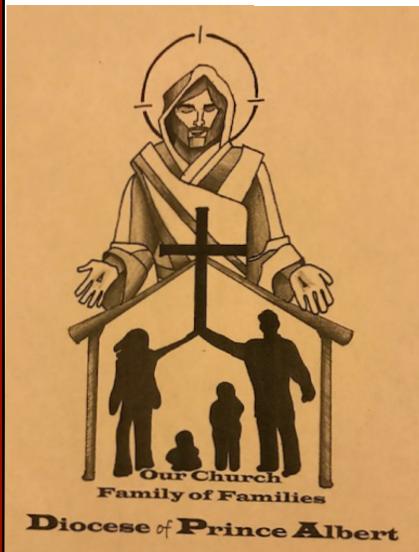


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Model Families: Do you know a family or families that are exemplary in their faith and charity in your parish or community? It is time for you to nominate them as Model Families of 2019! The Adult Faith Formation Commission is looking for nominations of model families. Write a short biography of the family and tell us why the family is a model of faith and charity. Please indicate the parish or town of the family. Ask the permission of the family you are nominating. When you have obtained the consent of the family, submit a copy of the short biography to adultfaith@padiocese.ca

Invite the family to attend the **Gospel Jamborees, either in Prince Albert on October 12 2018 at St. Joseph's parish, or in North Battleford on October 13 2018 at St. Joseph Calasanctius.** A committee will choose 6 families as "Model Families of 2019," and they will be recognized at the **Family Conference in 2019.** Rewards will be given to the families as well as to the ones who nominated them.

Suggested Materials:

- (1) *The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God* (Book) by Fulton J. Sheen;
- (2) *St. Giuseppe Moscati: Doctor of the Poor* (DVD) by Giacomo Campiotti;
- (3) *Forty Weeks: An Ignatian Path to Christ with Sacred Story Prayer* (Videos) by W. M. Watson, SJ;
- (4) *Scripture and Its Interpretation: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible* (Book) by M. J. Gorman (ed.).

For more resources: padiocese.sk.ca or bmjsajonas.com

News: *Please save the date on your calendar for the **Diocesan Family Conference 2019 - April 26-28 2019.** It will be held in **Prince Albert.**

Details are to be announced.

*It is with joy that we welcome two new members on the Adult Faith Formation Commission of the Diocese of Prince Albert - **Sr. Zélie Dion, PM (Deanery 1)** and **Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kunnath (Deanery 5).** Please pray for all 20 members of the Adult Faith Formation Commission.

Next issue's contents:

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12); Getting to know a patron saint of our diocese; Bible Study, Resources for faith formation, and much more...

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Luke 24:13-35: Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus

By Fr. Millan Sajonas

Two disciples of Jesus are on their way to the village of Emmaus. While going toward it, their conversation is all about the events surrounding Jesus' resurrection. This conversation seems to be characterized with disappointment and confusion. They are disappointed because Jesus, who is a powerful prophet, has been put to death and crucified. They are confused because some women and disciples reported an empty tomb, and a message coming, reportedly, from angels that Jesus is alive. Such are their thoughts. Perhaps, they are so absorbed in their conversation, or else rumors of the Lord's resurrected body that it has prevented them from recognizing him. Whatever the reason, they fail to recognize Jesus when he approached them.

Jesus appears to these two disciples, and he asks them with concern about their discussion. With surprise, the disciples answer the Lord, who is disguised as a stranger. They assume that everyone knows about Jesus and the events that have transpired in Jerusalem. Then, they reveal the cause of their disappointment. They had hoped that Jesus would be their liberator, hopes crushed by the crucifixion. However, the news of some women and disciples had awakened a new hope in their hearts. The empty tomb and the words of angels, "He is alive," have brought confusion but also have inspired a flicker of hope. Seizing this opportunity to teach, Jesus explains what the prophets had foretold about the Christ, by going through the scriptures. The teaching process ignites a gleam of hope in the disciples so that, when Jesus appears to be ready to leave, they ask him to stay with them.

Now, the greatest discovery of the disciples' journey happens at the table with their guest. Taking the bread, Jesus blesses it and breaks it, handing it to them. At this sight, it seems that the scales, which prevented them from recognizing the Lord fall from their eyes. They recognize him by remembering "Jesus' breaking of bread." Then, the Lord vanishes before them. However, this wonderful experience with Jesus has enlivened their hope and strengthened their faith. With this newfound revelation, they immediately set out for Jerusalem to announce the good news to others.

In this part of the world, September is the beginning of a lot of action. It is the beginning of the school year. It is also the beginning of a new pastoral year. Schools, Churches, and communities are bustling with activities. There does not seem to be enough time for all the work, events, and gatherings. Yet, it is another journey like the disciples on the way to Emmaus. Amidst all of these, there needs to be an awareness of our goals, (Continued in Page 2)

(Continued from Page 1) so as not to decline in mediocrity, unfruitfulness, and inactivity. There is always room to improve, to excel, to move forward, and to change for the better. It is true that disappointments and confusion are part of life. They can be the scales that can cover our eyes from seeing the good around us, and the opportunities before us. Let these scales fall off so as to be more aware of the many ways that the Lord comes to us. He can remove those scales. He alone can give us the grace to carry on in life. In the busyness of it, the Lord comes and asks, “What are all these things that you are discussing as you walk along?” It is a question that awakens us to discern what is really important, and to set our goals and priorities straight.

Finally, the reference to the Eucharist towards the end of the passage tells us about our food for the journey, our spiritual food. Jesus accompanies us on the road in various ways. He presents himself in the various circumstances of life, and in the people we encounter. The Holy Mass reveals to us the Lord who teaches us through the scriptural readings. During the consecration, the bread and wine becomes the Lord’s body and blood shared with our brothers and sisters in a community of believers. Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus who realized that they had seen the living Lord, may we have the will and strength to proclaim the good news to others, and to actualize his teachings in our lives. May we also say, “Did not our hearts burn within us as he spoke to us on the way and explained the scriptures to us?” May we joyfully tell our stories of what happens on our different roads!

Questions For Reflection:

1. Are you involved in school, church and community activities? What are these activities?
2. What are your challenges in participating in these activities?
3. Do you experience joy or a sense of fulfillment in actively participating in these events? How do you use these inspirations in your family life, place of work, or school?
4. What are your goals and priorities in your family, place of work, or school?
5. Do you attend the Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion? How does the Mass help you on your journey in life?

Are you aware? September 2018 is the first year anniversary of the “In Ministerio Dei et Verbi Sui” Adult Faith Formation Newsletter of the Diocese of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Let us pray that the works of evangelization and catechesis of Adults and families in the diocese may bear fruits of holiness of life and charitable deeds. We ask this through the intercessions of the patron saints of catechists.

St. Charles Borromeo and St. Robert Bellarmine, pray for us!

Getting to know...St Michael, the Archangel. St. Michael is one of the leader angels tasked to relay and carry out God’s plans for humanity. The meaning of his name is “Who is like God?” His name appears four times in the Bible (Daniel 10:13; 12:1; Jude 9:1; Revelation 12:7). Based on the Scriptural passages, Christian tradition gives to St. Michael four duties, namely, (1) to fight against Satan; (2) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death; (3) to be the champion of God’s people, (the Jews in the Old Law, the Christians in the New Testamen). He is the patron of the Church, and of the Orders of Knights during the Middle Ages; and (4) to assist us at the moment of death (Source: Newadvent.org).

His feast day is observed on September 29 together with the other two known archangels, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael. St. Michael is the patron saint of the Roman Catholic Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan that bears his name. There is a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly prayer; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Diocese of Prince Albert
Gospel Jamborees**

Schedule for St. Joseph the Worker, Prince Albert
October 12 2018 (Friday)

5:00 – 5:40 pm: Welcoming the people and Performance by the Sundrops Band
 5:40 – 6:00 pm: Performance by Stephanie Rose
 6:00 – 6:30 pm: Talk by Ken Yasinski
 6:30 – 7:20 pm: Performance by the Sundrops Band
 7:20 – 7:40 pm: Performance by Stephanie Rose
 7:40 – 8:10 pm: Talk by Ken Yasinski and Closing

Schedule for St. Joseph Calasanctius, North
Battleford October 13, 2018 (Saturday)

4:00–4:40 pm: Welcoming the people and Performance by the Sundrops Band
 4:40 – 5:00 pm: Performance by Stephanie Rose
 5:00 – 5:30 pm: Talk by Ken Yasinski
 5:30 – 6:20 pm: Performance by the Sundrops Band
 6:20 – 6:40 pm: Performance by Stephanie Rose
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