

The scene outside my kitchen window has changed considerably since February. The lilacs are blooming white, lavender and purple. The shrubs grew too. This year's shoots are distinctly baby green. The vibrant colors, new growth, what a marvellous gift!

I have attended many meetings and conferences over the past few months. One topic is recurring. New technology is a concern for many, in the church and in the school setting. It is the first time in history that youth have mastered a new technology before their elders. The allure of instant, distant communication is leading some to be concerned about the decline of social skills, especially relationship building skills.

We, the Church, have an edge. We are a face-to-face faith community. As such we fulfill the innate human need for relationship. How? By being Christ like - gentle, hospitable, patient. We build relationship by being present to the present person(s) at the present moment, by listening more and talking less. The gift of time and self is the greatest treasure we have to offer.

In his talk at the Diocesan Assembly, Bishop Weisner encouraged all to grow intentionally to the point of *doing* and in knowledge to the point of being conversant with Church documents, scripture and tradition - *knowing*. It is our ongoing challenge to grow in knowledge and act according to the privileges and responsibilities that baptism grants. The Diocese of St. Paul hosts workshops. We have scheduled our third Diocesan Assembly for Saturday, May 7, 2011 – *Better Understanding the Eucharist in the Light of the New English Translation and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. The Spring 2011 Marriage Preparation Weekend will be on May 13-15, 2011. We also inform your parishes of workshops and conferences being held in neighbouring parishes / dioceses. You are encouraged to attend. Also, if there is a topic that you are particularly interested in please let me know.

Thank you for all that you do for the church, and for your continued support of our collaborative diocesan / parish pastoral efforts. I wish to express special gratitude to our priests who devote themselves to service in our parishes. I conclude with quotes from John Mary Vianney and Pope Benedict XVI, “The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.” Show us the way, you “heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace”!

I remain sincerely yours,

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Feel free to publish the following in your parish bulletin and spread the word about this newsletter. You can read this newsletter and much more at: www.dioceseofstpaul.ca

Coming Soon!!

WORLD YOUTH DAYS 2011

Days in the Diocese August 11 - 14, 2011

World Youth Days August 16 - 21, 2011

www.Madrid.wyd2011.com

Youth 18 – 35 years of age are invited to an organization meeting **June 25**, 2010
at 7:00 pm in St. Patrick's Church, Clyde.

For more information please contact pastoral@mcsnet.ca or call (780) 645-3277 ext. 30

PRAYER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

God our Father, we place the preparation
for World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, in your hands.
Save and protect Pope Benedict and all the pastors of the Church.
Enlighten and strengthen all those preparing this event.
Grant them wisdom and strength to carry out their work.
Help our community to prepare deeply for this ecclesial event.
Amen

Lord, Jesus Christ, before your ascension, you promised to be
with your Church until the end of the world.
Bless and multiply the efforts of all volunteers
and staff of World Youth Day.
Make your collaborators in the work of redemption
for this event, take root and build in Christ,
the young people from Spain and worldwide.
Amen

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life,
pour out your grace upon the lands of Spain.
Open the hearts of the Spanish people to the
reception to all young people who come to the event.
Grant to those who attend, a conversion in their lives.
Make them strong in faith, hope and charity.
Amen

Mary, Immaculate Mother, patroness of Spain, pray for us.

For your information:

NET - NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAMS

are Catholic Missionaries who travel throughout Canada sharing the gospel message with young people. They challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. They evangelize in churches, and schools throughout Canada and Ireland.

For more information about NET see <http://netcanada.ca>

A NET is scheduled to spend 5 days in the Diocese of St. Paul at the end of October. If you wish to have them evangelize in your parish or school in the fall of **2011** please let me know soon pastoral@mscnet.ca or (780) 645 – 3277 ext. 30

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The 2009 – 2009 Annual Report of global activities is available at www.devp.org/
This report gives an overview of partner activities, advocacy and education campaign, project commitments and statement revenues and expenses.

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT AN UNBORN BABY WHO IS IN DANGER OF ABORTION

Hearts for Life, Inc. invites you to visit their website <http://hearts4life.org/>

ALBERTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

Has published a brochure:

Answering the Call to Vocation: Becoming a Catholic School Trustee

Steps to the Voting Booth on October 18, 2010

See www.acsta.ab.ca

Study Opportunities:

1. FIRST NATIONS SPIRITUALITY - GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Focus for Teaching: The Medicine Wheel

July 12 – 17, 2010 Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert, AB

Contact Dr. Dan Kingdon dan.kingdon@newman.edu 1 (780) 467 – 8733

Application deadline has been extended to Monday, June 21, 2010

2. SUMMER SCHOOL IN LITURGICAL STUDIES 2010

July 19 – 28, 2010

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

For more information contact Marian Grady

Tel: (306) 789 –2171

Email: info@wcl-ssls.ca

3. CANADIAN CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES

Professional Training For:

- Coordinators of Youth Ministry
- Volunteer Youth Ministers
- Pastors
- Pastoral Workers
- High School Chaplains & Teachers
- Guidance Teachers
- Campus Ministers
- Parents

July 26 – 30, 2010

At Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

For more information contact Pat Csinos

Tel: (416) 593 – 6520

Email: pcsinos@ccyms.ca

4. NEWMAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

For a list of year round, on campus and internet courses see

<http://www.newman.edu/Index.aspx>

or call (780) 467 - 5858

5. DISTANT EDUCATION - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

St. Francis Xavier University offers programs and courses by distance education for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development.

- **Diploma in Ministry**
- **Certificate in Lay Ministry**
- **Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations**
- **Certificate in Spirituality**
- **Diploma in Assisted Living: Human Care & Community**

For an information package please contact MINISTRY PROGRAMS OFFICE,
Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University,
toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca
or check the website: www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html

6. LEARN ICONOGRAPHY AT LIVING WATER COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

July 18 – 30, 2010 in Derwent, AB

Details & Registration: www.livingwatercollege.com

or call Nicole Dunn (780) 741 – 2488

Deadline – Early July