



KALYNA UKRAINIAN DANCE SCHOOL

# VALENTINE SUPPER & ZABAVA (DANCE)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>

ST. MARY'S CULTURAL CENTRE

Music by: Sloohai "Listen"



COCKTAILS 4:00 PM \* SUPPER 5:00 PM \* DANCE TO FOLLOW \*SILENT AUCTIONS\*

ADMISSION: Adults- \$30.00 \* Students- \$20.00 \* 10 & Under- \$10.00 \* Dance only -\$10.00

FOR TICKETS call Renai Hodgson 306-621-9638

All Sales Final - No Refunds

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT JAN 27	5:00 pm English	Delores Oucharek	Saturday Evening Group	John Ostrowercha Vicky Ostrowercha	
SUN JAN 28 <i>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Ivan Bachynskyy	Colette Karapita	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	
	11:00 am English	Sandra German	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Myron Kulasa Richard Zulyniak	Iris Skehar
SAT FEB 3	5:00 pm English	Peter Kobylka	Saturday Evening Group	Doug Falconer Steven Hrynkiw	
SUN FEB 4 <i>Sunday of Meat-Fare</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Harry Kardynal	Ed Pindus	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	
	11:00 am English	Toni Gromnisky	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Jerry Gromnisky Ed Lischynski	Iris Skehar

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION JANUARY 21, 2018</b>	Received in 175 Regular Envelopes .....	\$ 3,592.00
	Loose Collection .....	\$ 130.00
	Received in 50 Other Envelopes .....	\$ 929.00

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## ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Церква Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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PARISH BULLETIN

JANUARY 28, 2018

Христос Раждається!  
Славте Його!

Christ is Born!  
Glorify Him!



"My son is found"

The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm

*Welcome - Вітаємо*

to everyone who is with us today, especially all visitors.

We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

### Pastoral Care of the Ukrainian Redemptorists

Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSsR - Pastor

Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday

9:15 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Office 306-783-4594

Info Line 306-782-0654

SICK CALLS - Anytime

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES\* by Appointment

\*Please contact the pastor at least six  
months before the wedding date.

### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

Saturday	5:00 pm	English
Sunday	9:00 am	Ukrainian
	11:00 am	English

#### HOLY DAYS

9:00 am

#### WEEKDAYS

8:00 am	Monday - Friday
9:00 am	Saturday

**Beloved Parishioners and Guests,  
Christ is born! Let us praise Him!**



**FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK**

I almost dread reading the daily paper each morning and daily discover ever more fear and anxiety in the world - the horrible tensions of war, the heart-rending conflicts in the middle East, be it in Palestine, Iraq or Syria, or in Ukraine, the heart-ache of broken homes and families, the painful loss of a loved one and anxious fear of unknown terrorist attacks.

Truly we live in a stress-filled and disturbing world that actually longs for peace and reconciliation, for a world where sisters and brothers of whatever colour, or creed, or nationality could live together in **loving harmony**. This is not only our desire, but the desire of **Jesus** who came into this world to show us how to live together as one large global family - that we help and serve one another, that we heal each other's hurts and misunderstandings, that we express our love to one another by, first of all, praying for one another and secondly, forgiving each other.

This invitation of Jesus to live the Christ-like life is for each and every one of us - that you and I, wherever we are, be "**instruments of peace**" and "**channels of love**." We must do this in our personal lives, in our homes, in our schools and in our places of work. If today you strive to establish more peace and love with every person you meet is there then not peace in the whole world. Our little individual efforts of forgiveness and love can also diminish the tension and conflict - yes, in Ukraine, in the Middle East, yes, even in Venezuela, in Columbia, in Pakistan, etc.

How often in the course of our daily and Sunday Liturgies we pray over and over again for peace, for forgiveness, for our leaders, for our governments, for those who serve and protect us, for the poor, the sick, the suffering, the lonely and the abandoned, for the removal of injustice and persecution in the world. Yes, we pray for these intentions in church, but they can only become real and life-giving, if you strive to "**live our prayer**" in our daily actions and in our personal lives.

We are on the threshold of **Great Lent - a holy 40 day** spiritual preparation for the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ - the very foundation of our faith in God. In these times of stress and fear, we are strongly encouraged to make this holy season a personal time of spiritual growth and prayer. We have so many special prayerful lenten services to assist us on our "**peace-searching**" journey of life!

Please - as a parishioner, as a citizen of the world, make an earthly difference! Come as a family, come as an individual - *we implore you!*

**'NO GOD, NO PEACE; KNOW GOD, KNOW PEACE!'**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 5	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
February 5	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
February 11	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	9:45 am
February 11	Bible Study DVD Series ( <i>Church Basement</i> )	10:00 am
February 12	<b>First Day of Great Lent</b>	
February 12	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	7:30 pm
February 13	Holy Rosary Hour	12:00 Noon
February 14	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo	7:00 pm
February 15	Knights of Columbus Bingo	1:00 pm
February 19	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
February 20	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
February 22	Golden Agers Birthdays & Anniversaries	1:00 pm
February 25	Bible Study DVD Series ( <i>Church Basement</i> )	10:00 am
March 2	<b>Final day to submit reports for Annual Report Book</b>	
March 4	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	9:45 am
March 7	Knights of Columbus Bingo	1:00 pm
March 7	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo	7:00 pm
March 11	Knights of Columbus Brunch	10:15 am & 12:15 pm
March 18	Annual General Meeting	

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

Serena Saskatchewan, a natural family planning service, invites you to a **Medieval Feast fundraiser** on **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** in Saskatoon. Gala includes catered banquet, silent auction, 50/50 draw, entertainment by Collegium Cantorum, wine toss, pay a dime to be first in line (bring pocket change to increase your odds of eating first). Optional dress code: Medieval (awards for best dressed). For more info or to reserve free tickets, visit <https://www.picatic.com/event15126793066570> or email [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) by February 1st. Each attendee you invite to the gala gives you a chance to win \$100 in Silent Auction Bucks so the more people you invite, the more chances you have to win! If you are unable to attend, we are still accepting silent auction items or sponsorship donations.



**COVENANT OF CARE ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT PROTOCOL**

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) **Geraldine Koban** at **306-782-0270** or **Deb Larmour**, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)653-0138 ext. 228 or email: [covenantofcare@skeparchy.org](mailto:covenantofcare@skeparchy.org)

More information is available on the Eparchial Website, [www.skeparchy.org](http://www.skeparchy.org)



# CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

for the week of Jan 29 - Feb 2

	SACRED HEART	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. MARY'S	ST. MICHAEL'S	ST. PAUL'S	ST. THEODORE'S
MON						
TUES		Gr. 4 Swimming 1:00 - 2:00 pm			Family Literacy Night 6:30 pm	
WED	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>					
THURS		Gr. 4 Swimming 1:00 - 2:00 pm			Basketball at Yorkdale	
FRI						

## SUPPORT SCSBA'S SCHOOLS YOU CAN BELIEVE IN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Help ensure Catholic education is available to all who choose it, no matter the reason, for future generations. Donate to support the legal appeal of the Theodore court-case ruling and keep resources in our classrooms. A permanent reversal through the appeals process (which will likely go to the Supreme Court of Canada) is needed to maintain funding for all who choose Catholic faith-based education. Donate through to January 31, 2018! Province Wide: Either drop off a cheque at your local division office, local school or go online at [www.catholicedsprit.ca](http://www.catholicedsprit.ca).



### ATTENTION:

## UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

Your 2018 memberships are now due.

Please forward to Larry German, Peter Moroz or Victor Puchala. Thank you.



## YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

### Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

**\*\*Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly\*\***

CALDER	Sunday, January 28	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, February 25	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
MELVILLE	Sunday, February 4	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, February 18	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

JANUARY 28, 2018

The theme of Sunday is always Resurrection.  
We invite you to refrain from kneeling during the Divine Liturgy.



Today's special liturgical parts & readings are found in the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.  
Next Week's Readings: Epistle - 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SUN	9:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy	
	9:45 .....	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	
	10:00 am.....	Bible Study DVD Series ( <i>Church Basement</i> )	
	10:15 am & 12:15 pm.....	Knights of Columbus Brunch	
	11:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy	
TUE	<b>Feast of the Three Holy Bishops - Gregory, Basil &amp; John</b>		
THU	10:30 am.....	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	
FRI	<b>Feast of Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple</b>		
	9:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy	
	SAT	9:00 am.....	Divine Liturgy
		1:00 pm.....	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo
		5:00 pm.....	Divine Liturgy
	7:00 pm.....	Knights of Columbus Bingo	

**WEDDING PLANS ??-** If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, **please contact Fr. Bohdan (306-783-4594) at least six months before the wedding date.**

**DEADLINE** for submissions to the bulletin is Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.



**EMAIL BULLETIN** - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: [cssrmonastery@sasktel.net](mailto:cssrmonastery@sasktel.net)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUNDAY BRUNCH



**TODAY - Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Cultural Centre**  
Following the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Divine Liturgies

\*ADULTS \$10.00 \* CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$6.00 \*  
FAMILY \$30.00 \* CHILDREN (5 & UNDER) FREE \*

The Knights Would Appreciate your Support! Everyone Welcome !

## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20 ~ Luke 15:11-32**


**MON Jan 29** **Transfer of the relics of Ignatius** **1 John 2:18-3:10 ~ Mark 11:1-11**

8:00 am +Fred Zwirsky.....C.T.T.C.S.D. Administration Group

8:00 am +Norman Yasinsky.....Henry & Lorraine Dozorec

8:00 am +Sophie Byblow.....Grace Chorney & family

**TUES Jan 30** **Holy Bishops Gregory, Basil & John** **Hebrews 13:7-16 ~ Matthew 5:14-19**

8:00 am  Health & God's Blessings for Lorne Stechyshyn.....St. Mary's Ukrainian Choir

8:00 am  Health for Ron Popowich.....Knights of Columbus

**WED Jan 31** **Cyrus & John** **1 John 3:21-4:6 ~ Mark 14:43-15:1**

8:00 am +Michael Chopty.....Cousins Vivian, Albert, Melvin, Arthur & Janice

8:00 am +Casper Malinsky.....June Malinsky

**THU Feb 1** **Martyr Tryphon** **1 John 4:20-5:21 ~ Mark 15:1-15**

8:00 am +Nick Chaikowsky.....Olivia Chaikowsky

8:00 am +Judith Fedorowich.....Jan Fedorowich

8:00 am +John & Katie Uhryn.....Fran Uhryn

**FRI Feb 2** **Hebrews 7:7-17 ~ Luke 2:22-40**



**9:00 am Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple**

**SAT Feb 3** **All Souls Saturday** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 ~ John 5:24-30**

9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty

5:00 pm Health for Joyce Martynuik.....Eparchial UCWLC

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS** - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission

\*\*In accordance with the New **Eparchial Stipend Schedule** (effective November 1, 2017), the recommended **stipend (offering)** for a Divine Liturgy Intention is now **\$20.00**.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

### BISHOP ANDREW ROBORECKI FOUNDATION

was established in 1982 to accept donations from the Faithful for educational support of Seminarians or Priests who will serve our Eparchy. Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, has designated the month of **January** in which to make your donations. Please use your own church envelope and indicate "**Donation for Roborecki Foundation**" and deposit with your Sunday Collection. Make your cheques payable to your Parish, who will then forward all donations to the Foundation. Your donation will be receipted in your Parish records along with all your regular church donations.

Thank you for your continued support & prayers. **ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ!**

## Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



*In Memory of Paul & Mary Mysko*

Walter & Mary Mysko \$ 50.00

*In Memory of Alex & Anna Kluchka*

Walter & Mary Misko \$ 50.00

**Balance of the Fund to date: \$ 324,157.50 Thank you very much**

Donations may be given anytime.

All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church.

Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH DONATIONS

*In Memory of Mike Lackmanec*

Julie, Christine & Fr. Peter Lackmanec \$ 120.00

Lorne & Elsie Stechyshyn \$ 20.00

Larry & Sandra German \$ 20.00

*In Memory of Paul & Mary Mysko*

Walter & Mary Mysko \$ 150.00

*In Memory of Alex & Anna Kluchka*

Walter & Mary Mysko \$ 150.00

Thank you very much

### CHURCH DONATIONS

To ensure that your donation is properly recorded and acknowledged, please mark your envelope and the memo line on your cheque "***In memory of...***" or "***On the occasion of...***"

### SOROKOUSTY

If you wish to have your deceased family members remembered during Sorokousty on the All Souls Saturdays, please use your yellow Sorokousty envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Sorokousty is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy on "All Souls Saturday". ***This year, the dates are: February 3 & 24, March 3 & 10 and May 19.***

### USHERS & EPISTLE READERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to **usher** at Divine Liturgy on Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 11:00 am. We are also seeking volunteers to **read the Epistle** at the 11:00 am Divine Liturgy. Please call Andy Mathuik at 306-783-3835 for more information or to volunteer.

## SILENT WITNESS

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 1:00 - 2:00 PM

on the corner of Broadway Street East and Dracup Avenue (by Tim Horton's) in response to the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on January 28, 1988 to legalize abortion for any reason. *For more information please call 306-783-6240*



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
BISHOP BUDKA EPARCHIAL STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY INC. (BBESSI)**

**When:** Saturday, February 3, 2018

**Time:** *Registration* - 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm *Annual General Meeting* – 2:00 pm

**Where:** St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church Auditorium, 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon

**Who:** All members of a Ukrainian Catholic parish or mission within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon who are 18 years of age or older are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

**Purpose:** This meeting is being called for the purposes of:

- Approving the Financial Statement Reviewer's Report and the Annual Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.
- Appointing a Reviewer of our financial records for the next fiscal period
- Approving Bylaws or Amendment to the Bylaws – none to consider for this Annual Meeting.
- Reporting of activities and motions of the Directors to the membership
- Electing Directors
- For transacting such other business as may properly come before an Annual General Meeting.

**Access to Documents:** The Financial Statements will be posted on the BBESSI website [www.bbessi.org](http://www.bbessi.org). You may also pick up copies at the Chancery Office at 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon Saskatchewan.

**BISHOP BUDKA EPARCHIAL STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY INC. (BBESSI)**

*Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors of Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc.*

BBESSI is searching for people who are interested in serving on our Board of Directors. To qualify, a person must be 18 years of age or older, a resident of Canada and a member in good standing with a Ukrainian Catholic Parish or Mission within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon. If you are interested or want more information, please call one of the members of our Nominating Committee: Father Ivan Nahachewsky (Prince Albert Deanery) – 306-961-1390; Andrij Lazurko (Regina Deanery – (306) 789-8054; Ernest Boyko (Saskatoon Deanery) – (306) 260-6273; Ernest Uhryn (Yorkton Deanery) – (306) 782-2545

**Executive Director**

**BISHOP BUDKA EPARCHIAL STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY INC. (BBESSI)**

The Board of Directors of the Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. invites applications for an Executive Director.

We are seeking a highly motivated and ethical professional who will lead our organization in generating funds to achieve stewardship and fundraising goals of the Eparchy of Saskatoon.

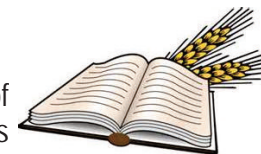
Please visit our website at [www.bbessi.org](http://www.bbessi.org) to view the detailed job profile and more information about how to apply for this position.

*Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. is an organization under the auspices of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon whose primary objective is to develop, organize and implement fundraising initiatives and programs for the purposes of enhancing Eparchial programs.*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**

"*All God's creation is very good!*" (Genesis 1:31). The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. This year, the people of Suriname, South America, want to raise awareness about climate change and caring for the environment. As a prelude to the World Day of Prayer there will be *two bible studies* focusing on our role as Christians in the world of God. *Wednesday, February 7 and February 21* at 7:00 pm, St. Andrew's United Church Upper Hall. Please use the street level entrance on Smith Street. There is an elevator for those who have difficulty with stairs. You are encouraged to bring your bible with you. *All are welcome.*



**Eparchy of Saskatoon Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

We bid a fond farewell to our past Youth and Young Adult Minister, *Sarah (Buchko) Sawchuk*. Sarah served as our Youth and Young Adult Minister from 2015-2017. We wish to welcome *Viktoriia Marko* as our new Youth and Young Adult Minister for our Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon



**ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP, MADGE LAKE,  
WINTER CAMP AGES 10- 15 CO-ED,  
FEBRUARY 19-24, 2018**



*Tobogganing, Downhill skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Skating and Ice Fishing all in one week! Find some friends and register today!!*

Please go to <http://www.stmichaelscamp.com/camps/register> print the form and email it to: [register@stmichaelscamp.com](mailto:register@stmichaelscamp.com) or mail to: St. Michael's Camp Box 128 Kamsack, SK S0A 1S0. Look forward to seeing you there! *Do not let finances be an obstacle! Assistance is available... Please contact Tracie at 306-533-8229 if you are looking for assistance.*



**CANA CONTINUES! FAMILY RETREAT VACATION  
AUGUST 13-18, 2018**

A unique getaway for parents and their children. Held at St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake. Let go of distractions. Come play, pray & adventure in God's great outdoors!

Registrations now open - contact Deb Larmour at the Family & Life Office 306-653-0138 Ext 228; Cell – 306-717-2756 or email – [ucfamilylifeoffice@sasktel.net](mailto:ucfamilylifeoffice@sasktel.net).

Details at <http://skeparchy.org/flo/ministries/our-cana-camp/>

Together, we encounter Christ over and over through sharing stories, play, tears, dishes, campfires and nature.

*The Eparchy of Saskatoon welcomes all young Catholic families to Cana!*

## ARCHBISHOP TERRENCE PRENDERGAST - ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA

- Darren Brown

We are blessed to have the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It establishes the following freedoms: "(a) freedom of conscience and religion; (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; (c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and (d) freedom of association."

The Charter then identifies our rights, including: *"Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability."*

Recently, Christian charities and the media have criticized the prime minister and the federal government for undermining these freedoms and rights through new criteria to qualify for youth employment funding.

The federal government offers public funds to groups that hire youths for the summer and for service projects. These jobs provide valuable services to the community through many small organizations, charities and different church denominations, including several parishes in the Ottawa region.

These programs also help students gain valuable work experience and pay for their education.

To be eligible for summer student funding, an employer must attest *"both the job and the organization's core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights ..."*

This situation has provoked an uproar. On Monday, the National Post reported that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau responded, *"An organization that has as its stated goal to remove rights from Canadians, to remove the right that women have fought for to determine what happens to their own bodies, is in line with where the Charter (of Rights) is or where the government of Canada is."*

This is a disingenuous statement. There are no charter reproductive rights or reproductive freedoms despite the prime minister's claims. Any Canadian can verify this by reading the Charter of Rights and Freedoms online. Nonetheless, Employment and Social Development Canada can now deny organizations summer job funding if they fail to endorse a non-existent right.

The Canadian Catholic community is particularly dismayed. This attestation excludes any Catholic parish or charity from funding for hiring a summer student. cannot affirm that we support a (*non-existent*) right to abortion, which is what the euphemism *"reproductive rights"* means.

Further upsetting for many is the prime minister's confused personal comments regarding the logically impossible coexistence of his identity as a Roman Catholic and his support of abortion. The National Post states, *"He's a Catholic who has long had to reconcile his religious beliefs with his responsibilities as a political leader, and he said the latter demands that he defend people's rights."*

Even if Trudeau were not a Catholic Christian, the fact remains that he cannot invent, promote or defend a non-existent right.

Do Canadians have freedom of conscience and religion, freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, or not?

With this new qualification to access \$215 million in tax funds to finance 70,000 student summer jobs, the federal government is denying these freedoms on a false pretext. It is coercing a controversial attestation from pliant employers and is punishing employers who cannot, in good conscience, agree. The freshly launched \$105 million (*over three years*) Canada Service Corps has the same eligibility criteria with the same coercive effect.

**Apparently, Canadians have the freedom to hold only the beliefs and opinions approved by the current government. Who is defending our charter rights and freedoms in this situation?**

## BISHOP VELYCHKOVSKY PILGRIMAGE TO UKRAINE A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOLLOWING A MARTYR'S LIFE JULY 8-29, 2018



The Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine is conducting its 5<sup>th</sup> Velychkovsky Pilgrimage to Ukraine July 8<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For 22 days we will be visiting places where Blessed Martyr Vasyl lived, worked and suffered. Some of the places will include: Lviv, Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kovel, Kamianetz Podilsk, Kyiv, the Carpathian Mountains, Zarvanytsia, Pochaiv, etc.

On this pilgrimage, we will have prayer services and hear stories of Blessed Vasyl's life as well as sight-seeing throughout Ukraine. Cost of the trip is \$4500 CDN which includes: flights from Winnipeg to Lviv/Kyiv to Winnipeg, travelling in air-conditioned bus throughout Ukraine, accommodations, meals and attractions. Travel and medical insurance is not included.



For more information contact by e-mail: [bvshrine@mymts.net](mailto:bvshrine@mymts.net) or phone 204-338-7321. Book as soon as possible as space is limited to 17 pilgrims. **Deadline for reservations is March 1, 2018.**

The tour is conducted by  
Fr. John Sianchuk, CSsR & Mary Jane Kalenchuk.