna Arockiyam** becomes Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Roblin, Ste. Claire Parish in San Clara, Guardian Angels' Church in Gilbert Plains and St. Margaret's Church in Grandview.

**Reverend Marko Stefanec** becomes Pastor of St. Nicholas Tavelich Parish in Winnipeg.

**Parochial Administrator**  
**Reverend Renerio Dayanan** becomes Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick's Parish in Winnipeg.

**Parochial Vicars**  
**Reverend Nepolian Suvakin** becomes Parochial Vicar of Ste. Rose Parish in Ste. Rose du Lac, Paroisse Notre-Dame-de-Victoires in Laurier,

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish in McCreary, Notre Dame Parish in Toutes-Aides, Holy Family Church in Crane River, St. Joseph's Church in Ebb & Flow, St. Patrick's Church in Mallard, St. Anthony's Church in Rorketon, Immaculate Conception Church in Skownan and Canadian Martyrs Church in Waterhen.

**Reverend Kelly Wilson** while remaining Director of Catechetics for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, becomes Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Winnipeg.

**Reverend Christopher Dubois** (to be ordained July 3, 2015) becomes Parochial Vicar of St. Peter's Parish in Winni-

peg.  
**Reverend Peter Nemcek** (to be ordained July 3, 2015) becomes Parochial Vicar of St. Charles' Parish in Winnipeg.

**Upon Presentation by their Provincial**  
**Reverend Albert Bouffard, omi** retires, for reasons of health, as Pastor of Paroisse Sacre-Coeur in Winnipeg. (effective July 1, 2015) We are grateful to Fr. Bouffard for his service to Sacre-Coeur these past eleven years and wish him a speedy recovery and a happy retirement. A new Priest will be assigned to Sacre-Coeur in the near future.

**Reverend Nicanor Sarmiento, omi** becomes Pastor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Winnipeg. (Octo-



Reverend Nicanor Sarmiento



Reverend Francois Paradis

ber 1, 2015). **Brother Rusty Gardiner, omi** and **Brother Thomas Novak, omi** will join Fr. Sarmiento in ministry at St. Kateri.

While continuing his ministry

with Returning to Spirit, **Reverend Francois Paradis, omi** is appointed Parochial Administrator *pro tem* of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. (August 1 to September 30, 2015).

National Week for Life and the Family

The Family, A School of Christian Love: Where Life Begins and Love Never Ends

The celebration of the third annual National Week for Life and the Family took place in Manitoba May 10-17, as the Archdioceses of Winnipeg and St. Boniface and the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Winnipeg came together to plan and participate in activities and work toward furthering awareness for respect and care for life from birth to natural death. The theme in Manitoba this year was, *The Family, A School of Christian Love: Where Life Begins and Love Never Ends*. The National Week for Life and the Family is an initiative that was introduced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2013 to be observed in accordance with the priorities and resources of each diocese.

The tri-diocesan team, which included the full participation of our three local Archbishops, developed a guide for parishes with suggestions for activities, such as hosting a potluck, a movie night, a presentation or a group discussion. The guide included suggestions of prayers and liturgical elements, and Catechetical resources.

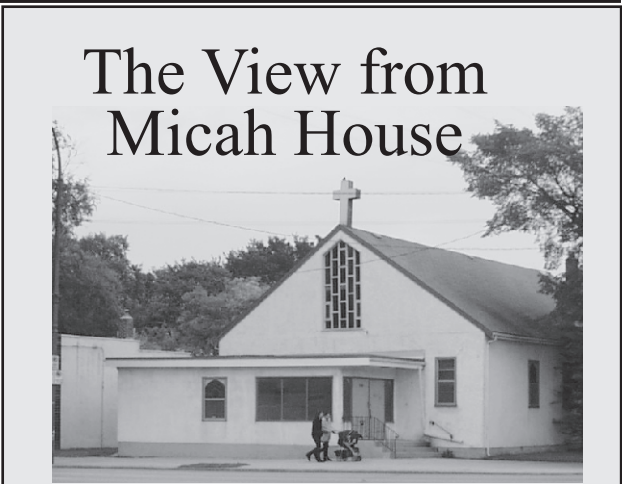
The NWLF coincided with annual gatherings that pre-date the National Week for Life and the Family, such as the Gospel of Life service at St. Boniface Cathedral on the Monday and the March for Life on the Thursday, organized by the Knights of Columbus, beginning with prayers at St. Mary's Cathedral followed by the march to the Legislative Building.

On Monday, after the Gospel of Life, all were invited to "Late Night With the Bishops" in the cathedral hall, where an enthusiastic crowd engaged with the three Archbishops in a talk-show style format with lots of laughs and good humour and also heartfelt reminiscences about the importance of family in the lives of our church and community leaders.

There was a screening of the movie *Irreplaceable* on the Tuesday evening at Micah House, and on the Wednesday a Brainstorming Event at the Parish of St. Timothy's Hall: How Do We Make Church More Family-Friendly? It was an opportunity to share ideas, experiences and best practices, open to people of all parishes and dioceses in Manitoba.

The National Week for Life and the Family will be celebrated again next May, beginning on Mother's Day, to remind all to respect and protect the sanctity of life; the young, the elderly, the ill and the marginalized.

Comments and suggestions are welcome. Please contact: **Archdiocese of Saint Boniface**, Sophie Freynet-Agossa, [sfreynetagossa@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:sfreynetagossa@archsaintboniface.ca), 204-514-9942. **Archdiocese of Winnipeg**, Patti Fitzmaurice, [sjustice@mymts.net](mailto:sjustice@mymts.net), 204-589-5393. James Buchok, [jbuchok@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:jbuchok@archwinnipeg.ca), 204-452-2227 ext. 248; **Archeparchy of Winnipeg**, Marilyn Krochak, [marimike@mts.net](mailto:marimike@mts.net), 204-222-5189.



**“S**ummertime and the living is easy.” Many of you will know these opening words to the song *Summertime* by George Gershwin. To me the words epitomize the ideals of summer; a slower pace, a time to really be with family and friends, and a time to notice and enjoy the beauty of nature. Some of my favorite memories are of summer.. Holidays at Clear Lake with swims in the cold lake, sugar cookies from the bakery, and falling asleep with the window open, listening to the music from the nearby outdoor roller rink. Camping trips, road trips, and visits from family. One memory I have is lying on the grass with a cousin who taught me the different ways to look at clouds. There were summers spent at the cabin of a dear friend in the Lake of Woods. If I close my eyes now, I am sitting on the dock, sun warming my skin, water lapping and perhaps the distant call of the loon. That is where I go in my mind, if all around me chaos reigns. This summer, I have no plans and that is exciting, to be open to what may happen. Already I love the feel of the sun on my skin. I drive down Inkster and as I get closer to Main Street, the trees form a canopy over the street with sunlight filtering through. Nothing, in my opinion, is more beautiful.

I can't help but think, when I look out over a lake, when I feel the gentle cooling breeze on my sun-heated skin, when I hear the sounds of nature around me, from the sound of the loon to the slap of a fish falling back into the water, how precious a gift this all is.

It is so easy to fall into the idea that the environment is there to serve my needs and wants, no matter the cost to the earth, to all people and future generations. We want to travel to faraway places but do we consider the cost to the environment of the carbon footprint we are leaving behind? Do we consider what the most ecologically responsible way to travel would be? Manitoba is filled with concerts, festivals, rodeos, fairs and many other attractions. I have travelled to faraway places, seen beautiful sights but I have never been to Lower Fort Gary and numerous other places here in Winnipeg and Manitoba. This summer I plan to explore closer to home.

We love the food we can have in summer, the salads, the fruit, the steaks, and the burgers. But do we consider where the foods come from and what the cost to the environment is of the food we eat? Buying local foods is a consideration. Further, do we respect the food and its source, or do we end up wasting more than we should? A large amount of greenhouse gas emissions are produced by the wasted food that ends up in landfills. Let's eat those leftovers.

Our need for oil and gas is insatiable. But as I look over the lake with the sunlight glinting off of it, I don't want to imagine one big oil slick, and birds unable to fly, or fish floating dead. I don't want to think of the possibility of not being able to swim in the lake. However that can happen if pipelines are allowed to be laid close to water sources. We need to balance our desire for oil and remember our responsibility to care for and protect the environment.

As we enjoy this summer, we have to remember that we are stewards of this beautiful earth. We are responsible for this planet and we must care for and protect it. Let us fight the culture of waste and live the simple life. Enjoy the earth but respect it.

Have a wonderful summer everyone.

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March for Life May 14 began with a prayer service at St. Mary's Cathedral.



At St. Viator's in Dauphin a Knights of Columbus brunch, with over 240 people attending, donated half the proceeds to the local pro life group. Parkland League for Life held a bake sale at the Dauphin Market Place Mall. On May 8 Mass included prayers for life. On May 10 the Knights, with Parkland League for Life, held the Life Hike beginning at the Knights Hall. On May 12 the CWL screened the movie, *Bella*.



At St. Augustine's in Brandon, Sat., May 17, St. Augustine's CWL hosted a parish pot luck supper to celebrate the National Week for Life and Family. Sixty-five people, of various ages and family configurations attended this event and shared an enjoyable time. This is the second year that the CWL has hosted a pot luck supper for the National Week for Life and Family, and they hope to make it an annual event.



"Late Night With the Bishops" was a talk show format event with our Archbishops bringing humour and warmth to the memories they shared of what their families meant to them and their futures as spiritual and community leaders.

**15th Anniversary of  
the re-incorporation of  
St. Charles Catholic School**

June 30th, 2015 marks the 15th Anniversary of the re-incorporation of St. Charles Catholic School at which time the five parishes on the West end of the city became the shared owners of the school.

We have much to celebrate! Together we have grown as a community of believers, and together we continue to grow. Let us give thanks for this blessing of being one in Christ!

In honour of the occasion, a special commemorative video has been created that includes reflections by Archbishop Gagnon, Sr. Emma Berard, m.o., Fr. Barry Schoonbaert, Msgr. Ward Jamieson, Rick Duha, Bill Burns, Kathy Booth, Dorothy Gair, Fred Bilous, Laura Ferguson, Maureen Wright and Anne-Marie Ford.

**To honour this milestone, we are inviting members of the school community, past and present, to come together for an evening of shared memories.**

**Please join us at a dinner  
Wednesday, October 7th at the school.  
The event will include: 6:00 Cocktails;  
6:30 Dinner; 7:15 Viewing of the  
Commemorative video.  
Tickets are \$10 and may be  
purchased by calling Eunice Newman  
204-837-1520 x 223 or  
emailing her at [sec@stccs.ca](mailto:sec@stccs.ca).**

**Archbishop’s Travel Blog: A day at Rolling River**



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The clergy who minister to First Nations in the Archdiocese, meet on a regular basis to share experiences and to increase their mutual solidarity in ministry. These gatherings now have taken on a new direction in that it was deemed mutually advantageous with First Nations people to have these meetings in First Nations Communities. We met on the Rolling River Reserve April 21 and spent time meeting members of the community, sharing lunch, and concluding with an open meeting. Rolling River is a community off of Hwy 10 just south of Erickson. This was a very positive event and we thank Deacon Conrad Plante for organizing the day’s activities. We have a good number of priests who minister to First Nations.

*— Archbishop Richard Gagnon  
Pictures by Cecile Plante*



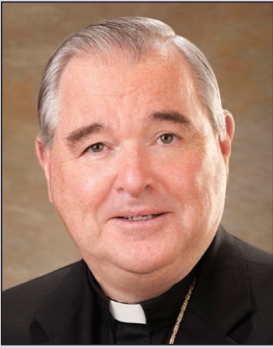
**Archbishop Gagnon with Elaine and Dennis, two elders from Rolling River.**

**The Archbishop’s Message**

*Individual rights should not come before community and the family*

What caught my eye recently when visiting the Canadian Museum for Human Rights was a simple display showcasing the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It forms a framework for what the museum represents. I was particularly struck by Article 16 which states, in part, and often overlooked, that: “The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.” This flows from the previous parts of Article 16, dealing with the rights of men and women in entering marriage. Further, the member states of the UN General Assembly, while dealing with civil, political, social and economic rights, acknowledged that the family is a unique collective requiring protection in the Universal Declaration. In the midst of largely individual rights, such as the right to own property, the member states saw the family as a bridge between the individual and society, between the freedoms and rights of the individual and the greater social collective which is founded on the family – the core of a healthy society. In our current climate of concern for individual human rights, this insight can easily be overlooked. Amazingly, in spite of many differences of opinion, the member states agreed that the family unit was a common patrimony of humanity, both natural and fundamental to human society. It would have been obvious, at the time of drafting the Universal Declaration, for one to see how important families were in the reconstruction of society and ensuring human rights. A question to ask might be: Could such a declaration be written today in our current climate of ideological debates and growing focus on individual rights? There are strong views today which hold that the traditional family model is in conflict with much more valued individual rights. The approach to dealing with this conflict in some societies has been to redesign the family so to meet the demands of the individual. Needless to say, if such is the case, then the common patrimony of humanity relative to rights, as previously understood, resides more with the individual rather than the family as a collective with rights. Now this view will be disagreed with by many, but I offer it with the greatest respect for those who do. Having said this, who would disagree with advocating that new ways must be found to enhance and strengthen families? The Universal Declara-

tion simply drives the point home, that families are indeed a collective subject of human rights that are as natural and fundamental to society as is a foundation to a house. All the political polemics about family values are worthless if we do not support families in a practical way and indeed introduce our young to the unique status of this common inheritance, one based on the relationship of the family members – a culture of mutuality which is the opposite of individualism. The good of families must be at the core of social policies, tax structures, housing and employment opportunities and human rights in general. To do so is to view society through the lens of the family. The point must be made that no other way of living can create the positive relationships that are found in the family. No other form of relationship has such potential for society. There is nowhere else that we learn and experience the love and solidarity that family ties bring. The family remains an indispensable resource for society and we see this most powerfully when tragedies occur. The family’s culture of mutual caring for each of its members and the acceptance of such care for ourselves, forms a cradle of life and love. The State is to protect families as a collective of love and life and to ensure that a proper and thorough national dialogue takes place when significant legal decisions threaten to erode the family unit in favor of the individual. The Supreme Court decision on physician assisted suicide is one such example. Finally, the painful fact that many marriages and families have broken apart must not intimidate us from believing in family life or on focusing on building strong healthy families which in turn build a strong society.



Yours in Christ,  
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