



Archdiocese of Regina Bulletin

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*Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe*

What is Synodality?

The Greek word synodos means “to be on the journey together.” The Second Vatican Council speaks of the People of God (Pope, bishops, clergy, men and women religious and lay men and women) as being on a journey toward the heavenly Jerusalem. They walk together, exercising the gifts of their Baptism each in their particular roles. Along the way, they speak and listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit as they work to carry out their mission: to make known the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. In Acts 15, we see that at the Council of Jerusalem the apostles and the People of God considered, discussed and debated the issues that faced the early Church. They reached a consensus after consulting with the Holy Spirit and one another. They journeyed together. Synodality is a way of journeying together - of living out our faith - that calls for shared responsibility, open and honest dialogue, and discernment with the Holy Spirit to arrive at pastoral solutions to the issues of our day.



What are we being asked to do?

The people of the Archdiocese of Regina, with dioceses and Christian communities around the world, are being asked to speak and to listen about one main theme: A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together:”

- How is this “journeying together” happening today in your particular Church, in your parish?
- What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

Plans are underway to give parishes, organizations, as many individuals as possible the opportunity to respond to this theme over the next several months. Look for more information in your Parish Bulletin, in Archdiocesan communications and on the diocesan website:

<https://archregina.sk.ca/synod-2021-2023>

itwewin Corner (itwewin is the Cree word which means ‘the word’ or ‘as it is said...’)

Fr. John Weckend, Archdiocese of Regina Truth and Reconciliation Healing Committee

Did you know that... following World War Two, returning First Nation veterans discovered that they had lost their ‘status’ as a result of being absent from their reserves for more than four years, a stipulation of the Indian Act at that time.

An Overview of the CCCB Truth and Reconciliation Journey in Solidarity with the Indigenous Delegation Going to Rome

From December 17th to 20th, an Indigenous delegation will be going to meet Pope Francis in Rome. Its aim is to create meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing, and to prepare the Pope for his pastoral visit to Canada. As you know, in late September the Catholic Bishops of Canada offered an unequivocal apology to Indigenous Peoples, which provides a context for the forthcoming trip to Rome as a step towards reconciliation.

Like our own process of the sacrament of reconciliation, we begin by acknowledging the truths of where and how we as Catholics have been the source of deep pain and wounds; what we have done and what we have failed to do. Pope Francis will have an opportunity to hear about the effects of colonization, the signing and breaking of treaties, the legacy of residential schools, and intergenerational trauma. Many of the stories he will hear will touch these painful truths, and that is an essential step towards healing that will lead to a meaningful encounter and relationship building.

Let us be in solidarity with this Indigenous delegation and the efforts of the Canadian Church as it takes steps on this healing and reconciling journey. Truth, new beginnings and right relationships pave the way towards Reconciliation.

Let us embark on this journey following the movement of the Advent liturgical cycle, beginning with the feast of Christ the King, by entering into the five stage process of the sacrament of reconciliation: examine, confession, repentance, reparation and reconciliation.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

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

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Archbishop's Appeal

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. A king unlike all others. There is no rule with an iron fist, no wars, no distinction based on ability, there are none doing without while others have excess. No, Christ's Kingdom would not be recognized if compared with those on earth. The readings show how Christ's crowning and return to gather his Kingdom was told from time of old by the prophets.

In the gospel reading today Jesus tries to explain to Pilate that, "His Kingdom is not of this world." Jesus tries to give him an example of how Pilate should be able to tell this when He said, "if my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews." He could have continued with other differences between His Kingdom and the worlds kingdoms; everyone is treated with love regardless of their abilities, everyone is loved because they are a child of God, all God's gifts are shared equally, all are relying on God and resting in His peace continuing the work to bring all to God, to Christ and grow His Kingdom.

Jesus goes on to explain, "I came into the world to testify the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Jesus has told us to love one another as ourselves, share our material gifts from God with those in need, love and respect every person we meet regardless of their abilities, help were God leads us.

If we belong to the truth (Christ's Kingdom), He tells us, we know His voice. Am I following Christ's voice?

Contributing to the Archdiocesan Appeal is one means provided to us by God to help grow the Kingdom, in the Archdiocese of Regina.

TF271: COVID-19 and Vaccines with Dr. Kevin Cormier of Mount Sinai Hospital Toronto - Part 1

Dr. Brett Salkeld is joined by Dr. Kevin Cormier, Medical Researcher at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, with a background in theology and philosophy, discussing the science behind COVID-19 and the vaccines that have been developed to fight it. <https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/covid-19-and-vaccines-with-dr-kevin-cormier-of-mount-sinai-hospital-toronto-part-1>

Canadian Jesuits International Christmas Concert

Solidarity: A celebratory concert

Tuesday, November 30 – 7:00 pm (EST)

Zoom Concert

Music brings harmony to the world. Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) cordially invites you to join us for an online celebration through music, poetry and dance. It will help us to prepare for Christmas and to thank all our friends and supporters who stood by CJI and our Jesuit partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America through the difficult times this year. Register at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

Would you like to revive the joy of the great adventure Of your filial relationship with God your Father Providence?

The Myriam Family of the Prairies would like to invite you to an afternoon retreat. With the theme: « Living as God's child; a Covenant sealed in His Providence. ». On November 20th from 1h30 to 4h30 pm at their house of prayer in McLean, SK. The retreat is including a time of talk and sharing, a time of deepening the Gospel of the Baptism of Jesus followed by a Lectio Divina and Eucharistic Adoration.

For registration, please contact us at 306-761-0528 or email: pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org

Spirituality of Early Church

Campion College invites you to spend time with renowned New Testament Scholar Fr. Scott Lewis S.J. for their winter semester for a course on The Spirituality of the Early Church. This course will be offered Mondays evenings from 7:00-9:15 PM starting in January 2022.

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

Part-time Pastoral Assistant

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

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