

# Archdiocese of Regina Bulletin

# **November 14, 2021**

33rd Sunday in OT

## Synod 2021-2023

The 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality has begun with the consultation process in the Archdiocese of Regina. It was kicked off with a Mass on Sunday, October 17th, that you can view at: <a href="https://youtu.be/vh1fCqzqy34">https://youtu.be/vh1fCqzqy34</a>. Many parish



leaders took part in one of two formation sessions last week to learn how a parish and individuals can engage in the Synod process, if you missed the sessions, the workshop videos can be viewed at our <a href="YouTube">YouTube</a> page. Please connect with your parish priest or staff to see how you can be a part of this history-forming Synod. You can also find information on our website at <a href="https://archregina.sk.ca/synod-2021-2023">https://archregina.sk.ca/synod-2021-2023</a>. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

# Truth and Reconciliation Weekly Bulletin Feature Fr. John Weckend, Associate Pastor, St. Cecilia, Regina

Several years ago I was attending a lecture in which the speaker began by asking the audience: 'How many of you are Treaty People?' Thinking this was meant only for any Indigenous people who may have been present, I did not put up my hand. The speaker then reminded us that we were ALL Treaty people. Treaties, like all agreements and covenants, always involve TWO parties. My ignorance in this case was perhaps indicative of that of many nonindigenous folks. However, it gave me the idea that it might be helpful to provide 'bite-size' pieces of information to assist in understanding and aiding in building a better relationship between the Indigenous and non-indigenous people of our land. This initiative will be in the form of a short weekly feature entitled: 'Itwewin Corner'. Itwewin is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...'. It is my hope that this will be a small way of contributing information and education envisioned by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The following is a sample of what is to come.

### **Itwewin Corner**

Did you know that...some 10,000 Indigenous men and women enlisted to fight for Canada in the two World Wars [and the Korean War]. Because they were considered 'wards of the state' and not citizens, they did not receive the benefits of other returning veterans like land, loans, and education.

The Archdiocese of Regina is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

# Walking in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in Truth and Reconciliation

An education committee of the CCCB is in the process of putting a resource package together in the area of truth and reconciliation, especially in preparation for the Indigenous delegation going to Rome on December 17 to the 20th. The Church in Canada is inviting all parishes to walk in solidarity with this important step in healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and our Church. We will embark on this journey following the movement of the advent liturgical cycle, beginning with the feast of Christ the King. More information will be coming.

## **Archbishop's Appeal**

Today as we draw close to the end of our liturgical year, we are reminded of the inevitability of the final judgment. It is easy in our daily lives to find ourselves distressing over the future, over the reality of suffering both personally and globally which can foster an internal struggle to find hope in the midst of uncertainty. However, we are also reminded today of God's sovereignty and that it is for God alone to know and determine when the end of time shall come for about that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. We can place our trust completely in the hands of our loving God, knowing that He continues to work out his plan in and through our lives. For by a single offering He has made perfect forever those who are sanctified and through His sacrifice He makes His intercession on our behalf constant and eternal.

As we celebrate the blessed sacrament we are reminded that we walk together as a community in Christ. Through our contributions to the Archbishop's Appeal we provide support to our pastoral services, healthcare ministries, adult and youth formation programs, Indigenous relationships, and social justice work in the community we are called to serve as the faithful of our diocese so that we may continue to be the fig tree which produces fruit in plenty.



## Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news – it's never too late to live and grateful and generous lifestyle.

# BULLETIN BOARD

# **Vaccine Mandates and Exemptions with Melissa Moschella - Part 3**

We wrap up our three-part conversation with Dr. Brett Salkeld and Dr. Melissa Moschella, moral philosopher at the Catholic University of America, discussing vaccine mandates and exemptions from a Catholic perspective.

**Show Snippet:** "If my conscience is telling me that somebody else needs to pay a price, that might actually even be a good indication that I need to think again about forming my conscience."

https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/vaccine-mandates-and-exemptions-with-melissa-moschella-part-3

# **Youth Ministry Workshop Series**

Anyone ministering with and to young people is invited to join the office of youth and young adult ministry for a series of evening workshops. The workshops will be held over zoom. You are welcome to join us for all of them or just one. Please email us at oyyam@archregina.sk.ca to indicate your interest.

- Workshop #3: Monday, November 15 at 7:00 PM -Skills for leading groups (large & small)
- Workshop #4: Monday, November 22 at 7:00 PM -Building Your Ministry "Toolkit"

## **World Youth Day at Home 2021:**

Did you know WORLD YOUTH DAY is celebrated internationally every 3 years, BUT is also to be celebrated at a diocesan level EVERY year on the feast of Christ the King? In light of that, ALL young adults 18 and up are invited to join us at the co-cathedral in Gravelbourg on Sunday, November 21st from 3:00 -7:00 PM. A bus will leave Regina at 1:00 PM (with stops in Moose Jaw as well) Come celebrate with Archbishop Don, the community of Gravelbourg and other young adults around the diocese. For more information go to <a href="https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/young-adult-events">https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/young-adult-events</a> or email us at oyyam@archregina.sk.ca

## **Spirituality of Early Church**

Campion College invites you to spend time with renowned New Testament Scholar Fr. Scott Lewis S.J. for their winter semester for a course on The Spirituality of the Early Church. This course will be offered Mondays evenings from 7:00-9.15 PM starting in January 2022.

The New Testament presents a vision of a transformed world and humanity. The course will explore the various currents of New Testament spirituality and their relationship with culture, society, and experience.

If you are interested in auditing this class (no papers, exams, or final grade), please contact the Campion Registrar's office at Campion.Registrar@uregina.ca or phone, 306-359-1225. More information on the course can be found at <a href="https://campioncollege.ca/academics/">https://campioncollege.ca/academics/</a>

# **Employment Opportunities Appeal Assistant II**

The Archdiocese of Regina, Archbishop's Appeal Department is seeking to hire an Appeal Assistant. This is a permanent part-time position 17.5 hours per week; 3.5 hours per day. Some flexibility may be possible. A diploma/certificate or student in business or marketing, or related experience is preferred. Computer, strong organization and trainability skills. Applications would be required to provided evidence of education/training and a Vulnerable Criminal Record Check. Remuneration will be based training and experience. A complete resume and covering letter should be sent to Leona Burkhart at lburkhart@archregina.sk.ca

### **Part-time Pastoral Assistant**

Would you like to work part-time as member of a small team working helping to share in and carry out the catechetical mission of the church? Then this might be the position you are looking for. St. Martin de Porres Parish in Regina is seeking a part-time pastoral assistant who is able to work with all age groups, from babies to seniors, in preparation to receive the sacraments. Under the direction of the pastor, the Pastoral Assistant would organize and facilitate all aspect of sacramental preparation. The Pastoral Assistant would also be required to journey with families during major illness and the dying process and the preparation of the Celebration of life. The individual would also be required to provide support to the parish priest as required. Applicants are required to be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic, have strong organizational, communicative and leadership skills and willing to work occasional evenings. Start time is as soon as possible. Applicants should send their resume and letter of interest to Leona Burkhart at Iburkhart@ archregina.sk.ca by December 1. 2021. Inquires can be sent to lburkhart@archregina.sk.ca.



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