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# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment*

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 7, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): NO MASS  
Tues. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Lyle Mroczko

Wed. (10<sup>th</sup>): **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
*(Universal day of fast & abstinence)*

9:30 am- +Matilda Copan  
11:00 am- *Service @ SHHS*  
1:00 pm- +Mary Kerunsky  
3:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*  
7:00 pm- +Helen Flavel

Thurs. (11<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Bernard Wozniak  
Fri. (12<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress  
7:00 pm- *Stations of the Cross*

Sat. (13<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Maria Cattelaens

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6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Mary Diakuw

### *First Sunday of Lent*

Sun. (14<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Bruce Wonchulanko  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

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### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright  
Hospital: Liz Vossen  
Nursing Home: Claudette Tessier & Angela Ostapovich  
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**  
Eva Schlechter

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- Come Join Us at the Table  
Session #3  
7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group  
(lower level)

Mon. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Tues. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting

Wed. (10<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass  
7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting

Thurs. (11<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- RCIA  
7:00 pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg

Fri. (12<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sat. (13<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass  
Sun. (14<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Baptism Session #1

### **Ash Wednesday Mass/Service Schedule February 10, 2015**



9:30 am - Mass - St. Mary & St. Paul  
Schools @ St. Gerard  
11:00 am - Service @ SHHS  
1:00 pm - Mass - St. Michael, St.  
Alphonsus Schools  
@ St. Gerard  
7:00 pm- Mass @ St. Gerard

**All parishioners may attend the Mass/Service of their choice. The morning and afternoon ministries will be led by CTIC Schools.**



## YEAR OF MERCY

### INDULGENCES – GENERAL CONDITIONS

The following general remarks on Indulgences summarizes the usual conditions given in the Church's law:

1. This is how an indulgence is defined in the **Code of Canon Law (can. 922)** and in the **Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471)**: An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." An indulgence is partial or plenary accordingly as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

2. In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed conditions (below, nos. 3,4), and the performance of certain prescribed works.....

3. To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the **state of grace** at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.

4. A **plenary indulgence** can be gained only **once per day**. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:

- have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have sacramentally confessed their sins;
- receive the Holy Eucharist
- pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

5. It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.

6. For the sake of those legitimately impeded, confessors can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin).

7. Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News February 8 - February 12, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Staff Appreciation Week •SCC Meeting @ 7pm		•Staff Appreciation Week		•Friendship Week •Staff Appreciation Week
Tues.			•Gr. 4 Swimming lessons		•Telemiracle Hot Dog Lunch •Outdoor Winterfest	•Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch
Wed.		•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 1pm	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 1pm	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am	•Care Home Visit K-5
Thurs.						
Fri.				•Stations of the Cross Gospel Assembly		

**"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."**  
~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

Please register your child for Baptism by contacting the Parish Office at 306-782-2449. The next baptism classes are scheduled to commence **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

## ~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

The parish-based sacrament preparation program for Confirmation & First Eucharist

### THIRD SESSION

TONIGHT @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall



## St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



**NEW SINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!** You are invited to drop in to the Tuesday (7pm), Wednesday (7:30 pm), or Saturday (6:15pm) rehearsals!

Are you available to sing during the day??? Singers are always welcome to join the **St. Gerard Funeral Choir Ministry**. Call the Parish Office for details.



## ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

which will be held each Tuesday during Lent following the 12:05 pm Mass.

## What are your plans for Lent??

*The "Little Black Book" Lent Reflections have arrived!*

**Live Lent** by reading God's word more carefully and by praying more ardently.

Pick up your copy today from the table in the Welcome Area!!! Limited quantities available!

Also available are limited quantities of

*"The Word Among Us"*

Complete Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations for the entire Season of Lent!



## News from the CWL



### I'd rather BEE quilting....



**Fortrel needed!** If anyone has any fortrel, we will gladly take it off your hands! Please bring your fortrel and leave it downstairs by the CWL Room. Thank you, your help is appreciated!

### Upcoming CWL Events!

Mon., Feb. 29 - CWL executive meeting @ 7pm  
Wed., March 2 - Mass at 6:30 pm; installation of executive; meeting



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 9 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
Feb. 10 - General Meeting  
First Degree Meeting (tentative)  
Feb. 12 - Knights lead Stations of the Cross  
Feb. 13 - Bingo PM  
Feb. 14 - Parish Brunch

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306-730-7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Subsequent to the death of the late Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan, the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Regina, as required by Canon 421 §1, on January 15, 2016, elected Very Reverend Lorne Dale Crozon, then Vicar General, as **Diocesan Administrator of Regina**.

Please keep Very Rev. Lorne Crozon in your prayers as he leads the Diocese in this period of transition.

## Jesuit Volunteers Canada Now Accepting Applications for the 2016/2017 Program

Jesuit Volunteers Canada (JVC) is a year or two of service, where young adults live out the values of Christian spirituality, social and eco justice, community, and simple living. Current placement opportunities include working in First Nations communities, youth programming, community development and outreach, education, food justice, and working with those who experience urban poverty. Jesuit Volunteers Canada is currently accepting applications for September 2016 with possible communities and work placements in northern Ontario, Toronto and Regina. For more information visit [www.jesuitvolunteers.ca](http://www.jesuitvolunteers.ca) or call 519-820-8204. JVC is part of a 50-year movement dedicated to inspiring young adults!

# Good News!

February 7, 2016

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 / Lk 5:1-11

In her later years, my mother lived on a lake in Wisconsin, not far from our home. There, our daughters learned to swim and fish. One day, when our younger daughter was about eight, we went to the end of the pier to fish quietly. She had learned to cast her rod after a fashion and was happily doing that when I looked out to where I expected to see the bobber on her line and realized it wasn't there. Just as I started to ask about it, she gave a little yell as her line suddenly took off and she grabbed her rod to hang on. She saw the foot-long bass jump out of the water a little distance away and her eyes widened. With some help, she got the fish to the pier, where my husband netted it. The amazement of a child who had never caught more than small fish was evident, and she proudly helped clean it for the evening meal.

I can only imagine what the apostles, who were seasoned fishermen, felt that day on the Sea of Galilee, the subject of today's Gospel. Likely it was amazement at this stranger who apparently knew more about fishing than they did, but there was also a glimpse of an abundance they didn't know was possible and a sense that Jesus meant life for them. Peter drops to his knees, suddenly aware of his doubts and sins. Jesus simply tells him not to be afraid, shows him what he can do with God's help, and waits for him to follow. Let's approach the life God calls us to with the same amazement and humility.

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## ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH VALENTINE TEA & BAKE SALE

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
2 pm to 4 pm  
(Lower Hall)



## Social Justice Youth at St. Gerard's Parish Group

If you are in Grades 7 - 12 and are interested in joining a group of enthusiastic youth who want to make a change in our world, come join us.

Newcomers are always welcome!

**Next session: Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**



**Do you know that St. Benedict, back in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, required each of his monks to read a spiritual book during Lent?** Why not take the opportunity to do the same this Lent? The Diocesan Resource Centre has hundreds of books on spirituality, prayer, sacraments, the Bible, saints and much, much more, available to everyone **free-of-charge**. Check us out on-line at [www.archregina.sk.ca](http://www.archregina.sk.ca), call Teresa at 306.352.1651 or drop by 445 Broad Street North.

## ST. GERARD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS



**Nominations forms are available on the large table in the Welcome Area, and at the Parish Office. Nomination deadline is at noon Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions about these positions, please contact Father Francis or stop by the Parish Office for a copy of the St. Gerard Constitution & Bylaws.

**The Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.**

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**ST. GERARD PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL**

*St. Gerard's Council seeks to celebrate  
the glory of God the Father  
and promote the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to the precepts of the Church,  
building the Body of Christ  
and reaching out  
in love of the Holy Spirit.*



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**How do I know if I'm a good fit to serve on Parish Council?**

Members of the Council must be members of Christ's faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church and who strive to be examples of Christian commitment. Registered parishioners 16 years of age or older may represent one of the standing committees at Parish Council.

A Parish Council member is described by the following characteristics:

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| <b>DISCERNING</b>     | Can you make decisions that are guided by a firm, faith-filled hand that is open to the Holy Spirit?                     |
| <b>PRAYERFUL</b>      | Can you reflect on the Gospel so that God's ministry is part of your parish life?  |
| <b>REPRESENTATIVE</b> | Can you listen to your fellow parishioners and present ideas that mold the future of the parish?                         |
| <b>ENABLING</b>       | Can you challenge your fellow parishioners to grow spiritually and share their gifts?                                    |
| <b>PASTORAL</b>       | Can you strengthen parish relationships and celebrate the peace of Christ?   |
| <b>COLLABORATIVE</b>  | Can you work well with others? Can you collaborate within and outside of our parish to celebrate St. Gerard's community? |

Are you **RELIABLE? FAIR and IMPARTIAL? THOUGHTFUL and TRUTHFUL?**  
**A GOOD LISTENER? A GOOD SPEAKER? ACCURATE and EFFICIENT?**

Or would you like to hone these skills?

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Are you hesitant to put your name forth because you think you do not have enough knowledge or experience??  
**NO PROBLEM!!! PLEASE CONSIDER COMPLETING A NOMINATION FORM FOR THE  
UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT NOON FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>.** Forms are available in the Welcome Area and at the Parish Office.

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*Nominations are now open for the following positions for the upcoming ELECTION:*

**Pastoral Council Chairperson (3 Years)** – Chairs the council meetings and annual assembly meeting. Is an ex officio member of all committees of council. Prepares agenda for each meeting in consultation with the pastor. Ensures that each elective committee meets regularly and fulfills its mandate according to the Bylaws. Presides over Council following the Constitution of the Pastoral Council of St. Gerard's (2002) and the Archdiocese of Regina Guidelines.

**Vice-chairperson (1 Year)** - Acts as Council Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. Serves as a representative of St. Gerard on the Deanery Pastoral Committee.

**Liturgical (2 Years)** - The Liturgy Committee consists of a minimum of four (4) people with designated responsibilities as in the following sub-committees: Sacristans; Altar Linen; Children's Liturgy; Ministries as Lectors, Welcomers, Communion Ministers, Communion to the Shut-ins, Hospitality and Altar Servers; Scheduling; Banners; Art and Environment; Music; and Office Liaison. Is responsible for working with the Pastor to promote, prepare, and provide for meaningful participation in all liturgical and para-liturgical celebrations. Shall, in conjunction with the Pastor, plan so as all members of the parish community may participate intelligently, prayerfully, and actively in liturgical celebrations.

**Religious Education (3 Years)** - Provides all parish members and inquirers with an opportunity to further their knowledge of the Roman Catholic Faith, and assists parishioners in the development of their spiritual life through educational programs.

**Family and Social (3 Years)** - Promotes Christian Growth amongst our parish families and develops a sense of belonging to this larger family called St. Gerard. Organizes and carries out parish social activities, for example, the social functions associated with the Sacraments and Sacramental preparation. Coordinates coffee/lunch after Sunday Masses and for other occasions.

**Youth (3 Years)** – Fosters and coordinates the activities of the youth of the parish for Grades 7 to 12. Promotes and encourages youth participation in the full life of the parish.

**Public Relations (3 Years)** - The Public Relations Committee consists of a minimum of four (4) people with designated responsibilities as in the following sub-committees: Photography, Scrapbook, Media, History Records, and Newsletters. This committee is to work closely with the Pastor. It is responsible for developing, maintaining and promoting favourable relations with parishioners, other parishes, churches, and the public. It is to keep parishioners informed by means of newsletters and ensure the distribution of them. It is to promote St. Gerard's ideas and ideals through the media. It is to arrange for photos and/or videos to be taken at parish functions. It is to keep and update photo albums and scrapbooks, and keep parish history up to date.

**Stewardship (3 Years)** – Responsible for creating awareness in all parishioners that everything we have comes from God – our life, our talents, our abilities, our intellectual gifts, and our holiness.

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## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Fishers of Men and Women"**

#### **This Week...**

Sins and faults abound! Isaiah, Paul, and Peter - all great people - were also sinners. So are you and so am I. Their sinfulness affected their ability to believe in themselves and to think themselves worthy to serve God's purpose. But actually, because every human is imperfect and flawed, every human is a sinner. We are each equally "unfit to serve." That means we are also equally "fit to serve."

Not to worry! Jesus showed us that we need not be perfect. God can weave great things out of all of us, even though we are sinners.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Try to picture what Simon Peter was like. He was a very proud man, and his reputation as a fisherman was probably very important to him. It was a sad day after spending the night fishing and having nothing to show for it. But at least his reputation was somewhat protected if no one else had caught any fish either! Then along comes Jesus, and he has Simon Peter lower the same nets from the same boat, in the same place. The result? Fish jumping all over the place! Imagine how Simon felt! Obviously, this Jesus is a miracle worker. Simon was taken aback that such a holy man would come to him - a sinner, and probably not that great a fisherman, if the truth be told. All Simon could say was, "Leave me, go away. I am a sinful man." The scene is almost comical. The great fisherman can't catch a thing all night, but this carpenter has him lower the nets once and he immediately hauls in a giant load of fish. But Jesus sticks with him: "So what if you can't catch fish? You'll be catching men and women instead."

Have you ever been embarrassed by your sudden inability to do what you have always been able to do?

Did you ever "freeze up" or "choke" during an athletic event, a musical performance, or a speech? What happened? How did you recover? What did your friends say? Who supported you?

We don't hear about Simon Peter's individual sins, but we know he must have been a sinner because nobody is perfect. Everyone has faults.

What kinds of things do you think Simon Peter did that were sinful? What could have been some of his faults?

What are some of your faults? How do you deal with them?

What areas in your life have you improved upon?

Do you have a close friend - so close that each of you can give each other the negative feedback that each of you needs without feeling slighted? What is that like?



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

**Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.** If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission.



**Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation** can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith please contact Fr. Francis Hengen, or if you would like more information contact the RCIA Co-ordinator, Mary Bybliw, through the parish office at 306-782-2449 or email [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

*And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.*



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## LOST SOMETHING?

**Mitts, toques, etc.** – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

**Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc.** – contact the Parish Office.

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## OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in our city on a daily basis.

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## **The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission**

**St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission** – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://www.sttherese.ca)

### **Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.**

If you are experiencing post abortion distress symptoms such as; depression, flashbacks, nightmares, anger, denial, suicidal urges, eating or sleeping disorders, drug or alcohol abuse, inability to bond with your live children, spiritual divorce from God, or avoiding relationships, you can receive help and healing by attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend. For more information please check out our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net), or call 1-306-480-8911.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY** offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, [diplomainministry@stfx.ca](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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