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Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) - Mary Lou Senko @ 306-525-6437

ROSARY: Sunday – 9:10 a.m. (livestreaming)

DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. for the faithful. (livestreaming)

Weekday Liturgies - as scheduled

Confessions before every Divine Liturgy & Week Day Liturgies - As per the schedule

MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH is recognized by <u>participating</u> in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in <u>contributing</u> to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

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Phone: 1-416-262-9670

Parish Council Trustee – Arun Abraham Phone: (1-306-891-4302)

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Although masks are not mandatory in our parish, we encourage you to continuing wearing a mask!

TO ALL PARISHIONERS: During our Livestream and Videotaping, the video may capture



the likeness of those parishioners sitting in the pews during our services. This video will be kept for a maximum of 45 days. Other than those who choose to view the livestream as it happens, the video will not be released to third parties.

As our video will stream on Facebook, we will comply with that website's regulations.

If you are uncomfortable being on video, please advise the Greeters when you enter the church and they will place you in a pew where you will not

be captured.

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: https://st-athanasius.ca/ or on Facebook:

https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/live

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL - Post-feast of Ascension

FIRST ANTIPHON: All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness! Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

He brings people under us; nations under our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The Lord mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be ... now and forever ...: Only Begotten Son

POST-FESTIVE THIRD ANTIPHON: Regular 3rd Antiphon but with the following response: Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPAR (Tone 6): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

TROPAR OF THE ASCENSION (Tone 4): You ascended in glory, O Christ our God; You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through this blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 8): The preaching of the apostles and the decisions of the Fathers have established the true faith of the Church which she wears as the garment of truth fashioned from the theology on high. She justly governs and glorifies the great mystery of worship.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

VERSE: For you are just in all you have done.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20: 16-18, 28-36)

In those days Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to lose time in Asia, for he was eager to get to Jerusalem by the feast of Pentecost if at all possible. Paul sent word from Miletus to Ephesus, summoning the presbyters of that church. When they came to him, he delivered this address: "Keep watch over yourselves, and over the whole flock the Holy Spirit has given you to guard. Shepherd the church of God, which he has acquired at the price of his own blood. I know that when I am gone, savage wolves will come among you who will not spare the flock. From your own number, men will present themselves distorting the truth and leading astray any who follow them. Be on guard, therefore. Do not forget that for three years, night and day, I never ceased warning you individually even to the point of tears. I commend you now to the Lord, and to that gracious word of his which can enlarge you, and give you a share among all who are consecrated to him. Never did I set my heart on anyone's silver of gold or envy the way he dressed. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have served both my needs and those of my companions. I have always pointed out to you that is by such hard work that you must help the weak. You need to recall the words of the Lord Jesus himself, who said: 'There is more happiness in giving than receiving.' "

ALLELUIA VERSES: The Lord, God of gods, speaks, he summons the earth from east to west.

Assemble my faithful before me who sealed my covenant by sacrifice.

GOSPEL: John 17:1 - 13

At that time Jesus looked up to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come! Give glory to your Son that your Son may give glory to you, inasmuch as you have given him authority over all mankind, that he may bestow eternal life on those you gave him. Eternal life is this, to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Do you now, Father, give me glory at your side, a glory I had with you before the world began. I have made your name known to those you gave me out of the world. These men you gave me were yours; they have kept your word. Now they realize that all that you gave me comes from you. I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me. They have known that in truth I came from you, they have believed it was you who sent me. For these I pray -- not for the world but for these you have given me, for they are really yours. Just as all that belongs to me is yours, so all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but these are in the world as I come to you. O Father most holy, protect them with your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. As long as I was with them, I guarded them with your name which you gave me. I kept careful watch, and not one of them was lost, none but him who was destined to be lost -- in fulfillment of Scripture. Now, however, I come to you; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may share my joy completely."

INSTEAD OF 'It is truly right...': O my soul, extol the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into heaven. O Mother of God, who in a manner beyond understanding and beyond words gave birth in time to Him whom time cannot contain, we the faithful magnify you with one accord.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia!

INSTEAD OF 'We have seen the true light...'and 'May our mouths be filled...': Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be your glory.

NOW THAT COVID restrictions have been lifted and we start to see a return to some normalcy, we are looking for volunteers to be tabulators, (to open and count the envelopes after Sunday Liturgy). There is still time to enjoy a coffee afterwards. All interested *ladies* and *gentlemen* are asked to provide their names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers to Rosanne Miller who will then prepare a schedule. Please contact Rosanne via email at gtmiller@myaccess.ca or by phone at 306-543-5773. No experience necessary as training is available!

COFFEE SCHEDULE: Coffee and socializing after Sunday Divine Liturgy has resumed.



Please, if you can sign up for a Sunday to serve coffee, juice and cookies this would be very much appreciated. Coffee schedule sign up sheets are located in the front foyer desk and on the kitchen table. If no one signs up for serving this would be an indicator no one is interested in having coffee after Sunday Divine Liturgy and will be discontinued. Also, the parish is looking for someone to be in charge

of purchasing supplies for this weekly event. If you have questions, Carl and Linda Korchynski would be able to answer them. Please, help out when you can.

May/June Greeters		May/June Tabulators
May 29	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich	Art Wytrykush & Linda Korchynski
June 5	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell	John Dmyterko & Walter Brigidear
June 12	Carl & Linda Korchynski	Len Markewich & Karen Woitas
June 19	Kevin Korchinski & Maggie Stephen	Carl Korchynski & Rosanne Miller
June 26	Terry & Rosanne Miller	Art Wytrykush & John Dmyterko

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE May 30 – June 5 2022

Monday, May 30 - Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatin Monastery (406-25) Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-15:7

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for health of Merv Dusyk, requested by Ted Dusyk

Tuesday, May 31 - The Holy Apostle Hermas; the Holy Martyr Hermes (138-61) Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13

No service scheduled

Wednesday, June 1 - The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him (Second century) Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for health of Cynthia Misko, requested by Tony & Joanna Mazyn 6:00 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ

Thursday, **June 2 -** Our Holy Father Nicephorus the Confessor (829) <u>Acts 25:13-19</u>; <u>John</u> 16:23-33

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for health of Tony & Joanna Mazyn, requested by Cynthia and Ron Misko

Friday, June 3 - Leave-Taking of the Ascension. <u>Acts 27:1-44</u>; <u>John 17:18-26</u>

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of +Andrew Sereda, requested by Cathy Jabusch - *livestreaming*

Saturday, **June 4 -** Saturday Before Pentecost – All Souls Saturday. <u>Acts 28:1-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 21:15-25; John 5:24-30</u>

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the deceased – Sorokousty - *livestreaming* 1:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy – Sorokousty in Moose Jaw

Sunday, June 5 - Descent of the Holy Spirit. Holy and Glorious Pentecost. <u>Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12</u>

9:10 a.m. Rosary - livestreaming

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for faithful - livestreaming

11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

5:00 p.m. Bishop Bryan Bayda's farewell - Moleben at St.Basil followed by Supper at St.Basil's Hall



Today is UCWLC LEAGUE DAY. A basket is set out for donations. Thank you very much.

St A's UCWLC

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

JUNE FOOD BANK ITEM - Soup



SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Walter and Elizabeth Zack and family, on the death of her sister, Agnes Klisinger, who passed away on Sunday, May 15th. Funeral service was held on Thursday, May 19th, in Moose Jaw Sask.

Вічная Пам'ятъ – Vichnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory!



SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Ted and Ella Dusyk and family, on the death of her brother, John Pawliw, who passed away on Thursday, May 19th, in Peterborough, Ontario. Burial will be held at a later date.

Вічная Пам'ятъ – Vichnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory!



SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Shirley Hordichuk and family, on the death of her sister, Anne Hordichuk, who passed away on Thursday, May 19th. Funeral service was held on Thursday, May 25th at St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Kamsack Sk. Вічная Пам'ять – Vichnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory!

Parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Liturgy on a regular basis can now receive Communion in their homes. If you know of someone who is sick or home bound and requires a visit from Fr. Vasyl or one of the Ministers of Communion please contact Fr. Vasyl Tymishak @ 306- 519-9030 or the parish office @ 306-543-8008.

NOTICE: Although though there are no restrictions on numbers who can attend church services, some people are not comfortable in group settings, therefore we continue our livestreaming of services. Our parish expenses continue and it would be very much appreciated if you could continue to support the parish. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to stathandeposit@sasktel.net. PLEASE COMPLETE THE MESSAGE FIELD and DO NOT USE ALIAS NAMES WHEN SENDING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION.

May 22 Donations: 26 Sunday donation envelopes - \$1100;1 Building Fund envelope - \$20; 1 Visitor envelope - \$50; 4 Popes Pastoral envelopes - \$60; 1 Aid To Ukraine - \$40; Ribbons & Decals - \$20; Loose Change - \$50. E-Transfers - 3 regular donations - \$90; 1 CCCB - \$25; 1 Popes Pastoral - \$25; 1 Aid To Ukraine - \$25.

HELP TO UKRAINIANS ARRIVING IN REGINA: Fr. Vasyl and the parish office have received calls, emails, and inquiries regarding what help is needed, and how can I help? People are willing to donate/provide housing, food, household goods, toiletries, etc. A database has been created at our parish where the information of the donors and donations are being stored. When a person or family arrives in Regina, we can search the data base for what is needed, and make arrangements to contact the person/people who are willing to provide what is required, and make arrangements to pick the items up. If you wish to be included in this data base, please contact the parish office either by email (stathanasius@sasktel.net) or phone (306-543-8008) and leave your name, and contact information (email, telephone).

The Marian Centre is very grateful for all the support it has received towards its bagged lunch program during these past two years. Many of you generously provided the home baking, and other items, for these lunches. On June 6th our needs will change somewhat, as we are intending to re-open our dining room, and resume serving hot meals. We will exercise appropriate cautionary protocols, as we realize the pandemic is not yet behind us. Although our need for it has lessened (we are no longer looking for 1300 muffins each week!) we will still welcome home baking. We are also very grateful for your prayers as well, as we begin this re-opening.



ST. A'S APPEAL FOR AID TO UKRAINE

As we witness the horrors occurring throughout Ukraine many are asking, how they can help.

St. Athanasius has created the Aid for Ukraine Appeal which will continue throughout May. Anyone who wishes to donate can do so in person, using the Aid for Ukraine envelopes available at

the church, or online using "Aid for Ukraine Appeal" and your envelope number in the message box. All donations will be included on your 2022 Income Tax receipt. Also, you may e-transfer, to stathandeposit@sasktel.net. Please note, if you are non-parishioner making a donation, please to complete the message field stating donation to Aid to Ukraine, your complete name and address so we can mail a receipt to you at the end of the year.

As the needs of millions of refugees continues to evolve, Father Vasyl has asked that we adapt our donations to help those refugees arriving in Regina or forwarded for those in need in Ukraine and we will be working with local and provincial organizations to have those valuable dollars have the maximum impact.

Thank You and God Bless, St. Athanasius Parish Council

Pro-Life Personal Prayer Intentions to Pentecost 2022 May 29 – Fathers of Nicaea



We pray that public servants, medical personnel, and all people in positions of leadership and authority may have a deeper understanding of the dignity of every human person and reverence each life as created and loved by God.

Grad Sunday:



The UCWLC is planning to acknowledge our parish's Grade 12 graduates following liturgy on Sunday, June 12. If you are a parent of a Grade 12 graduate this year, please contact Claudette Stefankiw (306.545.3232), so that further planning may proceed. Thank you!

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
SAT. JUNE 11TH 2022
St. Athanasius Parish Center
55 McMurchy Ave.
10AM – 2:00pm (DOORS OPEN AT 9AM)



\$40 per TEAM (2 Person)

35 % CASH PRIZE of ENTRY FEES COLLECTED FOR WINNING TEAM
10 % CASH PRIZE of ENTRY FEES COLLECTED FOR 2nd PLACE TEAM
5 % CASH PRIZE of ENTRY FEES COLLECTED FOR 3rd PLACE TEAM
\$100 FOR PLAYER HAVING A 29 HAND

THERE WILL BE A 50/50 DRAW FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

REGISTER BY JUNE 6TH - SPACE LIMITED TO FIRST 24 TEAMS -

Mail Team Names, contact # and cheque (payable to St. A's UCBC) to:

UCBC, RR 2 Site 202 Box 19 Regina Sk. S4P 2Z2 For e-transfer payments contact: basilkuzyk@gmail.com
For More Information & to Register Contact:

Basil Kuzyk 306-570-6618

Singles – please contact for spaces

A fundraiser project of At. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

Easter CD: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!"



All proceeds going to displaced Ukrainians in Saskatchewan Ententainment · Mankets · Raffles ·

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PERFORMANCES BY:

Tavria Ukrainian Folk Dance Ensemble and School Chaban Ukrainian Dance Assoc. Inc Zabutnyy Dance Company Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Regina Balaton Hungarian Dancers Ridna Shkola Sadochuk Preschool Ukrainian Choirs





PICK UP PEROGY DINNER FRIDAY JUNE 24 In support of assisting displaced Ukrainians from Ukraine coming to Regina



\$20.00 per plate includes: Perogies, Cabbage rolls, Shishliki, Salad & Dessert



All dinners by preorder ONLY

Dinner Pick up from 4-6pm Friday, June 24th 1305 – 12th Ave Descent of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Orthodox Church

To order call or text Wayne: (306) 537-5656
E-transfer:w.hydeman@sasktel.net for pre-order & pickup

Sponsored by:

Descent of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Orthodox Church Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association & Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada

Bishop Bryan's Farewell Supper in Regina Sunday, June 5, 2022

5pm Moleben at St. Basil Church (1757 Toronto St)

6pm Supper at St. Basil Parish Center (1717 Toronto St.)

Tickets:

\$30 Adults \$10 Youth (6-12)

Free Children (5 and under)

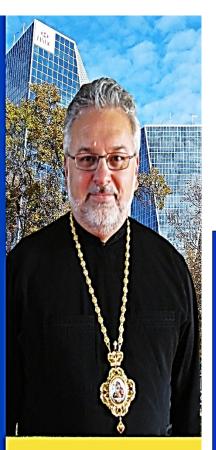
*<u>Deadline</u> is May 29th, 2022 Advance Purchase Only Limited tickets.

Purchase tickets from:

<u>St Basil Parish</u> – Lori-Lou Dungen 306–590–7925 1747 Toronto St, Regina *eTransfers to: <u>treasurer@stbmd.ca</u>

St. Athanasius – Church Office 306-543-8008
55 McMurchy Ave, Regina
*eTransfers to: stathandepositesasktel.net

*When sending eTransfers, please call first! Please note it is for "Bishop Bryan's Farewell", and the quantity and type of tickets you are purchasing. Arrangements can be made for ticket pickup.





SAVE THE DATES

Bishop Bryan's Farewell Events 30 May 2022

-Saskatoon-

5:30pm Moleben – St. George Cathedral Followed by supper at St. George Senior's Centre

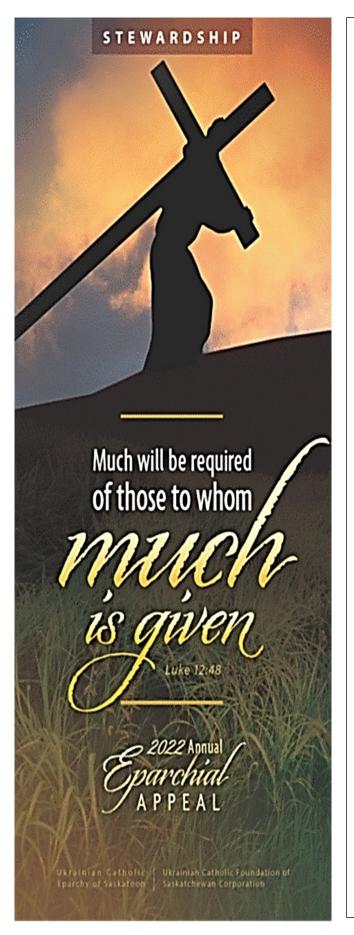
Tickets available from Chancery Office. 214 Ave. M. South, 306-653-0138 x. 221,222, 229

4 June 2022

-St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake-

3:00pm Moleben followed by supper. Tickets available from Pat Thompson: 306-782-

BohdanPopwych 306-272-4481 or Doreen Rathgeber 306-621-1522



"For much will be required of those to whom much is given" (Luke 12:48)

The 2022 Annual Eparchial Appeal is slowly coming to an end. We extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who have already chosen to donate to the Appeal. Your contribution will be making a significant difference and serves as a powerful witness of our God's love and mercy.

Regrettably, the amount of funds raised for this year's Appeal (to date) is only about 1/3 of the amount raised in 2021. We acknowledge and recognize that there are circumstances this year that have put a considerable strain on the financial resources for our Parish Families - high inflation, fuel, and food prices in another sphere, of course, significant amount of funds directed by our Parish Families to the Ukraine war relief effort. However, we are not asking for a life-changing donation amount from each Parish Family. A small donation by a lot of people is the same as one large donation by one or two people. So, we very humbly and respectfully ask you to **PLEASE** reconsider and see if you can find a few dollars to donate to the 2022 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

Please be assured that your generous support of the Annual Eparchial Appeal creates a legacy for our collective future and will bear untold fruit as we work together to grow God's kingdom here on earth. The future of our Ukrainian Catholic Church and the growth of our Church and faith depends on our ability to minister to the people of our Eparchy. Your generosity and support of the Eparchial Ministries will contribute significantly to a positive future and growth of our Eparchy, and for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Did you know that there is more than one way to give to the Annual Eparchial Appeal? You can:

- ✓ Make a one-time gift.
- ✓ Make a pledge and spread out your pledge over 12 (or less) monthly payments.
- ✓ Have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift
- ✓ Online donations using the QR code which links directly to the UCFSask website.



If you have any questions or comments regarding the Eparchial Appeal or the Foundation itself, please contact the **Foundation Office at 306-653-0138, ext 223.**



Welcome to the *Laudato Si'* video series on the papal encyclical about the environment. Although our ecological challenges are usually considered in the contexts of economics, politics, and science, Pope Francis understands that the language of faith can make a considerable and essential contribution to the discussion.

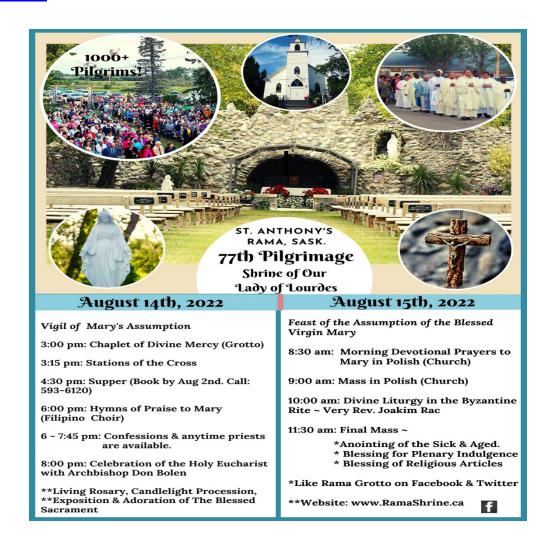
Papal encyclicals traditionally follow a three-part outline: first, a reflection on contemporary society, then an analysis of the deeper challenges, and finally, an exhortation to change attitudes and ethics, so that humanity can collectively ascend to a higher level of being. *Laudato Si'* likewise follows this methodology of Catholic social teaching: see, judge, and act. In the first chapter of *Laudato*

Si', the "See" stage of the encyclical, Pope Francis offers a realistic and scientific explanation of what is happening to the planet and how that matters particularly to the poor.

To view the introduction to the series please go to the Eparchial YouTube page here: https://youtu.be/eEdDALWg--w

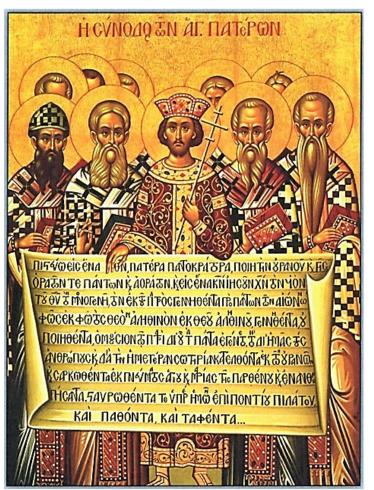
To view Part One please go here: https://youtu.be/1C-Qe5dHcjI

To view the full Playlist go here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk1Hh7jwlTmFrGkNiMtN-2rRMki4MC sG



SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Christians are to the World what the Soul is to the Body



In a word, what the soul is to the body, Christians are to the world. The soul is dispersed through all the members of the body, and Christians throughout the cities of the world. The soul dwells in the body but is not of the body. Likewise, Christians dwell in the world but are not of the world. The soul, which is invisible, is confined in the body, which is visible. In the same way, Christians are recognized as being in the world, and yet their religion remains invisible. The flesh hates the soul and wages war against it, even though it has suffered no wrong, because it is hindered from indulging in its pleasures. Similarly, the world also hates the Christians, even though it has suffered no wrong, because they set themselves against its pleasures. The soul loves the flesh that hates it and its members. and Christians love those who hate them. The soul is enclosed in the body, but it holds the body together. And though Christians are detained in the world as if in a prison, they in fact hold the world together. The soul, which is immortal, lives in a mortal dwelling. In a similar way,

Christians live as strangers amid perishable things, while waiting for the imperishable in heaven. The soul, when poorly treated with respect to food and drink, becomes all the better. And so Christians when punished daily increase more and more. Such is the important position to which God has appointed them, and it is not right for them to decline it.

Letter to Diognetus











CATHOLIC

BISHOPS OF SASKATCHEWAN

May 13, 2022

"Visit to Canada by Pope Francis - July 2022"

Dear Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Catholic Dioceses and Eparchy in Saskatchewan, Citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan:

We the Catholic bishops of Saskatchewan, join with you and others across our country who are welcoming the news that Pope Francis will visit this land on a pilgrimage of healing, hope and reconciliation July 24 to 29, 2022, following up on the visit by the Indigenous delegation in late March and the apology he made to Indigenous Peoples April 1 in Rome.

This announcement follows the invitation of the representatives of the recent Indigenous delegation to the Vatican, and that of the Bishops of Canada. It also follows upon the related Call to Action calling for the Pope to visit Canada "to issue an apology to Survivors, their families, and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools."

The visit from Pope Francis to this land – the Treaty territories and the homeland of the Métis peoples - is an important step for many in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation, and we trust and pray that his pastoral presence here will bring support and healing. The visit will provide an opportunity for Pope Francis to further listen to and dialogue with Indigenous Peoples, to express his heartfelt closeness, to address the impact of residential schools in Canada, and to encourage us to continue to walk together in a good way that allow steps towards healing and closure.

Given the distances involved, the limited time available and the health of Pope Francis, the Vatican has announced that the visit will be to three communities: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit. We acknowledge and share in the disappointment that Saskatchewan is not included in the destinations that Pope Francis will visit. Many Indigenous leaders and Survivors have worked long and hard to encourage a visit to our province, and we are grateful for your efforts, which we have sought to support. But we also understand the many invitations he received, the discussions with Indigenous representatives during the Vatican visit which took place, and the limitations imposed by Pope Francis's health. We are determined, in the present circumstances, to work closely with Indigenous communities, with Survivors, Elders, Knowledge Keepers and leadership, to take

the steps which would allow Pope Francis's visit to bring as much healing as possible to the First Nations and Métis Peoples of our province.

Discernment is now under way in terms of how to invite and support the greatest possible participation from Indigenous Peoples of our region. Our prayer is that with the proximity to Edmonton, many may be able to be present at the encounter there; and that with the help of technology, through prayer and acts of solidarity, residential school survivors, their families and communities, and all of our society will experience healing and hope through this papal visit.

Specific programming and events will be confirmed approximately six weeks prior to the Holy Father's arrival. Visit www.visitepapaple.ca for more information and to stay updated on the latest developments.

Please join us in praying for all those who attended residential schools and all who continue to suffer because of the legacy of the schools, as well as for all those who are working for truth, understanding, and healing. We also pray for the health of Pope Francis as he makes this pilgrimage to this land.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

- ++Most Rev. Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina
- ++Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Apostolic Administrator Eparchy of Saskatoon
- ++Most Rev. Murray Chatlain, Archbishop of Keewatin- Le Pas
- +Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon
- +Most Rev. Stephen Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert