We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded,

by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing

Pope Francis,

Evangelii Gaudium, #273



# message from the BISHOP

Nurturing faith, equipping disciples and calling forth vocations is certainly a priority for our diocese, and the Bishop's Annual Appeal has an important role to play in supporting those efforts.

We support those discerning priesthood, religious and consecrated life, and those discerning and living a call to marriage and family.

We call and nurture women and men to serve as leaders in the Church and the world.

Spiritual care and comfort is provided to the sick and suffering through Hospital Chaplaincy, and to prisoners through the work of Restorative Ministry.

Read Bishop Mark's letter, enclosed,

or on the Catholic Foundation website! www.dscf.ca

# Building up the church

Your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal support many ministries and programs that are building up the church by creating, forming and nurturing missionary disciples who encounter Jesus Christ and are inspired and equipped to go forth and put *Our Faith in Action*.

 supporting parishes in bringing people of all ages to life-long faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist –
 Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



Bishop Mark Hagemoen recently gathered with a number of young adults to discuss Pope Francis' letter to youth of the world "Christus Vivit", which came out of the Extraordinary Synod on Youth in October 2018: I-r Kaitlyn Deck of St. Peter, Unity, Jerome Montpetit of St. Bruno, Bruno, Bishop Mark Hagemoen, Catherine Renneberg of Holy Family Cathedral, Saskatoon, and Clark Jaman of St. Anne, Saskatoon.

"At the heart of youth ministry is being able to have opportunities to come together as youth, and a lot of times that takes resources, and people in positions to organize events, and to offer these opportunities for us to come together and grow closer to the Lord..... When I look back, a lot of profound moments in my life were moments when I participated in different youth events and was a part of Youth Ministry. It really keeps the faith alive and flowing."

Jermone Montpetit, St. Bruno Parish



Vocation co-director Fr. Colin Roy (left), Bishop Mark Hagemoen and Vocation co-director Fr. Daniel Yasinski

"The Bishop's Annual Appeal in a real way builds up the Church by actually putting priests in our parishes –it funds the formation of our priests."

**Fr. Daniel Yasinski,** Co-Director of Vocations, Diocese of Saskatoon.

- forming missionary disciples in deepening faith, understanding and Christian community – Adult Faith Enrichment Program (previously known as Lay Formation) and Indigenous Faith Enrichment Program (previously known as Aboriginal Lay Formation), the Justice and Outreach Year (JOY) program
- empowering, training, supporting, and mentoring youth leaders and promoting a culture of vocations – Youth Ministry
- supporting the Education of Priests and Future Priests – Vocations
- Stewardship of churches: growing a new sites and church building fund and a church restoration fund for existing church buildings



Graduates of the 2019 diocesan Lay Formation program, which now has a new name: the Adult Faith Enrichment Program.

"Lay Formation has been a life changing experience.... We have drawn closer to God through community and fellowship, we have learned how to pray, and how to minister to other people."

Michelle LaBrash, 2019 Lay Formation graduate, St. Mary, Saskatoon.

"To make a difference, you don't have to be overwhelmed by all the big issues that we have, and try and fix everything, but (you can) make a difference one person at a time," says Wendy LePage about what she experienced in the JOY program.

# Reaching out in love and service

Your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal ensure that our diocesan church is reaching out in love and service, putting our faith in action:

- welcoming newcomers to a new home of peace and safety in Canada – Office of Migration
- bringing comfort to the sick and suffering –
   Hospital Chaplaincy
- strengthening families, healing marriages, walking with those who mourn, and accompanying those who struggle –
   Marriage and Family Life ministries include Marriage Preparation for engaged couples, Retrouvaille for those struggling in their marriage, Transitions for those dealing with divorce or separation, From Mourning to Dawn for those grieving the death of a spouse, the Miscarriage Awareness Committee and CFS (Catholic Family Services).
- walking paths of reconciliation with Indigenous People – Indigenous Parish Ministry – Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and the Diocesan Council for Truth and Reconciliation
- working with partners in the community to address injustice and suffering in our world and to build a culture of life – Justice and Peace Office
- striving for unity and reconciliation among Christians – **Ecumenism**
- Support for ministry in the northern mission Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas, stretching across a vast region of northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba.



"This (prison) has been the worst thing in my life, and I hate that I'm here, but I also am grateful that I am sitting here today able to share God's amazing love... Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed."

From a letter of thanks written to Coordinator Dianne Anderson by Terry, thanking her for her ministry at the prison.



"We help patients if they are lonely or depressed, if they feel abandoned, or if they feel like they are a burden. We let them know that we care... that they are not alone."

Jacqueline Saretsky, Coordinator, Hospital Chaplaincy.

# Your gift supports:

#### Building up the church

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

Adult Faith Enrichment Program (Previously known as Lay Formation)

Indigenous Faith Enrichment Program (Previously known as Aboriginal Lay Formation)

Foundations: Exploring our Faith Together

Education of Laity

Education of Priests and Future Priests

Justice and Outreach Year (JOY)

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Vocations

Aboriginal Parish Ministry

Liturgy Commission

Communications

New Sites and Churches Fund Church Restoration Fund

### Reaching Out In Love

Office of Migration

Marriage and Family Life

Office of Justice and Peace

Friendship Inn

Hospital Chaplaincy

Deaf Ministry

Restorative (Prison) Ministry

CFS (Catholic Family Services)

Prairie Centre for Ecumenism

Diocesan Ecumenical Commission

Support for the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas

Please give generously

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