

## *Mother*

*When was young, you helped me grow,  
And taught me all I had to know*

*Of love and trust and faith and hope,  
And everything it takes to cope.*

*You may have thought I didn't hear,  
or maybe that you weren't quite clear;*

*But all the things you taught to me  
Were heeded very carefully,*

*And now I want to thank you for  
Your love, your care, and so much more!*

*Happy Mother's Day!*



### **Catholic Organization for Life and Family National Week for Life and the Family May 8—15**

Every year the Church in Canada sets aside one week as a special time for prayer and reflection on life and the family. During this year of Mercy, it is particularly appropriate that we turn our attention to the privileged role of the family as the first and most important school of mercy – the place where parents sustained by God's grace, are meant to become icons of Divine Mercy.

As followers of Christ, each of us—whatever our vocation—is called to imitate Him in His self-giving merciful love. Yet we can only give away that which we have received. It is God's will that the family be the place where we first encounter unconditional love. Nevertheless, no family is perfect! Only by cultivating an intimate relationship with Christ in prayer and the sacraments, can our weaknesses be healed and our shortcomings overcome, so that we can become the loving and merciful spouses, parents and friends that the Lord calls us to be and on which the future wellbeing of humanity depends. Pope Francis invites us, "Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth . . ."

Recent developments in our country relative to the issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide reveal the degree to which we are suffering from a "failure to love" and the very real urgency of our calling. Sadly, many of our contemporaries appear to believe that some lives are simply not worth living. It is difficult to imagine any person who feels loved and wanted drawing such a conclusion or choosing to end life prematurely. As long as we live we can both give and receive love. Let us recall the words of Blessed Mother Teresa, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family."

Many ask: "What kind of a world are we bequeathing our children?" Let us rather ask: "What kind of children are we bequeathing to our world?" Reflecting on the state of our society, it is time for each of us to ask ourselves, "Have I loved well enough?" If I have failed to love as Christ bids me perhaps it is only because I have failed to draw from the transforming and merciful love that flows freely from His heart.

During this year's **Week for Life and the Family** let us turn to the Lord with confidence and ask him to make our homes and families schools of His merciful love. Let us not forget that with the Lord's help, all things are possible!

## Regina Catholic Schools

### Moving in Faith

Sunday, May 15

Family Fun Events: 12:30 p.m.

Walk/Jog/Run: 2:00 p.m.

Canada Games Athletic Complex

3025 McDonald Street

Regina

This is a relaxed family event featuring family friendly Dino Bouncers, face painting, balloon animals and a walk/jog/wheelchair together to end the day. Please register for a fun Sunday afternoon by going online to [www.rcsd.ca/movinginfaith](http://www.rcsd.ca/movinginfaith), or filling out the form in the brochures found at the back of the church. Your support for this and many other events with Regina Catholic Schools is what sets us apart and makes the faith journey special for our students, and for that, we thank you.

### The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation and Evangelization Program:

**"Go, make disciples!"**

Christ invites all of us to be active, intentional, disciples. Our program mission is to help men and women encounter the joy of the Gospel in a way that fuels missionary zeal in the parish and the wider community. Our evangelizing missionaries come from all walks of life and have included moms and dads, grandmothers and grandfathers, teachers, medical technicians, and truck drivers. Empowered by an intimate, living relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, and informed by solid catechesis and faith formation, our alumni are sent forth to love and to serve wherever Christ has need *"In Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth" (Acts 1:8)!*

**We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake.** For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.325.1651 ext 211 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

*"Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization..." - Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium*

### World Youth Day

Inviting all young people in Grades 7 to 12 from the Archdiocese of Regina to a fun-filled day to celebrate World Youth Day with activities and prayer. Sunday, July 31, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Holy Child Parish, 2636 – 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Regina.

## Regina Catholic Schools

### Kindergarten Program

Is your child celebrating his/her 5th birthday this year? If so, they are eligible to enter Kindergarten at any of our elementary schools. Please find brochures on the tables at the back of the church that will help you register your child.



### Variety Night 2016

#### "It Takes Two: A Celebration of Dynamic Duos"

May 27, 28, 29 & 30

Resurrection Parish

This annual fundraiser is put on each year by the Archdiocese of Regina Youth and Young Adult Leadership teams and is a dynamic and entertaining night of deserts, music, drama, dance and comedy. This year's proceeds go towards the World Youth Day pilgrims. Tickets are \$25 and can be bought at the Resurrection Parish office, the diocesan offices or by calling 306-540-6321.

### Euthanasia Information Seminar

Sunday, May 15, 2:00 p.m. -

Christ the King Parish Resource Center

DVD presentation, **"Euthanasia: Why Not?"** by Dr. Larry Rados, a Winnipeg medical doctor. The DVD deals with the many health care and social issues regarding legal suicide and assisted death. After the DVD presentation, Dr. Brett Salkeld, Archdiocesan Theologian, will facilitate a discussion on the question, **"How do Christians live in an era of suicide?"** Please mark your calendar now.

### Archdiocesan Resource Centre

Did you know **EVERYONE** is welcome to borrow books **and** DVDs **free-of-charge** from the Archdiocesan Resource Centre? We have an excellent collection of great books and family DVD's. Here's just a couple new titles to give you an idea of our wide range of books: ***Fifteen Steps out of Darkness: The Way of the Cross for People on the Journey of Mental Illness*** and ***A Catholic Parent's Tool Box: Raising Healthy Families in the 21st Century***. Drop by 445



Broad Street North to take a look or browse online by clicking on 'Resource Center' at [www.archregina.sk.ca](http://www.archregina.sk.ca).

Life has no remote so get up and change it yourself.