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## Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

**For Christians in areas of conflict.**

**Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.**

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## Archdiocesan News



### **\*UPDATED\* Christmas and Holiday Masses Calendar**

Would you like to celebrate Christmas, New Year's and the Holiday Season in a church near you or your family and relatives? Consult our Christmas and Holiday Mass calendar by [clicking here](#). Please note that this document is a "work in progress", as many parishes have not yet determined their Mass times. It will be updated in the next edition of the Weekly News Bulletin leading up to Christmas, and will also be available on the home page of the archdiocesan website: [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca) To add new Christmas Mass times and locations, please contact Daniel Bahuaud at [communications@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:communications@archsaintboniface.ca)

Save The Date | Позначте у календарі

**TESTIMONIAL BANQUET**  
**СВЯТКОВИЙ БЕНКЕТ**



Honoring Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM  
Вшанування Митрополита Лаврентія Гуцуляка, ЧСВВ

**April 14 | 14 квітня, 2026**  
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Center,  
Winnipeg, MB, R3H 0G3

49 years as a Priest  
29 years as Bishop  
20 years as Metropolitan  
75th Birthday

More information to follow

### **\*NEW\* 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Banquet for His Grace Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak – April 14, 2026**

Glory be to Jesus Christ! - Слава Ісусу Христу!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Next year, His Grace Metropolitan Lawrence will celebrate several significant milestones in his life and ministry: his 75th birthday, 20 years as Metropolitan of Canada, 29 years of Episcopal Consecration, and 49 years of Priestly Ordination. A special Testimonial Banquet in his honor is planned for Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Please kindly mark your calendars and plan to attend this joyous occasion. More details and ticket information about the banquet will follow in January 2026.

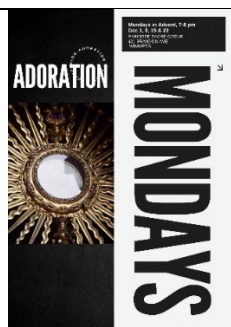
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### **\*REMINDER\* Archbishop LeGatt Video – Come, Lord Jesus!**

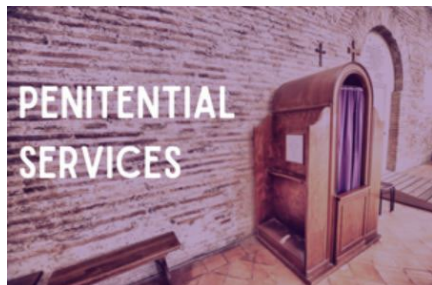
As we enter the holy season of Advent, Archbishop Albert invites us to reflect on Christ's call to welcome the stranger: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." As we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," may His coming into our hearts transform us so that we may recognize, receive, and truly welcome those whom God places in our path. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and hope-filled Advent. Come, Lord Jesus

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)



### **\*REMINDER\* A special invitation! Evenings of Adoration at Sacré-Coeur Parish in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg**

Come pray with us on Mondays during Advent on December 15, and 22 at Sacré-Coeur Parish (421 Brandon Avenue). The **bilingual** Eucharistic Adoration evening will take place from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Confession will be available. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow the adoration. Everyone is welcome!



**\*REMINDER\* Advent Penitential Services**

This Advent, we invite you to prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus by participating in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Advent, from the Latin word *Adventus*, which means *coming*, is a liturgical season which affords us a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. As during Lent, we can fast, deepen our prayer life, increase our charitable activities, and do penance. This is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and to transform our experience of Christmas. To find out when and where a penitential service will take place near you, please [click here](#).



**\*REMINDER\* Advent and Christmas Activities**

We would like to suggest the following initiatives that you could undertake or promote in your parishes and families to foster a spirit of fellowship. On our website, you will find a range of Advent and Christmas activities such as an Advent calendar, daily reflections, crafts, the CCCB's *Walking Together Through Advent* videos, and much more.

Visit the web pages by [clicking here](#).



**\*REMINDER\* Employment Opportunity – Christ Our Saviour Parish in Steinbach - Office Administration Position**

Full Time position at \$19 dollars / Hr. 40 Hours a week with benefits. If interested please send Resume to Father Shibin Bosco via email [shibinbosco555@gmail.com](mailto:shibinbosco555@gmail.com) or you can email the Parish at [cosp.parish@gmail.com](mailto:cosp.parish@gmail.com)

Phone: 204-326-3411 or 204-246-2603.

[A detailed job description is attached.](#)



**\*REMINDER\* Diocesan Celebration for the Closing of the Jubilee 2025 Year – December 28, 2025**

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family. Our diocesan celebration will be at Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00 PM, with a light reception to follow. We invite all priests, deacons, and lay faithful to join us in thanksgiving as we mark the end of this Pilgrimage of Hope.

*"During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"*

**Please visit the diocesan Jubilee 2025 webpage for information, a guidebook, videos of the Jubilee shrines and much more! [Click here.](#)**



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## Apostolates and Ministries



### **\*REMINDER\* Illuminate: An Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – December 19, 2025**

All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on Friday, December 19 at 7:30 PM, at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens, 289 Dussault Ave, Winnipeg. Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome! For more information, [www.illuminatemb.com](http://www.illuminatemb.com) or [facebook.com/illuminatemb](https://facebook.com/illuminatemb). Illuminate is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship music, and fellowship, with the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!

Sign up for the Illuminate newsletter on our website for future events.



### **\*UPDATED\* CCRS OF MB – Unveiling the Gospels Bible Study 2026**

Understanding the four Gospels in depth can often be challenging, especially reading them back-to-back. This course, however, goes beyond simply reading the Gospels. We'll delve into who the Gospel writers were, their unique audiences, their purposes in writing, and, most importantly, how each one presents a distinct view of Jesus. Have you heard of the 18 Miracles in St. Mark's Gospel? The 5 main discourses in St. Matthew's Gospel? Did you know that tradition holds that St. Luke was not only a great writer but also a painter and sculptor? and that to understand St. John's Gospel one could really benefit from reading Genesis Chapter 1 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St. John.... come join us, you will not be disappointed!

Tuesdays at St. Andrew Bobola Church in Winnipeg, MB from January 13 to March 24, 2026. – 6:30PM to 09:00PM (optional mass at 6pm) – [TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE](#). For more information: 431-777-8877 or email [ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com](mailto:ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com)  
For poster, [click here](#).

Wednesdays at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Selkirk, MB from January 14 to March 25, 2026 – 6:30PM to 09:00PM (optional mass at 6pm) – [TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE](#). For more information: 431-777-8877 or email [ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com](mailto:ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com)  
For poster, [click here](#).



### **\*REMINDER\* CCRS OF MB – “Pilgrimage to Italy” – May 26 – June 5, 2026**

Join us on an incredible pilgrimage to Italy from May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026: We will visit many of the most beautiful cathedrals of the world! A wonderful opportunity to visit the remains of many apostles and evangelists and walk thru the “Holy Doors” of the four major Basilicas of Rome! All details are on the attached flyer. Limited Space. For more information: 431-777-8877 or email [galaxytravelcanada@gmail.com](mailto:galaxytravelcanada@gmail.com)



## Catechetics and Adult Faith Formation

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### **\*UPDATED\* Save the Date – Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion – February 22, 2026**

3:00 PM at Saint-Boniface Cathédrale, 180 de la Cathédrale Ave. (English Celebration)

Candidates, Catechumens, their families and friends, sponsors, RCIA teams, and pastors are warmly invited to join us for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. This beautiful liturgy marks an essential step in the journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Parish Registration Required

All parishes with Candidates or Catechumens must register for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. A registration link will be sent directly to parish administrators and pastors.

Preparatory Online Gathering

To support all who will be participating, an online meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to pray together, connect, review important information, and ask questions. A link will be shared when your parish has registered.

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## In the Media

### **\*NEW\* Indigenous artifacts from the Vatican collection return to Canada**

First Nations, Inuit and Métis leaders welcomed back dozens of Indigenous artifacts released from the Vatican collection at Montreal's airport Saturday.

The 62 items will ultimately be returned to their communities of origin as an act of furthering reconciliation.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak said it was an important and emotional moment for all First Nations, and she hoped it would be important for all Canadians.

To read the full article by Canadian Press writer Sidhartha Banerjee, [click here](#).

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## Interchurch & Interfaith Learning (Ecumenism)



### **\*NEW\* Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 to 25, 2026.**

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated in many places around the world from January 18 - 25, 2026. The prayers and reflections for the 2026 Week of Prayer have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. We are reminded that unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity, more than simply an ideal. It represents the essence of the Church's calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity. This divine unity is central to our mission and is sustained by the profound love of Jesus Christ, who has set before us a unified purpose. As the Apostle Paul asserts in his letter to the Ephesians, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (4:4). This Bible verse, chosen for the 2026 Week of Prayer, encapsulates the theological depth of Christian unity.



### **CITY-WIDE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

The 2026 Week of Prayer will be marked by a City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service at 7:30 pm on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg, 922 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg. All are cordially invited to participate in this celebration with church leaders and in the other various gatherings that will be held throughout the Week of Prayer. For more information on the city-wide service and the ecumenical choir being formed for the occasion, please see the Week of Prayer posters on the church bulletin board. One of the posters contains a complete list of additional gatherings that will be held in Winnipeg throughout the Week of Prayer. For poster, [click here](#).

### **ECUMENICAL CHOIR FOR CITY-WIDE CELEBRATION**

An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the forthcoming celebration on January 18th during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. No audition is required. Anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing in the choir is welcome! Rehearsals will be held at First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg, 922 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Sunday, January 4, 2026 and on Sunday, January 11, 2026. A short final rehearsal will be held immediately before the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, January 18, 2026. For further information, you may call or text Michèle Barr at 204-297-9212 or contact her via email: [mbarr41@shaw.ca](mailto:mbarr41@shaw.ca) For poster, [click here](#).

### **MANY ECUMENICAL CELEBRATIONS**

The week will also see many other celebrations held at various churches in Winnipeg, including Paroisse Saint-Norbert (January 23<sup>rd</sup>), St. Mary's Academy (January 21<sup>st</sup>) and St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church and Bishop Velychokovsky National Martyr's Shrine (January 25). To see the complete list, with dates, [click here](#).

Discover many ecumenical resources at [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca)

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## **Marriage, Family and Life**

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### **\*NEW\* Marriage Tips**

Don't let the chaos that often accompanies the Christmas rush disrupt your peace and love. If you realize that you have spoken harshly or impatiently to your spouse or child, ask God to grant you more peace and ask your spouse or child for forgiveness.

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**DYING WITH CHRIST**  
LIVING WITH HOPE  
CMDA

This 3-video series seeks to demystify death and the dying process, with a new approach to end of life questions.

Discussions, led by theologians and healthcare professionals, give perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, and our duty to care.

When we make a commitment to die with Christ, we can truly live with hope.

**ABOUT**  
Dying with Christ - Living with Hope is a powerful tool to help Christians have conversations about death & dying.

**WHERE?**  
Mary Mother of the Church  
85 Kirkbridge Dr. Wpg.

**3-Part Series:**  
January 12, 19, 26  
7:00 - 8:45 pm

**WHY?**  
Addressing current views on death & dying, and what it truly means to live a Christian life & die a Christian death.

Session 1: Death & Dying  
Session 2: Pain, Suffering, End of Life  
Session 3: The Christian Duty to Care

**Register By January 7**

**ABOUT CMDA CANADA**  
Dying with Christ - Living with Hope is produced by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada

Presented by the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface with local Catholic healthcare professionals

Nadine Fetherston: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca

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Mary Mother of the Church – 85 Kirkbridge Dr. Winnipeg.

**Join us for a powerful three-part video series** from the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), presented by the **Archdiocese of Saint Boniface** alongside **local Catholic healthcare professionals**, where we demystify death and the dying process and offer a fresh, hope-filled perspective on end-of-life questions. Through **group discussions** and **personal reflection**, **video presentations from theologians and medical specialists** this program explores:

- **Session 1- January 12:** Death and Dying
- **Session 2- January 19:** Pain, Suffering, and End of Life
- **Session 3- January 26:** The Christian Duty to Care

Discover how a commitment to *die with Christ* enables us to *live with hope*.

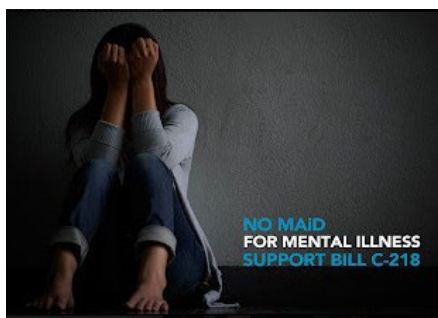
[Click here](#) for the program trailer. [Click here](#) for poster.

[Please register here](#) by January 7, 2026.

*Workbooks provided in Session 1 for the first 25 registrations.*

**The series is free; however, free-will donations are welcomed.**

For more info contact, Nadine Fetherston: [mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca)



**\*REMINDER\* Prevent Euthanasia (MAiD) for Mental Illness in Canada. Guide to supporting Bill C-218**

Alex Schadenberg is the Life Director for the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council. He holds this position alongside his work as the executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

In his blog of November 12, Brother Alex reminded us that: *"In March 2021, the Canadian government expanded the euthanasia law by passing Bill C-7. One of the expansions in the law permitted euthanasia for a mental illness alone. The government approved euthanasia for mental illness alone with a two-year moratorium to provide time to prepare for the change.*

*The government delayed the implementation of euthanasia for mental illness alone twice and in 2024 the government delayed its implementation until March 17, 2027."* We could stop this...this is what you need to know ([CLICK HERE](#)).

**\*REMINDER\* Blue Christmas Prayer Gathering – December 26, 2025**

For most people, Christmas is a time of celebration and joy. For many of our brothers and sisters, however, it is a difficult time of year. They carry a heavy burden: loss of a loved one, separation, divorce, loneliness, depression, anxiety, financial stress, homelessness, unemployment, sick parents or children, addictions, worrying medical diagnoses, eco-anxiety, etc.

We know that the "ideal" holiday season atmosphere does not always match the experience of many people.

And so, here is our invitation: let us gather in prayer with and for those who are suffering, to remind ourselves during this Christmas season that God is good, that He is with us, and that He is powerful in His mercy. It will be a time for Adoration, personal and communal prayer, during which we will proclaim and meditate on the Word of God. We will also have the opportunity to bring and offer our prayer intentions at the altar, like the Magi at the Manger.

When and where: December 26 at 7 PM at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens church, 289 Dussault Avenue, Winnipeg.

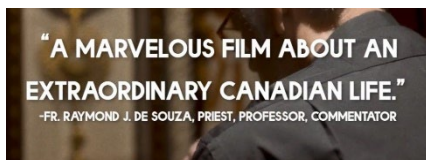
*This liturgical prayer gathering will be bilingual.*





## New Resources

### **\*REMINDER\* Free Online Screening of the New Catholic Film “Permission”**



Catholic filmmaker Kevin Dunn's new docudrama film *Permission: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church* is now streaming for free online at [permissionthefilm.com](http://permissionthefilm.com). Following in the footsteps of Fr. Patrick Peyton and Venerable Fulton Sheen, the late Fr. Robert Bedard, founder of the Companions of the Cross, emerges as a modern-day hero of the Catholic Church and priesthood. Affectionately known to thousands, perhaps millions, around the globe as “Fr. Bob,” his life of holiness and passion has inspired many, and his cause for canonization might soon be opened. The film offers a timely invitation to rediscover and renew the Church's mission and power through openness to the Holy Spirit.

Watch *Permission* online, or host a local screening with family, friends, and ministry or parish groups. Afterwards, take time to reflect and discuss how God might be calling you to give Him permission in your life and ministry.

For more information, please contact [production.dunnmedia@gmail.com](mailto:production.dunnmedia@gmail.com).

## News from the CCCB

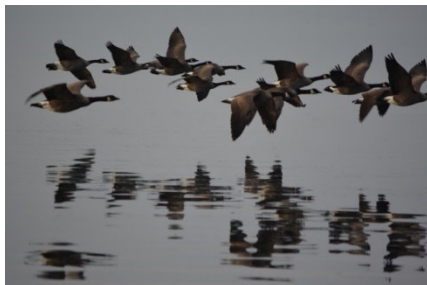
### **\*NEW\* Proposed Restrictions on Religious Freedom – Bill C-9**

*Thursday, December 04 2025*

(Ottawa) — The Liberal government has reached an agreement with the Bloc Québécois concerning an amendment to eliminate the religious exemption clause from Canada's hate speech legislation in Section 319 (3) (b) of the *Criminal Code*. This initiative is intended to garner support for Bill C-9, titled ‘An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime, and access to religious or cultural places).’ The current provision in the *Criminal Code* slated for removal states: “(3) No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2) [...] (b) if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text.”

Bill C-9 has passed the first and second readings and it is now undergoing review by the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, with the latest proposed amendment, referenced above, subject to a vote possibly as early as this afternoon. Given all that could be at stake if the amendment passes, the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, with other government officials in carbon copy.

To read the CCCB letter, [please click here](#)







**\*NEW\* Lighting the Way: Editorial by the Co-Chairs of the CCCB-sponsored Jewish-Catholic Dialogue**

*Thursday, December 04 2025*

(Ottawa) —The co-chairs of the [CCCB-sponsored Jewish-Catholic Dialogue](#) have written an editorial in advance of Christmas and Hanukkah. The co-chairs are the Most Rev. Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal, and Baruch Frydman-Kohl, C.M., Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Tzedec Congregation of Toronto.

The editorial marks Christmas and Hanukkah, in the context of celebrating a decade of Jewish-Catholic national relations in Canada, and to share this “good news” in the midst of the current turmoil around the world.

To read the editorial, [please click here](#)

## Parish Events



**\*REMINDER\* SIMBANG GABI (Novena Masses for Christmas) – December 15 to 23, 2025**

Simbang Gabi (Evening or Dawn Mass) or Misa de Gallo (Rooster Mass) is a 9-day novena Mass, commemorating the 9-month pregnancy of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After every Mass, the community gathers for a fellowship meal. This will be from **December 15-23 at 6:30pm except December 21, Saturday when it will be at 5pm**. We ask the liturgical ministers to sign up for the daily Masses. If you and your family would like to bring food for an evening, please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. Let's celebrate the Church family that God has given us, this Christmas. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 710B Roanoke Street in Winnipeg.



**\*REMINDER\* SIMBANG GABI (Novena Masses for Christmas) – December 15 to 23, 2025**

Join us for Simbang Gabi at Christ Our Saviour Parish in Steinbach from December 15 to 23 at 6 PM except December 20 which will be at 6:30 PM followed by a Christmas Caroling Competition at 8 PM.



## Youth & Young Adult Ministry



### **\*REMINDER\* Advent Youth Retreat – “Would you follow?” – December 13, 2025**

Comme join us Saturday, December 13 from 9 AM – 7 PM.

For ages 14-29 in Manitou, Manitoba, at the Upper Room (Roger and Belita's).

Spiritual Director – Fr. Jean-Marcel Kabongo. Please register by December 7<sup>th</sup> by calling Roger or Belita at 204-242-3107.

[See poster](#) for more details and to register.



### **\*REMINDER\* Winter Camps 2026 are Now Open!**

Going to Saint Malo Catholic Camp is the perfect way for you to experience new activities, grow in character, build lasting friendships, and most importantly, have fun! All of this in a faithfully Catholic setting!

Early Bird Pricing Before December 15th!

For dates, to register and for more information, please [click here](#).

## Stewardship



### **December 14, 2025 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Visit our **French website**: <http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/index.html?lang=fr>  
to read the French bulletin, *Nouvelles hebdomadaires*, for announcements and activities that appear only in French.

Unsubscribe, [click here](#).