

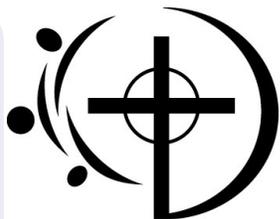
Eucharistic Celebrations

Sundays

9:00am, 11:30am & 6:30pm

Weekdays

See "Week at a Glance"



CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We are Holy Family

5th Sunday of Lent - March 13th, 2016

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Our Lenten journey is drawing to a close; today's readings remind us of what lies ahead, with Ezekiel's vision of new life for a valley of bones and Paul's promise that the Spirit that will 'give life to our mortal bodies'. The gospel reading from John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus. This sequence - carefully crafted as a prelude to the passion narrative - prepares us for what is to come; Jesus confronts death itself and emerges victorious.

As the narrative opens, the Lord's coming death is called to mind, Mary the sister of Lazarus is identified as the one who, at this time, 'anoints the Lord with ointment' - for 'the day of his burial' (cf. Jn 12:7). The illness of Lazarus 'will not end in death, but in God's glory' and the glory of the Son of God. The death of Jesus, if he 'goes to Judaea' is a real and terrifying prospect for his disciples - leading Thomas to exclaim, 'Let us go too, and die with him'. The narrative highlights the 'friendship' of Jesus with the family of Bethany: soon to be caught up in the drama of the Saviour's rejection by the nation's leaders. Such a detail, we know, has significance in the meditative style of John's gospel. 'I call you friends, not servants' (Jn 15:15), Jesus will tell his disciples. And the repeated reference to 'the beloved disciple' in the narrative that follows brings out in graphic detail the implications of these words - an encouragement for all who follow the way of discipleship.

We are left in no doubt that Jesus triumphs over death in all its horror. The mortal remains of Lazarus have been in the tomb for 'four days': 'He will smell', his sister warns. Numerous mourners have now assembled, not all of them well disposed towards Jesus - an intimation of what is soon to follow. 'Could he not have prevented this man's death', some of them ask.

This confrontation with death, Jesus makes clear, is a sign. As he sets out for Bethany, after the death of Lazarus, he declares, 'I am glad for your sake, because now you will believe'. And although he knows that the Father 'always hears him', he addresses the Father publicly, 'for the sake of those who stand around, so that they may believe that it was you who sent me' - the claim of his divine mission that is many times repeated in the course of John's gospel.

In the exchanges that take place between Jesus and the sisters of Lazarus, he leads them towards the fullness of faith that will unite them with him in his final victory over death - his Paschal Mystery. Like his other disciples, Martha has already found faith in Jesus as 'the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world'; now she is led to recognise the full implications of this coming, as she affirms her faith in the truth of Jesus' words, 'I AM the resurrection and the life' - the very source of 'eternal life'.

'Lazarus, here! Come out': the victory is complete and absolute. 'Unbind him, let him go free': words of promise for all who will believe in his coming triumph (Thornhill, 2016).

Thornhill, J (2016). 5th Sunday of Lent Year A. In *The Emmaus Series*. Retrieved March 8th, 2016, from <http://www.theemmausseries.com/alent05.html>

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: One Heart, One Voice, One Mission. Mark your calendar for Holy Family Council's **65th Anniversary at a Splendid Evening on Friday, April 22nd**. This gala banquet is for all interested women with entertainment by the Spirit Flyer dancers, a talk by Elaine Zakreski, Founder of Malawi and presentations on the History of our Council. Tickets are \$25 and will be available after Masses and at the reception desk of Holy Family. For more information, call Diane at (306) 668-1085.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: The exceptionally nice weather that we are having has brought summer activities to our attention. The next most important project on our agenda is Blackstrap Youth Camp. We want the youth that attend the camp to have a pleasant and memorable experience and in order for this to happen the camp must be in good shape. A lot of work has already been done, but there is much more to do. Please volunteer to help. Special trades people are desperately needed – plumbers, carpenters, exterior finishers, etc. The camp does not expect these trades to do the work for free, however, a favorable rate would be a big help. Call Dick

Hollier at: (306) 373-0002 for more information. The Dine, Dance and Auction was a great event once again and special thanks goes to Louis Roth and John Cook for all their hard work. Please plan to attend the Knights of Columbus order-wide prayer service on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 pm, as well as the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 18th at 7:00 pm. There will be another 1st Degree on March 20th hosted by the Filipino Council 11429. The next Major Degree is on April 24th hosted by Holy Spirit Council 8905. Mark your calendars for the Bishop's Dinner on May 13th. Our Council has sponsored a table and tickets are now available – call GK Gil at: (306) 249-2622. Pray for peace and an end to the persecution of religious minorities.

HOLY YOGA: a unique Christ-Centered prayer form, helps us understand how we can use our minds, bodies and spirits to relax and become more receptive to God in our lives. **Last classes for the winter session are this week ending on March 19th.** For information contact Diane at: dianew@holyyoga.net.

TRIDUUM CHOIR: It is not too late to join the combined choir for the celebration of the Triduum. Fr. David will be directing the choir with Ken Neitz playing the organ and Wendy Dale playing the piano. If you love to sing and want to be part of the Triduum choir, please phone the parish office at (306) 659-5800 and leave your name. Music packages are now available for pick up. Please contact the office for the complete practice schedule. We welcome all who have a love of music and an appreciation of the beauty of the Triduum to consider joining the choir. We promise a fun and spiritually uplifting experience. We are especially in need of male voices. The Triduum Choir will be providing music ministry for the following celebrations: Holy Thursday - 7:00 pm, Good Friday - 3:00 pm only, Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm.

SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER: A Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group that meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the small conference room across from the coffee bar. There will be no prayer meeting during Holy Week (March 23rd). Contact info: (306) 374-4766 or donlalonde@sasktel.net.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PRAYER: Meets Thursdays at 10:00 am to break open the Sunday readings and share our journey. Call Diane at (306) 668-1085 or feel free to drop in. All are welcome!

STAYING ON YOUR FEET: continues on Mondays at 10:00 am. Forever in Motion exercise classes continue on Thursdays at 10:00 am in Holy Family's Hall and all are welcome to this free class. For more information, call: Sally: (306) 249-2029, Diane: (306) 668-1085, or Rosalie: (306) 652-5028.

SWING INTO SPRING: The **Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation** is pleased to invite you to the 16th annual **'Swing into Spring' Fashion Show & Dinner** on Thursday, April 28th, 2016 at Prairieland Park – Hall B. Once again, plans are well under way for a fabulous evening of fun, food, fashions, camaraderie and great prizes. Support school division employees as they step out of their traditional roles to walk the runway in the latest spring fashions. Please check the posters displayed on the parish bulletin board. Tickets are \$70.00 each and are available through the Foundation office. Phone: (306) 659-7003, Fax: (306) 659-2013, E-mail: catholicchoolsfoundation@gscs.sk.ca. Your presence helps us put *faith in education*.

2016 Mission Trip to Peru Update: This Sunday the Mission Team will be introduced to the parish community. Please take some time to get to know your parish Missionaries! Stop by at the concierge desk after mass to meet the missionaries, or check out the Mission Team bio's on the parish website.

While in Lima, the Mission Team will be serving with Misma Luna; a Peruvian non-profit that strives to support, encourage, and assist local Peruvian culture. To find out more about Misma Luna visit the parish website, or come to future fundraisers.

We need your support: Please pray for the Mission Team as we prepare for our August Mission Trip to Lima, Peru. Your prayers are greatly appreciated and needed! Thank you!

Please also prayerfully consider ways that you could financially support the 2016 parish Mission Trip. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Donation envelopes are available in this week's bulletin, at the concierge desk, or future fundraisers. A full list of parish fundraisers can be found on the parish website.



Triduum Celebrations

Thursday, March 24

7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
9 pm - Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament
11:45 pm - Night Prayer

Friday, March 25

10 am - Morning Prayer
3 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Death
6 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Death
9 pm to 10 am Saturday - Vigil at the Cross

Saturday, March 26

10 am - Morning Prayer
8:30 pm - Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27

9 am - Easter Sunday Mass
11:30 am - Easter Sunday Mass
7:30 pm - Easter Sunday Solemn
Evening Vespers

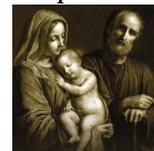


Lenten Reconciliation Times

Sunday, March 13th - 7:30 pm to 9 pm
Tuesday, March 15th - 11 am to Noon
Saturday, March 19th - 10 am to Noon
Tuesday, March 22nd - 7 pm to 9 pm

Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an order-wide prayer service on **Monday, March 14th at 7:00 pm** in the Queen of Peace chapel. This special time of prayer will feature an etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842). All are welcome. Contact Reb Materi for more details: (306) 652-1289.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES NEEDED: Liturgical Ministries are needed for the **6:00 pm Good Friday** liturgy on **March 25th**, as well as the **9:00 am** and **11:30 am** Masses on **Easter Sunday, March 27th**. There are sign-up sheets on a flip-chart near the concierge desk. Please put down your name for a Ministry. Your service is greatly appreciated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 18th at 7:00 pm**, led by the senior youth group.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: The March - May 2016 Liturgical Ministry Schedule has been sent out by e-mail. If you did not receive one, copies are available in the Sacristy.

MOM'S MORNING OUT (MMO): Will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 15th** from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Come visit and share snacks while our little ones play with grandmother helpers and baby cuddlers!

GOLDEN AGE CLUB: Meets every Thursday at 1:30 pm for an enjoyable card game of Whist. All are welcome. Contact Len Breckner at (306) 477-0518 or Alice Molle at (306) 373-0450.

HOLY FAMILY CRAFT GUILD: meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am. New members are most welcome to join in the fun, fellowship and opportunity to teach and learn together. The Craft Guild's objective is to raise money for our parish as well as for charity by producing a variety of crafts mostly from donated or recycled materials. Donations of fabric, quilt batting, old jeans, yarn, etc... can be left at the front office marked for the Craft Guild. Please contact Anna Hartman at (306) 249-0071 or Teresa Field at (306) 249-3764 for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Explorers Club: Explorers Club is a youth group for youth in **grades 3-5** that happens on the second and fourth **Tuesday** of each month from **6:00 – 8:00 pm**. Parents are encouraged to come inside to pick up and drop off of their children. (Sign in/ out sheets will be at the youth room doors).

Tuesday, March 22nd from 6:00 – 8:00pm – Forgive and Forget

EDGE: EDGE is for youth in **grades 6-8** that happens on the second and fourth **Thursday** of each month from **6:00 – 8:00 pm**. Parents are encouraged to come inside to pick up and drop off of their children. (Sign in/ out sheets will be at the youth room doors). **Please note, there will be no EDGE night on Holy Thursday (March 24th).**



Alpha Teens+ Senior Youth Group: For students in **grades 9-12**. Bring your friends! **Friday, March 18th; 6:30-9:30pm**. Kick off with praying the Stations of the Cross. Then join in on the Alpha session - **Prayer: Why and how do I pray?** To finish off – epic game time!

Friday, March 18th from 6:30 – 8:30pm – Prayer: Why and How do I Pray?



Youth group schedules: Schedules for the youth group gatherings for the remainder of the spring semester are available at the front office or on the parish website. Please contact Amanda to become a part of the e-mail list for news and updates about upcoming youth gatherings!



Contact Amanda Hertz, Youth Minister, at:
HFYoucath OR Holy Family Youth Group
HFYoucath
amanda@holycathedral.ca
W: 306-659-5804 C:306-717-0085 (text only, please)
Amanda Hertz

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon Mar 14th	Staying on Your Feet Christian Initiation (RCIA) Knights of Columbus Prayer Service	10:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm
Tue Mar 15th	Mom's Morning Out Holy Yoga Reconciliation Mass (+Ann Altrogge)	9:30am 9:30am 11:00 am 12:15pm
Wed Mar 16th	Mass (Cohen Schmitt) Springs of Living Water Year of Mercy Faith Study	12:15pm 7:30pm 7:00pm
Thurs Mar 17th	Craft Guild Forever in Motion Small Christian Community Prayer Mass (+Lynn Marie Bell) Golden Age Club Holy Yoga Eucharistic Adoration	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 12:15pm 1:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Fri Mar 18th	Sherbrooke (+Jeanne Noonan) Mass (Philip Lewis) Stations of the Cross Senior Youth Group - Alpha Teens+	10:00am 12:15pm 7:00pm 7:00pm

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – MARCH 20TH, 2016 (Palm Sunday)

MINISTRY	9:00 AM		11:30 AM		6:30 PM
Coordinator	Joe B		Lillian R		Doug S
Greeters	Margie D Reb M	Elaine B Eileen M	Dennis B Paige K	Joanne D Taylor R	Cathy S Greg M
Ushers	Glen B Cecilia G	Donna B Denis S	Anna L Darryl B	Gary L Allan R	Charmielaine P Doug S
Concierge Desk Minister	Diego M		Reg N		Kim P
Altar Servers	Doreen C Marc M Clara L Zachary M	Michael Y	Judy G Ally R Tristan W Alexis W	Michael Y	Michael Y Kirstyn R Isabella D Gabrielle D
Commentator	Rosalie L		Alec R		Blaise K
Lectors	Lise M Ken M		Gil W Heather O		Gerard O
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Kevin L Dave B Tyler W Michael C Jared P Cathy L Justin R Lee S	Solange B Agnes P Evelyne D Don K Francois R Roland L Doris S Lyle M	Jean F Arielle P Mike M Terry K Aline F Lillian R Jeff W Colleen G	Brian R Julianne M Linda M Stephanie T Dana R Karen C Alicia Z Larry G	Michael Y Connie T Wayne S Doris S Valerie O Laura C Mike C Jeff F
Children's Liturgy	Amanda A Sonia C	Sophie C	Jena B Amanda & Bethany K	Mandy W	Erin M Claire S

2015 Financials will be made available soon!

Please 'Save the Date' for our upcoming Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00pm

Baptism (Infants): Please contact Andy Korvemaker.

Christian Initiation (RCIA): Please contact Andy Korvemaker.

Confirmation and First Eucharist: Contact Andy Korvemaker.

Marriage: Contact Father David at least one year prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

Marriage Preparation: March 2017 Call Patrick Clark at (306) 659-5805.

Reconciliation: 11:00am - 11:30am on Saturdays or by appointment.

Communion to Homebound & Elderly: Contact Garth Horn.

To add people to the prayer list: please contact the Parish Office during the week at (306) 659-5800.

The Sick

Emery Hirsch	Francis Bourgeois
Tony Carreiro	Al Molle
Delores Wolfe	Nash Jacobi
Bernice Ewachow	David Pitka
Margaret Gartner	Rose Boechler
Filomena Santoro	Owen Stephens
Monique Stevens	Nolan Barnes
David Casavant	Margaret Afseth
Kate Gardner	Dale White
Mary Martinez	Pat Albers
Allan Ecker	Kayden Kot
Cheryl Crofford	Jim Kozmyk
Bill Carreiro	Preston Dyck
Ron Ecker	Lambert Schneider
Carl Schlosser	Fr. Les Paquin
Robbie Medernach	

Recently Deceased

Stewardship Corner

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives — our sufferings as well as our gifts — can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming Events

Friends of L'Arche soup and buns fundraiser for L'Arche Solidarity 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, March 16** at Grace Westminster United Church Hall, 505-10th Street East, Saskatoon. Those able to bring a pot of soup or buns, are asked to let Wyndham know at (306) 262-7243. Donations will go to support L'Arche communities around the world.

Arsenic and Old Lace - The Newman Players present the classic comedy about the Brewster family's foibles at 7 p.m. **Thursday, March 17, Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19** in the Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium at St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon. Tickets: \$10; Students and Seniors: \$5. Call (306) 966-8900 for tickets or information.

St. Mary's Parish Easter Tea and Bake Sale 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, March 19** at St. Mary's Parish Hall at corner of Avenue 0 S. and 20th Street W. in Saskatoon. Admission \$3, includes refreshments and door prize. Everyone is welcome.

Mini Retreats for Women: Come ponder Christ's love in this Year of Mercy. Different diocesan priests will offer meditations one Saturday a month at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E., Saskatoon. Fr. Pius Schroh will lead the retreat **Saturday, March 19**. The gathering begins 9:30 a.m., with the first meditation at 9:45 a.m. Between meditations, there will be an opportunity to sit in the Lord's presence before the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available starting at 11:15 a.m., prior to the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

Good Friday Way of the Cross outdoor prayer walk - Gather near the Vimy Memorial Bandshell in the park across from the Court House on Spadina Crescent at 9:45 a.m. **Good Friday, March 25**. Ends with a simple soup lunch at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon (walk takes about two hours. Information: Myron(306) 659-5841.

From Mourning to Dawn diocesan grief support group for widows and widowers is an eight-week journey of transformation and healing, offering encouragement and support for bereaved spouses; open to participants who have been widows/widowers between two months and two years. Held on eight consecutive Tuesdays, beginning **April 5** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Cost is \$25. To register, contact Elan at (306) 679-7717 or cic.elan@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Divine Mercy Sunday celebration 3 p.m., **Sunday, April 3** with Bishop Donald Bolen at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (please note that this is not a Mass). Find information about the Divine Mercy devotion at www.thedivinemercy.org or call Sally at (306) 373-2621.

FOUNDATIONS: *Exploring Our Faith Together*

"A Journey of Healing" presented by Stan Tu'Inukuafe and the STR8 UP Team at 7 p.m. **Monday, March 14** at St. Theresa Parish, 208 Little Flower Ave., **Rosetown, SK**. To pre-register call Judy at (306) 882-2488; \$5.

"A Spirituality of Mercy: Sharing Compassion Without Compromising Your Principles" will be presented by Leah Perrault 7 p.m. **Monday, March 14 at St. Alphonse parish, Viscount, SK**. To pre-register for the Viscount session, call JoAnn at (306) 231-5779. Cost is \$5. Leah Perrault will also present this session 7 p.m. **Thursday, March 17 in Saskatoon** at St. Francis Xavier parish, 222 Willow St. & Melrose Ave., To pre-register for the Saskatoon presentation contact Irene at (306) 933-1108. Cost is \$5.

"Step by Step, O Holiness - Gonna Get to Heaven" presented by Colm Leyne 7 p.m. **Thursday, March 17** at Assumption of Our Lady Parish, Kerrobert. To pre-register contact Anita at (306) 834-5668. Cost is \$5.

Introduction to Centering Prayer, a simple method of Christ-Centered silent prayer, renewing an ancient Christian contemplative practice, updated for our time that can lead to a deeper prayer life, personal healing, spiritual transformation, and closer union with God. Fr. Kevin McGee and Marge Copeland will lead this introduction at St. Augustine Church, 602 Boychuk Drive, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Saturday, April 2**. Includes soup lunch. Series continues with follow-up sessions 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday mornings (April 9, 16, 23) Cost for the series is \$50. Contact Marge Copeland at (306) 668-4982, or e-mail: m.copeland@sasktel.net

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all Christians who are discriminated against or are being persecuted on account of their faith. May they remain strong and faithful to the Gospel. (*Pope Francis' prayer intention for March.*)

Jubilee Year of Mercy

"This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus' mission echoed in the words of the prophet Isaiah (Is.61:1-2). A year of the Lord's favour or mercy: this is what the Lord proclaimed and this is what we wish to live now, to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed." - *Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, 14.*

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Message Board



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Prison Ministry Needs- The diocesan office of Restorative Ministry is seeking metal rosaries as part of ministry to men at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre. Drop donations at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon Monday to Friday, 8:30 to noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or contact Dianne Anderson at (306) 659-5845. The Restorative Ministry office is also seeking monetary donations to purchase chocolate Easter bunnies to distribute to prisoners as a way of sharing the love and joy of Christ's Resurrection. Drop labelled monetary donations into your parish collection or send to the attention of Dianne Anderson, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Once again Restorative Ministry will celebrate the Triduum liturgies at the prison, with Bishop Don Bolen celebrating Mass with the men on Easter Sunday.

Lifeline for Marriage - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? **Retrouaille** (pronounced retro-vie) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health and re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought a couple together. For confidential information about the **April 8-10** weekend in Saskatoon, call Wendy or Fritz at (306) 652-7155 or e-mail retrouaille@sasktel.net

Development and Peace 2016 Share Lent - March 13 is Solidarity Sunday. Every gift to Share Lent goes far to help our sisters and brothers around the world – from Haiti to Paraguay to Bethlehem and beyond. Thank you for helping to create a hopeful future!

Employment opportunity - Contract Office Services /Executive Secretary - Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus is seeking an experienced office professional to maintain the provincial office. Commitments vary week by week, month by month, estimated to be about 700 hours per year. An independent contract for service or an employment relationship will be considered. Deadline to apply is Thursday March 18. More information about this opportunity and details for submitting an expression of interest can be found at the Sask KofC website at www.kofcsask.com

Queen's House offers many retreat opportunities at 601 Taylor Street W., Saskatoon. See www.queenshouse.org or register at (306) 242-1916. Upcoming events: **"Celebrating God's Mercy During Lent"** with Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI, 7 pm. to 8:30 p.m. in the chapel on Monday, March 14; by donation. / **"Exploring a Non-Violent God"** with Sarah Donnelly and featuring a DVD presentation by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 19; \$55. / **Authentic Transformation: A Richard Rohr Webcast** with Sarah Donnelly Tuesday, March 22, begins 5:30 p.m. with optional supper, webcast 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 for supper and webcast, \$10 for webcast only.

Faith in Action at Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS): *Did You Know?* GSCS high schools partner with St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan to become further educated on the projects and initiatives of Development and Peace. www.gscs.sk.ca

Please contact elected officials to protest recommendations issued Feb. 25 by the Special Joint Committee of the Government of Canada on "Physician-Assisted Dying"

Unacceptable recommendations that threaten vulnerable persons and/or which violate conscience rights include:

- Making assisted suicide available to those with psychiatric conditions (#3).
- Including psychological suffering among the criteria making an individual eligible for assisted suicide (#4).
- Asking that serious consideration be given to making assisted suicide available to "mature minors" (#6).
- Requiring all health-care professionals to provide an "effective referral" (#10)
- Requiring all publicly-funded health care institutions in Canada to provide assisted suicide – including faith-based hospitals and care homes (#11).

Please contact your elected MP, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, and Health Minister Dr. Jane Philpott and urge them to work for the protection of the lives of vulnerable persons, such as the sick, the dying, those who suffer mental illness, the elderly, the marginalized, or those with disabilities. Please ask leaders to also ensure that no one will be forced to provide Assisted Suicide or Euthanasia against their conscience – including all health care providers as well as faith-based hospitals and seniors' homes. (Providing a formal referral makes one morally complicit in the action.) For more info call Myron at (306) 659-5843 or see: www.canadiansforconscience.ca or www.lifegivinglove.com (Note: mail may be sent to MPs postage free at House of Commons, Ottawa K1A 0A6)

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

Think About It

Instead of pressing for the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide, we need to strongly and actively encourage governments to devote more resources towards palliative care in hospitals, homes and hospices, and for the education of health professionals in palliative care. Ask candidates running in the provincial election April 4 how they will address this issue.

For more information see: www.lifegivinglove.com

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