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Youth Ministry E-Newsletter



It was an occasion to celebrate! Last Friday, May 27th, our 24 Confirmation candidates finally made it to the Rite of Confirmation. His Grace, the Archbishop of Winnipeg, James Weisgerber celebrated the Eucharist, with Fr Dominic and Fr James concelebrating. Deacon Sebastian was the Master of Ceremonies and Seminarian Chris Dubois and Deacon John were also present.

Families, relatives and friends joined our dear COncfirmands on this happy day. During the reception, they were handed their certificates of Confirmation as well as award prizes for the top 5 winners of the Slogan-Making Contest. First prize awardee is Alexandra Phillips, followed by second prize winner Stephanie Kehler, Third Prize goes to Kaitlyn Payette with Marco Dallari bagging Fourth Place and Rica Roselle Esguerra getting the Fifth Place.

We continue to pray for our Confirmands as they embark on their spiritual journey.



Slogan Contest Winners with award presentors (R to L):

Mrs Betty Howell, School Principal and Mrs Geraldine Kennedy (President, Brandon Area League for Life)

Sister Therma (background), Alexandra Phillips, Stephanie Kehler, Kaitlyn Payette, Marco Dallari and Rica Roselle Esguerra



Upcoming Events for Youth Ministry

What to expect in the fall? High School Students have a lot of fun ins tore for them soon: Weekly Youth Nights, A drama guild, teen band, Into the Deep...

Come out and register! Pamphlets are available in the parish office, church entrances and our parish website.



Seder Supper 2011

Families looked forward to the Seder Supper last April 10th. The supper was meant to introduce involved parishioners from the different parish organizations and committees to new and not-so-involved-yet families thereby helping them feel welcomed and gaining their trust. Involved parishioners read the various parts of the ritual.



Our parish priest Fr Dominic led us during the ritual. Coincidentally, it was also his birth anniversary that day. A special cake donated by Kuipers Bakery was a surprise for him and the other April celebrants present for the occasion.

Many thanks to our steering committee: Dr Beverley Hicks, Maria Carlson and Yvonne Day with Dr Geof Kindle, our photographer for the day and along with the parent teams: Melinda & Robert Parisien, John Paul & Corinne Tonta and Dan & Naty Delbridge. Thanks goes also to our various table stewards and kitchen helpers of the day.

Many thanks to Fr Dominic, Deacon John and Carol Mackenzie and Fr James for their unfailing support.





YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2011

Once again, our youth and young adults have led us in prayer during Good Friday's Stations of the Cross. Directed by Chris Pugh with narration by Minette & Roselle Esguerra and Harlie Parisien.

Cast of characters: Still Jesus – Matthew Bohrn Jesus who Acts – Adrienne Pasaporte Soldiers: Scott King and Tzevi Egan Mary: Tara Vancauwenberghe Veronica – Stephanie Kehler Pontius Pilate – Stefan McGonigle Simon of Cyrene – Eric Bolech Barrabas – Joey Joseph of Arimathea – Brian Kehler Weeping Women – Nora Kopp, Bea Nabong and Rohan Parisien Lighting Director: Daelan Parisien Choir: Brenda Sapitula, Elish SIntor and Amy Orbacedo Instrumentalists: Matt Delvo – piano (Brandon) Preston Rocan – Flute (Souris)

The same group also went to Saint AMry's Church in Souris to perform the Stations of the Cross there. Parishioners gave them a warm welcome as they participated in the parish Seder and potluck.



Special Feature

Reminiscing Sister Therma's Perpetual Profession Saint Augustine of Canterbury, May 1st 2010

Perpetual Vows of Sister Maria Therma

by Rev Father Dominic Yuen, Parish Priest
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On May 1, Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, parishioners and friends filled St. Augustine of Canterbury Church in Brandon to witness the solemn profession of perpetual vows of Sister Maria Therma. Presider at the Eucharist was the pastor of St. Augustine's, Father Dominic Yuen. The St. Augustine's Community Choir under the direction of Janelle Wilts & organist Sr. Joan Miller, RNDM led the parish in sacred song which reflected the joyous occasion. Sister Therma chose 1 Cor 13 and the gospel of Mt 10:37-42 as Scripture passages for the occasion. Fr. Dominic reflected on the Gospel which tells of the cross and how the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, far from being restrictive, liberate the religious. He said that Paul's ode to love in 1 Cor 13 is an indispensable ingredient for those living in community life.

Fourteen sponsors stood in solidarity with Sr Therma and promised to support and encourage her in her religious life. Representing the Missionary Apostles of Christ in the Eucharist (MACE) and receiving Sr. Therma's vows was Superior General Sister Angelita who resides in Sydney, Australia. The MACE Sisters are involved in the catechetical & youth programs at Saint Augustine's. In September, Sr. Therma will assume the role as Director of Religious Education at Saint Augustine's School where she will be responsible for the catechism program.

Innumerable parishioners remarked at how beautiful the occasion was. With the dearth in religious vocations in several orders & congregations over the past forty years there are few opportunities to witness a woman religious making her final vows.

Sister Maria Therma is found in the photo between pastor, Father Dominic and Superior General, Sister Angelita. (Photo inset)

