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## ARCHBISHOP DONALD BOLEN INVESTED WITH THE PALLIUM

By Frank Flegel

Monday, November 27, 2017, was a normal work day, yet Holy Rosary Cathedral was almost full of the faithful who came to witness the Papal Nuncio to Canada invest Regina Archbishop Donald Bolen with the Pallium. As Apostolic Nuncio to Canada Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi is a representative of Pope Francis, an ambassador, located in Ottawa and is a living reminder of the universality of the Catholic Church.

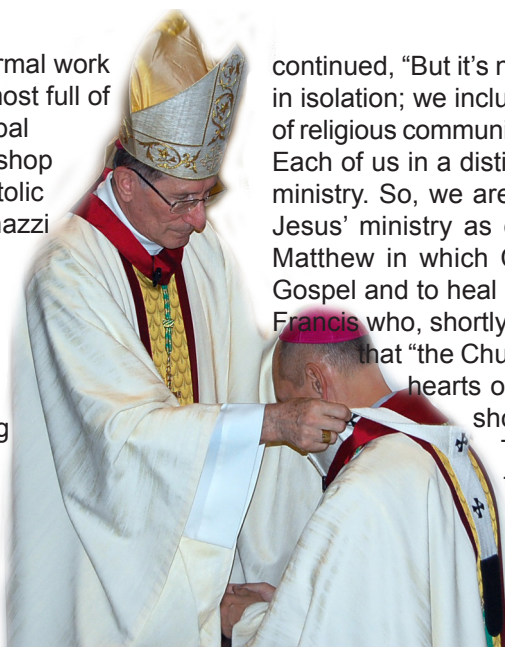
The Pallium the Nuncio was here to present a liturgical vestment symbolizing the authority of Donald Bolen as Archbishop and as Metropolitan of Saskatchewan. It is also a symbol of personal loyalty to the Pope and thereby a sign of unity between a local Church and the universal Church, according to an explanation in the investiture program. The Pallium is woven from lamb's wool and is often described as a symbol of the Archbishop as the shepherd of his flock.

His Excellency Bonazzi conducted the introductory Rites to open the service and gave a brief explanation of what the Pallium symbolizes. Archbishop Bolen knelt in front of the stairs leading to the Sanctuary. Archbishop Bonazzi and, reciting a special prayer, placed the Pallium over the shoulders of Archbishop Bolen.

Robert Bellegarde, a Cree elder of the File Hills Tribal Council, performed a smudging ceremony immediately after the investiture and gifted the Nuncio with a beaded cross, which the Nuncio immediately placed around his neck.

Liturgy of the Word then took place with several people reciting the readings in languages representing the diversity of people who reside in the Archdiocese. That was followed by the celebration of the Mass with Archbishop Bolen as the presider and homilist.

Archbishop Bolen began his homily by holding up an icon of Christ the Good Shepherd, a gift from Eparch of Saskatchewan Bishop Bryan Bayda. Bolen said it was good to see the Pallium as a sign to shepherd as Jesus did; then he reflected on gospel readings of the day, and the day previous, in which Christ described Himself as a shepherd who will look after his sheep, "All Christian ministry flows from this, including ministry symbolized by the Pallium," said Bolen. He



continued, "But it's not about the ministry of the Metropolitan in isolation; we include everyone, bishops, clergy, members of religious communities and everyone sharing in the ministry. Each of us in a distinct way is called upon to share Christ's ministry. So, we are in this together." He then reflected on Jesus' ministry as described in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew in which Christ told His disciples to preach the Gospel and to heal the sick; the wounded. He quoted Pope Francis who, shortly after being elected, said in an interview that "the Church needs to heal wounds and warm the hearts of the faithful and suggested the Church should be like a field hospital after battle. The wounds have to first be healed and then we can talk about everything else"

Pope Francis said in that interview. Archbishop Bolen said he understands that preaching the Gospel is at the heart of what he is called to do, "but the Pallium, I think, is a reminder that

above all of that is a second aspect of discipleship - healing the wounds," and he repeated, "healing the wounds."

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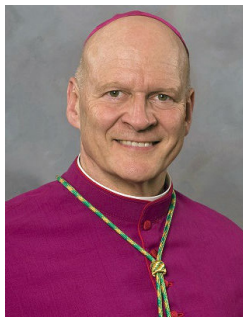
The Pallium is woven of wool from two lambs representing Christ, the Lamb of God and the Good Shepherd. An elaborate process is followed in creating the Pallium, from selecting the animals from which their wool will be taken and woven to eventually rest on the shoulders of the Pope, archbishops and patriarchs. The animals are chosen by the Pope from a flock raised at the Convent of St. Agnes in Rome then sent to the Benedictine Sisters of St. Cecilia in Trastevere, a municipal district of Rome, where they are cared for and shorn of their wool for weaving.

Once completed, the Pallia are placed on the tomb of St. Peter on the evening of June 29, the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul contracting a sharing of authority, as it were, (again, according to information in the investiture program). The next day they are laid on the High Altar of St. Peter's Basilica where they are blessed by the Pope who places one Pallium on his own shoulders. They are then placed in a silver urn, enclosed in a cabinet, and placed under the altar of Crucifixion over the traditional tomb of St. Peter until they are taken out for an investiture.

After the investiture of Archbishop Donald Bolen, the congregation was invited to attend a reception in the gymnasium of Holy Rosary School, directly behind Holy Rosary Cathedral.

## MOST REV. MARK HAGEMOEN NEW BISHOP OF SASKATOON

By Kiply Lukan Yaworski



His Holiness Pope Francis has named Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen, 56, as the eighth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon in an announcement by Pope Francis released Sept. 12, 2017. At the time of his appointment, Bishop Hagemoen was serving as the Bishop of the northern Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith.

The new bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon has a number of passions, including fostering a deeper relationship with Indigenous People, pursuing the New Evangelization, furthering youth ministry, and supporting Catholic education.

The diocese of Saskatoon had been without a bishop since Oct. 14, 2016, when former bishop Most. Rev. Donald Bolen was inaugurated as Archbishop of Regina. Bishop Mark Hagemoen knocked on the door of the Cathedral of the Holy Family on Nov. 23, 2017, and was welcomed with joy and thanksgiving by the people of the diocese and the wider community at his official installation as the eighth bishop of Saskatoon.

In an interview from his office in Yellowknife, the new bishop said the unexpected appointment is a bittersweet moment.

He describes Mackenzie-Fort Smith as an Aboriginal diocese. "Most of the Catholic people here are Aboriginal. It has been a privilege and a learning for me, and I still have lots to learn," he says of his experience as shepherd of the geographically-large diocese that covers all the Northwest Territories, part of western Nunavut, as well as the Athabasca region of northern Saskatchewan.

Born and raised in Vancouver, BC, Hagemoen completed his undergraduate degree at the University of British Columbia, and after a year of travel throughout southeast Asia, the Middle East and Europe, he entered St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, completing his Masters of Divinity degree in 1990.

He was ordained a priest in Vancouver by Bishop Lawrence Sabatini on behalf of Archbishop James F. Carney in May 1990. His pastoral assignments included ten years as the director of the Office of Youth Ministry, as well as serving in several parishes.

He completed the National Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies and the Diploma for Advanced Studies in Ministry in 1997. He earned a Doctor of Ministry program at Trinity Western University, which he completed in 2007. In December 2007, he was honoured by Pope Benedict XVI, who recognized him as "Prelate of Honour" for his work in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Hagemoen also currently serves on several committees of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), including the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council and the Northern Bishops Council.

## FAREWELL SISTER AUDREY DAOUST

*Sr. Audrey Mary Ann Daoust May 23, 1940 – Estevan, Saskatchewan - October 17, 2017 – Calgary, Alberta.*



Sister Audrey Daoust, Sister of Charity of St. Louis, died peacefully at Father Lacombe Care Center in Calgary, AB, on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the age of 77 years, and fifty-eight years of religious life after a long bout with cancer.

Audrey was born in Estevan, SK and grew up on a farm near Torquay, SK.

In 1956 she joined the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis and made her first profession in 1959. Her years of service included fifteen years of teaching (Marquis, Moose Jaw, Melville, Regina, SK, and Medicine Hat, AB), eight years in Home Care Service (Regina, SK) and twenty years as chaplain at the Pasqua Hospital (Regina, SK).

Audrey was a woman of many talents. She had an artistic nature and used her creativity in both her ministry and community. She had a love for people which naturally superseded her notion of time! Audrey was a very good teacher and she enjoyed ministering to people in their homes, but her greatest love was doing chaplaincy work; there she excelled and her care and compassion was very much appreciated by the patients and their families. She had a way of recruiting volunteers who have stayed loyal to her and this ministry over the years.

Sister Audrey will be lovingly remembered by her SCSL Sisters; her family Elaine (Britt) Gedak, Donnie (Ron) Eisler, Vivean (Gerald) Mack, Pat (Ed) Hutt, Brenda (Mark) Walliser, Bill Daoust; sisters- in-law Margaret Daoust and Kathy Daoust; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and co-ministers. She was predeceased by her parents, Leon and Zita Daoust; her brothers Gaylord and Percy.

We are grateful for the excellent care given to Audrey by the staff at Father Lacombe Care Center, Calgary, and Dove House, Regina. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (640 - 19th Avenue N.W.) on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Condolences may be forwarded through [www.mcinnisandholloway.com](http://www.mcinnisandholloway.com). If friends so desire, donations can be made to the Archdiocese of Regina Hospital Chaplaincy Department Attn. Barry Wood (306) 352-1651, or to Elizabeth House in Calgary (a current SCSL ministry), Mailing c/o Pastoral Centre, 120 - 17th Ave SW Calgary, AB T2S 2T2, Telephone: 403-228-9724, [elizabethhouse@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:elizabethhouse@calgarydiocese.ca). In living memory of Sister Audrey Daoust, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.



## IN MEMORY OF SISTER RITA MILLER

Miller, Sister Rita (Anna Mary) entered Eternal Life on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Villa Angela in Chatham, Ontario. She was born in Viscount, Saskatchewan in 1923, the daughter of the late Elizabeth (Novecosky) and Andrew Miller. In 1942 Sister Rita entered the Ursuline Sisters in Vibank, Saskatchewan. In 1953, the Ursulines of Vibank amalgamated with the Ursulines of Chatham. During her religious life she served as a teacher in Vibank, Regina, Grayson, Balgonie, Saskatchewan and Calgary, Alberta. She also was Local Leader in Regina and sacristan in both Regina and Chatham. She is survived by many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. She is predeceased by her parents and siblings Magdalena, Peter, Benedict, Joseph, Anthony, John, Leo, Elizabeth German, Bernard, Edward, Martin, Albert, Sr. Elizabeth Anne Miller, osu and Bridget Wolfe. Relatives and friends are invited to join the Ursuline Community at a prayer service to be held on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kiva at Villa Angela, 20 Merici Way, Chatham. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Kiva at Villa Angela, Chatham. Interment will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Donations in memory of Sister Rita may be made to "Chatham Ursuline Charities", 20 Merici Way, Chatham, Ontario or to the charity of your choice.

## IN MEMORY OF SR. MARGARET "WINIFRED" BROWN

Sr. Brown Sr. Winifred died peacefully at Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Winifred was predeceased by her parents Reuben George and Winifred Mary Farrell; and by all her siblings: a sister Catherine, two infant brothers and by her three other brothers, Wilfred, Charles Mervin and Jean Frances (Gene). She will be missed by her many nieces and nephews and by her sisters in the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions of whom she was a member since 1946. Winifred received her early education at Kirby School in Estlin and at Notre Dame in Wilcox. She attained her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Notre Dame College in Ottawa and her B.Ed from the University of Manitoba. In 1969, she studied in London, England. Sister was active in Education for twenty three years as a teacher and principal, in Lebreton HS and at Sacred Heart Academy and Marian High School in Regina, SK. Besides her teaching career, Winifred was deeply involved in her religious community, serving as local and provincial leader in Canada as well as General Secretary of the community in Rome. Winifred received recognition for her distinguished service to the Catholic Church. The medal, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," known as the "Cross of Hope" is the highest reward to lay people by the papacy. The last years of Winifred's active life were ones of loving dedicated service to the elderly and sick sisters at Santa Maria, overseeing their care. The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are most grateful to Susan Askin of Spiritual Care and the nursing staff at Santa Maria for the compassionate, loving care given to Winifred. Funeral Mass of the Resurrection took place at Christ the King R.C. Church, 3239 Garnet Street, Regina, SK, on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 with Archbishop Emeritus James Weisgerber presiding. Friends may wish to send a donation to the Mission Fund of the Sisters of our Lady Missions, 393 Gaboury Place, Winnipeg, MB, R2H 0L5



## Provincial Government Eliminates Spiritual Care Funding

Cuts to the spiritual care programs at Saskatchewan hospitals means that staff will no longer be employed through the Spiritual Care Program at any Saskatchewan hospitals. Patients, in many cases, will be responsible for reaching out to their own spiritual care providers if they want a visit while they are in hospital.

"I worry about anyone who might need support in the hospital and has no family, no one to reach out to, and they are alone or scared," said Denise Horth who has worked as a chaplain intern in Regina. She says she was devastated

by the cuts. (Nichole Huck/CBC)

"RQHR is committed to facilitating patients' and residents' continued access to faith community-based spiritual care providers and is working with faith communities on details related to this," the health region said in a statement.

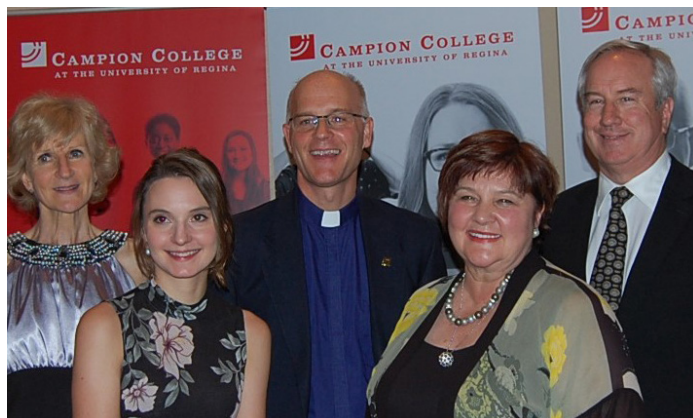
"Spiritual care providers will continue to be welcome in our facilities. Patients and families are welcome to engage and arrange for services from their own spiritual care providers while receiving care in a regional facility."

Nick Jesson, part of a group representing more than 20 faith-based traditions who are worried about how they will access patients in hospitals.

In the past, hospital workers would go door-to-door and ask those who didn't appear on a faith list if they wanted a spiritual visit and about two-thirds would say 'yes,'.

Jesson hopes that when the new health authority takes over on Dec. 4, a new system will be established.

## 4 CAMPION ALUMNI HONOURED AT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS



*By Frank Flegel*

A computer programmer researching artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); a senior bank executive; a voice and performance professor at Memorial University; a Fellow Chartered Accountant; all with a long list of community and professional involvement were recognized as Campion College's Alumni of Distinction at the College's centennial celebration held October 4-8, 2017. All recipients credited Campion and the Jesuit influence for giving them the base values that carried them through life and the successes they've achieved.

Natasha Jaques graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She obtained a Masters Degree in Computer Science at UBC and is currently working on a Doctoral Degree at M.I.T. Along the way she earned several scholarships and interned at both Microsoft and Google. Her internship at Google included working with the Google Brain Team in the Machine Intelligence Division.

Jacqueline Beaurivage graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts in Literature; she then earned a Diploma in Early Childhood Education from McGill University in 1975 and an MBA in 1981 and pursued Doctoral studies in Business Administration. She entered the banking world with the Royal Bank in 1981 and rose to the position of Vice President of Marketing and Sales in 1991. She moved to CIBC where she was named President of CIBC Trust in 1994 after serving in several Vice President positions. In 2010 she joined the executive team of the Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan and since 2014 has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Toronto-based mortgage lender Home Capital Group.

Jane Leibel graduated with a Bachelor of Music Degree in 1983, obtained her Masters Degree in voice performance from the University of North Texas in 1985, an Opera Diploma in 1988 from the University of Toronto, and completed her Doctoral work in music, voice performance/opera from the University of Michigan in 1999. She realized her goal of teaching at the university level by obtaining a position as Professor of Music (voice/vocal pedagogy) at Memorial University's School of Music, St. John's Newfoundland, where she has been for 18 years.

Doug McKillop graduated from Campion College High School in 1972, and obtained a Bachelor of Administration degree from the University of Regina. He became a Registered Industrial Accountant, a Certified Management Accountant, a Chartered Accountant, and finally, a Fellow Chartered Accountant. He worked for the Saskatchewan Finance Department and has served as Saskatchewan's representative on the Canada Revenue Agency's Tax Professional Advisory Committee and currently serves on the Leaders Council to the Hill and Levene Schools of Business at the University



of Regina. Along the way he found time to serve on various community organizations including as Vice President for the 1987 Western Canada summer Games and Vice President of Saskatchewan Sport from 1991-95. In 2017, he completed the ICD.D

Director's Education Program through the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.

Spread over five days, the celebrations attracted about 450 alumni, staff and guests. The program included an opening reception at the College building on University of Regina grounds, an open house and tour of the former Campion College High School building (Now the Regina Christian College), a pub night at The Owl, a Gala Dinner at the Conexus Art Centre, and concluding Sunday morning Mass back at the College, followed by a pancake breakfast.



Several paintings by renowned artist Dr. Erica Grimm, a Campion alumna, were unveiled in the Campion College Library where they will be permanently displayed as a legacy of the Centennial celebrations.



They came from far and wide to visit, see old friends and celebrate their time at Campion. The furthest travelled was Constantino Villalobos who lives in Mexico. He was delayed by the earthquake that struck the day of his departure, endured two vehicle collisions (neither his fault) and was almost stranded

in Calgary. His friend and fellow Campionite, Gordon Wicijowski, managed to get him on board the last aircraft of the day leaving Calgary for Regina and he arrived just in time for pub night. Villalobos was known as 'Tino' when he was a student at Campion. He, and several other students from Mexico, attended Campion College High School in the 1950s.



## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL KICK-OFF

by Frank Flegel

"As disciples of Jesus we are called to be bearers of hope," said Archbishop Donald Bolen as he addressed the Kick-off activities for the Archbishop's Appeal held September 21 at Our Lady of Peace Church.



"Building up hope in our communities, communicating it to others by the way we live and by our active outreach in love," was Archbishop Bolen's message of support for the Appeal. He was the last of several speakers to talk about the importance of the Appeal in carrying out the various ministries in service to the people of the Archdiocese of Regina. The theme for this year's campaign is Hope, Born of Mercy which was reflected in the Archbishop's message to parish representatives who were together for the Appeal Kick-off. "The Appeal is a tangible way in which we can foster hope. The many things the Appeal can fund are so important for us to know and to name." He mentioned specifically the nine seminarians who are at various stages on their journey to the priesthood. It is the largest group of archdiocesan seminarians since the early 1950s. He also spoke briefly about the Diaconate and Lay Formation programs and the ecumenical activities carried out by the Ecumenical office.

Donor Services Coordinator Denise Walsh gave a brief overview of the 2016 campaign and thanked everyone involved at the parish level for all the work they do in helping the campaign achieve its goals.

The program began with a presentation of the new video which all parishes are encouraged to show. The video features Archbishop Bolen talking about his youth and the rural church of St. Elizabeth where he first heard the Word of God, and shows other individuals testifying how Appeal funds helped

them grow in their faith and also to minister to others through Health Care, Youth Ministry and Lay Formation.

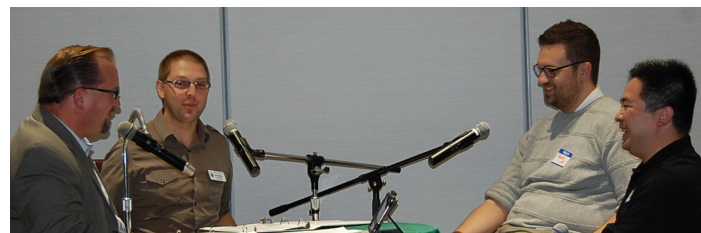
The video was followed with brief presentations by Director of Pastoral Services Robert Kowalchuk, Ecumenical Coordinator Nick

Jesson, and Financial Officer Reverend Deacon Barry Wood. Last year's campaign raised \$1,280,000. Disbursements in 2016 from the 2015 campaign amounted to \$1,132,220, which supported 27 ministries and community outreach programs. Thirty-two parishes reached their goal last year and were awarded just over \$44,000 in rebates. Parishes receive rebates of 80% of the funds donated over and above their goal.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$1,600,000, an increase of \$200,000. Parish goals, however, will continue to be calculated at a total of \$1,400,000. Archbishop Bolen said the remaining \$200,000 will be raised separately. The Appeal is a year-long campaign and most of the money comes in after the Kick-off.

A live Thinking Faith podcast, patterned after an old-time radio show, complete with live music, jokes, adlibs, special guests and commercials, was all written and produced by diocesan staff. The hosts engaged the audience to become part of the podcast which added to the enthusiastic humour of the whole presentation.

As part of the podcast, Braden Kuntz, Assistant Youth Ministry Coordinator led participants in two praise songs accompanied with his guitar. Sister ReAnne Letourneau and members of the Aboriginal Non- Aboriginal Relations Community invited people to sing along to Amazing Grace in Cree and English, Seminarians Parker Love and Chinh Vu answered questions about life in the seminary, and recently ordained priest Reverend Arpee Urquico responded to questions about the busy life of a new priest. The podcast was hosted by Archdiocesan Theologian Dr. Brett Salkeld and Eric Gurash, Coordinator for Lay Formation and Evangelization. The podcast was a great success and was released on October 3 on the Archdiocese website. [www.archregina.sk.ca](http://www.archregina.sk.ca)



The Archbishop's  
Appeal  
*Hope within Mercy*  
Is well on it's way to  
reaching their goal



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for more information.

## HOLY CHILD CELEBRATES 40TH AND INSTALLATION OF FR. MEREDITH

by Frank Flegel

"It was just a good time to celebrate the success of the parish," said Reverend Danilo Rafael former pastor of Holy Child Parish in Regina's Glencairn neighborhood, when he was asked about celebrating a 40th anniversary. Father Danilo was Pastor of Holy Child for six years before he moved to Holy Rosary Cathedral on August 1 with the traditional yearly shuffle of the diocesan priests. His leaving the parish had nothing to do with deciding to celebrate the 40th anniversary. "Some people celebrate a 10th or 25th or 50th," said Father Dan as he is known, "we decided on a 40th." Invitations were sent out and Archbishop Donald Bolen was invited to celebrate the anniversary Mass. Several former pastors also attended the anniversary including Reverend Norman Marcotte who, although retired, regularly helps out at the Holy Child Parish.

Archbishop Donald Bolen, in his homily, spoke about Holy Child being named after the Incarnate Jesus coming to earth as a child. "Holy Child is a welcoming parish," said Archbishop Donald Bolen. Referring to its welcoming of refugee families and that it has become to the go-to parish for seminarians who are performing their year of internship. Several well-known Regina priests now serving in archdiocesan parishes did their internship at Holy Child, including Archbishop Donald Bolen. The Archbishop said Holy Child parishioners have a strong reputation of cooperating and working together which is encouraging for seminarians.

Seminarian Ricardo Escalante, now serving his internship year at Holy Child, is originally from Trinidad where he worked as a lawyer. When he came to Canada he worked as a paralegal in Vancouver, and followed his call to the priesthood from there. He decided that rather than attend the seminary in Vancouver he wanted to study in Rome and while there he was introduced to Regina Archbishop Daniel Bohan, now deceased, while he was on a visit to Rome. Archbishop Bohan was impressed and asked him to come to the Regina Archdiocese as a seminarian. He is still completing a doctoral



thesis from the Angelicum University in Rome, and if all goes well, could be ordained to the transitional diaconate in June. On Sunday morning, September 17, he was officially accepted as a candidate for holy orders.

The anniversary celebration mass was also the occasion to induct Reverend Brian Meredith as the new Pastor taking over from Reverend Danilo Rafael. As part of the induction ceremony, Archbishop Bolen escorted Meredith to locations in the church - the baptismal font, the Holy oils, the confessional, the ambo, the altar - and finally the presider's chair next to the altar. At each location, Archbishop Bolen asked if he would faithfully serve the parishioners in his duty as pastor. Meredith responded each time, "With the help of God, I will." The congregation too was asked at each location if they agreed to support Father Meredith and they also responded, "With the help of God, we will."

After the Mass and induction ceremony, the celebration moved to the hall for a banquet prepared by Holy Child parishioners. The program featured a reading of letters and e-mails from former pastors and parishioners remembering their time at Holy Child.



### Thinking Faith

Is an audio podcast on the Archdiocesan Website  
Eric Gurash and Dr. Brett Salkeld discuss topics of  
concern for today's catholics.

Just click on the **Thinking Faith** icon at the bottom of the front page  
or go to: <http://archregina.sk.ca/thinkingfaith>



## Saskatchewan Bishops Release New Letter Clarifying Position on HPV Vaccinations

by Frank Flegel

Saskatchewan Catholic Schools started this year with a controversy over a letter included in the information package that all students receive. The letter was from the Saskatchewan Bishops and cautioned parents with regard to their moral obligations and their right to choose to have their children vaccinated with the HPV vaccine. The letter has been part of the student information package for the past ten years and had not been updated with current studies of the human papillomavirus vaccine and the advantages to children, both female and male, in receiving this vaccine.

The report of a protest in Saskatoon of this outdated letter prompted an aggressive mainstream media call for an explanation by the Regina Archdiocese and the Director of Education. The offending letter had been written as advice to Catholic parents and stated the vaccine could create a false sense of security and could encourage risky sexual behaviour. The letter also stated that the vaccine prevents 70% of infections that could lead to cervical cancer and that the long-term effect of the vaccine on young children is unknown. It argues parents should have the final say on whether their children are vaccinated and encourages parents to review the scientific evidence to make an informed decision. The letter also promotes the church's teaching on chastity and abstinence of sexual activity before marriage and a faithful, monogamous union in marriage is the surest way to good health.

Regina Archdiocesan Theologian Dr. Brett Salkeld, with approval of the bishops, responded publicly to the protest and said in part, "That letter should never have gone out. It contains outdated and inaccurate information."

An updated letter referencing the HPV vaccine was issued from the Saskatchewan bishops, dated October 5, and said the bishops sincerely regret the confusion caused by the outdated letter that was part of the student information package. They referred to their recent conversations with health professionals and concerned parents and current research documents that describe the effectiveness of the HPV vaccine against cervical and other forms of cancer, notably throat cancer in boys which has been on the rise in recent years. The bishops reiterated their original advice to parents and responsible adults that they inform themselves by consulting the scientific evidence and make a decision according to their conscience and their faith. A link to those studies is provided in their letter.

The bishops stated they were encouraged by research findings that showed there was no increase in risky sexual behaviour among those children who have been vaccinated with the HPV vaccine. As was stated in the original letter, the bishops' position on parental choice and the virtue of chastity did not change with their learning of newer science. The letter stressed that chastity is and always will be a virtue worth proposing and modelling for young people, stating "It is a way of life that brings value and joy." The bishops stated they were grateful for the unconditional love modeled by parents for their children and will strive to support their best decisions.

The vaccine has been available for Grade 6 girls in the province since 2008. This year the vaccine was made available to Grade 6 boys. It is usually administered when the child is in grade six which, it is believed, is an age before sexual activity may begin.

## Regina Deanery Pastoral Council Hosts Fall Mission

Redemptorist Father Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R, true to his Irish decent, used lots of humor to entertain and get his message across to about 120 people who came out every evening for the Fall Mission that was put on by the Regina Deanery Pastoral Council.

The mission began on Sunday, November 5th at Holy Cross parish, with Father Eugene speaking on our image of God and how important it is for us to come to know that God truly loves each and every one of us with an unconditional love.

Monday night, he spoke on the Beatitudes, concentrating on just a few of them and stressing that they all focus on love, the new law that was given to us by Jesus.

Tuesday night focused on the beautiful sacrament of reconciliation. In his talk, Father Eugene gave many humorous examples to point out that the fears we had of this sacrament as children are often still with us as adults and how we need to come to an adult understanding and appreciation of this, the sacrament of God's mercy.

The mission wrapped up Wednesday evening focusing on

discipleship, with the gospel reading from Holy Thursday recalling how Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. Using examples of how we can 'wash feet', he challenged all of us, disciples of Jesus, to follow this example he gave us.

Father Eugene closed out each evening's talk with one of his songs, beautifully wrapping up the session.

The song on Tuesday evening was particularly moving, singing "Father I Have Sinned" with the Holy Cross music ministry group Joyful Noise.

A time of coffee and fellowship followed each evening, also giving those present the opportunity to visit with Father Eugene or purchase one of his CD's or DVD's.

Special thanks to: the Regina Pastoral Council Deanery reps and the Holy Cross music ministry groups of 'Joyful Noise' and 'Anthem.'



## CHAS and SCSBA AWARDS

by Frank Flegel

The Saskatchewan Catholic School Board Association presented three Appreciation awards to individuals who have made significant contributions to Catholic Education over their lengthy years of service.

Bernadette Cey spent 15 years in Catholic education as a teacher from Grades one to high school. During those years she also coordinated Sacramental Preparation, parent meetings, and Eucharist celebrations. She has served as Religious Education Consultant with Holy Trinity Catholic School Division, Moose Jaw.

Prince Albert Bishop Albert Thevenot is the bishop in charge of Catholic Education in Saskatchewan. He is a trained teacher who spent many years in the classroom and he has accumulated many interesting experiences, especially while teaching in Africa, that have heavily influenced him in becoming an exceptional leader in education.

Bruno Tuchscherer became a Catholic School Board Trustee in 1988 and has served for 29 years. Since 2004 he has served as Board Chair. He spent many hours involved in the formation of the Holy Family Catholic School Division located in Weyburn in 2004. This was accomplished through amalgamation of several rural Catholic school divisions, including the Weyburn, Estevan, and St. Olivier School in Radville. Three years later, in 2006, the Division boundaries were expanded to include Queen Elizabeth and Spruce Ridge Catholic School Divisions, and St. Augustine in Wilcox joined the Division in 2009.



*Pictured above left to right: Bernadette Cey, Del Wagner, Paula Scott, Bruno Tuchscherer, Julian Paslawski, Bud Bohun, Prince Albert Bishop Albert Thevenot, Joan Byrne, Lorrie Kagle, Shannon Meyers and Bert Yakichuk.*

Bud Bohun of North Battleford was awarded the Julian Paslawski Meritorious Award for his more than 50 years in Catholic education first as teacher and school-based administrator, then as school board trustee since 1992. He retired in 2016 after 24 years as trustee. Julian Paslawski\* was present for the award presentation.

CHAS presented its Mission Award to the Mont St. Joseph Team of Prince Albert. The team members are: Lorrie Kagle, Director of Financial, Information and Business Services. She has served at Mont St. Joseph in various capacities for 28 years; Joan Byrne is Director of Environmental services and leads the housekeeping, laundry and dietary teams. She has been with Mont St. Joseph for 31 years; Shannon Meyers is Director of Volunteers and Recreation Services. She is the leader and facilitator of more than 300 registered volunteers. She has 28 years of service including Mont St. Joseph Care Home, Holy Family Hospital, The Sisters Presentation of Mary, and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross.

Bert Yakichuk of Regina was

presented with a CHAS Honourary Membership. He first became involved with Catholic Health care when he joined the Board of Santa Maria Care Home in Regina and became its Chair in 2005-2009. He was elected to the CHAS Board in 2005 and served as a board member until 2013. He was Vice Chair in 2009 and Chair in 2010. He was Co-Chair of the planning committee for the

first ever joint convention of CHAS and SCSBA.

\*Julian Paslawski has served in many capacities in Catholic education for more than 50 years. He began as a teacher at St. Joseph School in Rosetown in 1954 and progressed to superintendent of education for Catholic schools in Saskatoon. In 1988 he became Executive Director for the Catholic Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, a position he held until his retirement in 2007. As well as facilitating the amalgamation of Catholic school divisions in Saskatchewan from more than 20 to the present eight divisions, he was instrumental in coordinating the development of the Catholic Section into a legal entity, now known as SCSBA. He is known as being the watchdog for Catholic education in Saskatchewan and his exceptional contributions were recognized in a formal manner when the SCSBA named the provincial Meritorious Service Award for Catholic Education the Julian Paslawski Meritorious Service Award. This award has been presented since 1982, with Julian Paslawski himself receiving the award in 1998.



## A TASK LIST FOR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIORITIES READY IN SPRING

By Frank Flegel

The December 2, 2017, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) spent a major portion of their time identifying specific actions to move toward achieving the four Archdiocesan priorities Archbishop Bolen announced last August. The APC meeting identified focused work areas – categories of work that will accomplish the priorities – according to Leah Perreault who is playing a leading role in the process.

Archbishop Bolen said he had arrived at the four priorities after a period of discernment that included prayer, and wide consultations with groups, organizations and staff throughout the archdiocese. Each of the four has an explanatory paragraph expanding on the original priority.

1. **Building vital and viable parish faith communities:** Each parish is called to be a genuine community of faith with sustainable spiritual, financial, human, and capital resources
2. **Living Evangelization and Discipleship:** Our world needs to meet Jesus and each of us needs to meet Him over and over again. Excerpted from Pope Francis' the Joy of the Gospel e.g. We need to go out where the people are with strengthened ability to speak about Jesus: by equipping disciples to live as authentic witnesses; by forming and supporting strong leaders and clergy
3. **Listening and engaging in dialogue and, seeking justice and reconciliation:** We are called to be a church in dialogue, which seeks to heal wounds in our society and in our church, working with ecumenical partners and other faith communities where able.
4. **Growing a faithful and responsible stewardship:** To be able to share the gifts we have been given, we need to work together, drawing on everyone's gifts

Perreault said the exercise that took place at the APC meeting was to get advice in terms of how we move from these priorities to focused work areas, thus planning transparently for our future in the Archdiocese and in our parishes.

Perreault went on to say that the focused work areas identified by the APC group are the big picture themes, such as transmitting the faith well, being a church that heals wounds, or the work we do with communications in the archdiocese, which will in turn lead to specific tasks to accomplish. She used communications as an example of a focused work area. "Underneath that we may look at the distribution list of the Archdiocesan newsletter and ask if people are reading it; is it the most effective way to communicate with people; and if a task came out of that to make changes it would be assigned to a particular individual."

A complete work plan is expected to be completed by spring 2018. Perreault felt that the general population would not be interested in looking at a work plan, "but at the Archdiocesan level we need to see the big picture so that we can see how we are taking concrete steps toward realizing growth in these priority areas."

Director of Pastoral Services Bob Kowalchuk said office staff are carrying a "motherload of work". He noted that the



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*Following a consultation and discernment process, I have heard, prayed on, and now offer the following priorities for the Archdiocese of Regina for the next 2 to 3 years. I look forward to working alongside you in reflecting on and setting goals towards these priorities, which our loving God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – has set upon our hearts.*

1. Building vital and viable parish faith communities.
2. Living evangelization and discipleship
  - a. by facilitating encounters with Jesus.
  - b. by equipping disciples to live as authentic witnesses.
  - c. by forming and supporting strong lay leaders and clergy.
3. Listening, engaging in dialogue, seeking justice and reconciliation.
4. Growing in faithful and responsible stewardship.



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priorities discussion "is a good opportunity to look at what we're doing and to build capacity," adding that each member of the staff is being asked to reflect on how their work fits into the priorities.

Archbishop Bolen told the APC group that this does not replace the Pastoral Plan put in place by his predecessor Archbishop Daniel Bohan; it is rather, "a new expression of the Pastoral Plan."

## Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Meeting

By Frank Flegel



Liturgical changes, and the next steps in implementing the four Archdiocesan priorities announced in August, were among topics discussed at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) meeting held December 2 in Christ the King Parish Hall.

The discussion on liturgical changes was initiated by Archbishop Don, who, over the past two months, engaged in conversations within the archdiocese about celebrating the liturgy, and whether there might be some simple changes or moves towards greater consistency. He told the meeting that it is now six years since the new Roman Missal was introduced and that while no major changes are anticipated, this was an opportunity to provide clarifications about some areas of

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confusion, and move to a greater unity in other areas.

APC members pointed out that there are differences in common practises during the masses ranging from when parishioners are kneeling, standing, or sitting before, during and after Communion; when liturgical volunteers should bow to the altar and, when and where readers, proclaimers and other liturgical ministers should sit while waiting for their cue. They also spoke about the value of a unified approach in training liturgical lay ministers who volunteer to assist as readers, proclaimers, and Eucharistic ministers. There is a desire, Archbishop Don said, that there be consistency in the liturgical practices on essential matters throughout the archdiocese, while acknowledging that there is room for local adaptation on some matters. Archbishop Don was appreciative of the discussion, and indicated that he also had initiated a consultation with the priests of the Archdiocese, and was planning to take up the subject with the Council of Priests at their next meeting. He later told the Prairie Messenger he hoped to issue a pastoral letter sometime in January outlining refinements to address some of the concerns raised by the clergy and people of the Archdiocese.

The APC meeting also spent considerable time in presentations and table discussions on the next steps to move forward with the four Archdiocesan priorities as announced by Archbishop Bolen in August:

- Building vital and viable parish faith communities
- Living Evangelization and Discipleship
- Listening, Engaging in Dialogue, seeking Justice and Reconciliation
- Growing in Faithful and Responsible Stewardship

At the time of the announcement Archbishop Don said he had arrived at the four priorities after a period of discernment that included prayer and a wide consultation process that included clergy, religious women, staff, the lay faithful, Catholic organizations, parish leaders and community partners. Leah Perrault, Consultant to the Archbishop, said the next steps are "to get us to a concrete work plan" so that all the different bodies and volunteers and people in the Archdiocese can see what the plan is to do this work and how the priorities will be accomplished.

## Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

*By Frank Flegel*

It took almost 500 years for this scene to develop: A Roman Catholic archbishop and a Lutheran Evangelical bishop standing together in a Lutheran church jointly presiding over a worship service commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



Regina Roman Catholic Archbishop Donald Bolen and Lutheran Evangelical Bishop of Saskatchewan Sid Haugen processed together into Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to begin the service named *Together in Christ*. They alternated saying the opening prayers after Pastor Sarah Dymund extended them a welcome to the church.

"I am so thankful you are all here today," said Bishop Haugen and joked about having a church full of people on a Saturday. In his homily, Archbishop Bolen noted that we have come a long way in our relations. Part of our ecumenical progress has been learning to revisit together the history of our separation 500 years ago. This has allowed the Catholic Church to come to a reassessment of Martin Luther, recognizing now that he didn't wish to start a new church, but to bring renewal and reform to the Catholic Church.

In their joint homily both Haugen and Bolen referred to the document *From Conflict to Communion* signed by representatives of the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church in 2013. The Document reviews the history of conflict that arose following Martin Luther's action and the almost 500-year journey that brought the two faith traditions together. *From Conflict to Communion* contains five imperatives that were read aloud by representatives of the two faiths. After each reading a large candle was lit, brought to the front of the church and placed together.

The five imperatives read: Catholics and Lutherans should always begin from the perspective of unity and not from the point of view of division in order to strengthen what is held in common even though the differences are more easily seen and experienced;

Lutherans and Catholics must let themselves be continuously transformed by the encounter with the other and by the mutual witness of faith;

Catholics and Lutherans should again commit themselves to seek visible unity, to elaborate together what this means in concrete steps and to strive repeatedly toward this goal;

Lutherans and Catholics should jointly discover the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for our time; and Catholics and Lutherans should witness together the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world.



## Archbishop Moves to St. Mary's Rectory



*By Frank Flegel*

St. Mary's Church rectory in east Regina has a new tenant on the second floor. Archbishop Donald Bolen was looking for more modest quarters when St. Mary's Pastor, Reverend Ed Hengen, offered the vacant second floor of his rectory. "I had seven rooms up there," said Hengen. They would need some changes, but he offered the space to the Archbishop.

Director of Pastoral Services, Robert Kowalchuk, who has several trade skills, offered to oversee the project and asked his Resurrection Parish fellow Knights of Columbus to help. "The Resurrection Parish Knights have traditionally, in recent years, offered their services to the Archbishop whether it's hosting an event for priests or Chancery office staff at the Archbishop's home," said Kowalchuk, "and they stepped up to the plate again." The two bathrooms on the second floor required some upgrading, there was no kitchen, and doors had to be installed in a couple of locations to make the space private. A new floor was installed, cupboards and storage space had to be built and installed. The space had to be re-configured to provide an office, a dining area and a bedroom for the Archbishop. A second space was created as a guest room which can be used, for example, when the Papal Nuncio visits from November 26 to 28, 2017. He will be here for the Pallium Mass on November 27 and will meet with diocesan staff on November 28.

The renovation work began in August. "We contacted several firms who donated products, like Creative Kitchens who donated materials and helped convert one of the rooms into a kitchenette," said Kowalchuk. The kitchenette has a toaster oven, a small refrigerator and a coffee maker, but the Archbishop and Father Hengen will share the rectory's main floor kitchen for any serious cooking.

All the labour was volunteer and much of the supplies and equipment was donated. There was virtually no cost to the chancery. Archbishop Bolen moved in September 1.

The former Archbishop's residence, a two-story house in Gardiner Park, will not be sold and currently serves as a residence for one priest and one seminarian.

Kowalchuk said that Bishop Don wanted to live in more modest surroundings, and St. Mary's Church rectory was a good fit. St. Mary's will profit from the upgraded space as the property value has increased and the church will receive a steady stream of extra income from the rent the Archbishop pays, so it is a win-win situation.

## A Rabbi and an Archbishop Discuss Leonard Cohen



*By Frank Flegel*

"A Rabbi and a Bishop walked into a synagogue," began Beth Jacob Synagogue President Barry Braitman as he welcomed a full house for an evening of Leonard Cohen's music as reviewed by Regina Archbishop Donald Bolen and Rabbi Jeremy Parnes. The two are fans of Cohen's music and, at the invitation of Bolen, he and Parnes presented videos of Cohen's music and took turns analyzing and discussing what influenced Cohen's music and lyrics. It is of particular interest to the two because Cohen, an observant Jew, composed lyrics and music that often contained Christian themes and symbolisms.

The evening began with Hallelujah, one of Cohen's most well-known compositions. "I hadn't paid much attention to his music until I heard K.D. Lang sing Hallelujah at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic," Parnes admitted. Both talked about the verses as reflections of human frailty, brokenness, hope, and praises to God ending with some allusions to Psalm 150. Bolen commented that Cohen is said to have composed over 80 verses to the song and most of those were never made public.

They continued with The Window, written in 1979; Come Healing composed in 2012; Who By Fire, 1974; Treaty, 2016; and You Want it Darker also from 2016 which Parnes said was Cohen acknowledging that he was coming to the end of his life. There was also an excerpt from Book of Mercy released in 1984, which Bolen called, "A stunningly beautiful prayer."

The event was held on October 26, exactly the first anniversary of Cohen's death, according to the Jewish calendar. When the discussion was finished everyone was asked to stand; Parnes then chanted a traditional memorial prayer, following which everyone sang Hallelujah.

A reception with light refreshments ended the evening. Audience member Lyn Goldman said the evening gave her a much broader understanding of Cohen's work, "It certainly enlightened me about Leonard's work and his deeper thoughts in what he was writing." Goldman said she wasn't familiar with the biblical context or prayers, "but you can see they are actually relevant all the way through." Dave Bamford, another member of the audience, said there was a religious element in all of Cohen's writing 'going way back' especially in his last album, "You can tell he is talking about bringing all religions together. He speaks not as a Christian or a Jew, he is everything."



## Our Lady of Peace Senior Dance with St. Gregory Students



*Our Lady of Peace Parish 55+ group held their second afternoon dance on the afternoon of November 9th, 2017. Old Time and Country music was provided by Ken Sparrowhawk, Andy Tarr, Jim Harty and Doug Chabot.*

*We had sixty-three grade 7/8 students and two teachers from St. Gregory School join our group of thirty-two seniors for a very enjoyable, energy filled afternoon.*

*Young and old danced the time away, the Bird Dance being the most popular. A fun time was had by all!*



## Have a Happy Holy Christmas

