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February 24th, 2010

Dear Priests, Parish Administrators, Religious working in Native Ministry, Teachers and Youth Ministry Leaders:

Bishop Albert Thevenot is inviting all the "youth" of the Diocese (ages 14 - 21) and our Diocesan WYD Pilgrims going to Spain in 2011 to come together on the occasion of the Diocesan celebration of World Youth Day, Palm Saturday, **March 27th, 2010.**

This year we would like to keep with the same theme as what the Holy Father has stated for 2010, **"Good Teacher, What Must I do to Inherit Eternal Life?" (Mk 10:17).** Although World Youth Day is more commonly known for its pilgrimage internationally every 3 years (or so), it is actually celebrated annually on feast of Palm Sunday around the globe. Bishop Albert has asked that we restore this practice annually in our diocese and invite youth to fill the Cathedral with their hearts and voices to take part in this unique ritual meal and mass.

There is a limit of 6 total per parish. This will be open to all priests, parish youth leaders, up to 4 youth per parish and WYD pilgrims to attend the evening Seder Meal, Mass, Dinner and Prayer evening with the Bishop. This will mostly take place in the Cathedral hall downstairs where seating at tables is very limited. If you have more interested in attending please contact the office and place names on a waiting list, should space become available.

Date:	Saturday, March 27th, 2010	
Location:	<u>Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert</u>	
Schedule:	5:00pm	Procession of Palms
	5:15pm	Seder Ritual and Meal
	7:00pm	Eucharist
	7:30pm	Praying with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
	8:00pm	Mystagogy and sharing
	9:00pm	Departure

The Bishop would like to see all the parishes represented at the celebration. Each parish, mission and Catholic school is asked send delegates. The cost is \$10.00 per person. **Although this event is mostly covered by the Office of Youth Ministry, we ask that a \$10 per person fee be paid by the parish to assist us in a commitment.**

Because of catering requirements, pre-registrations for supper are necessary. Payment for parish registrations **must** accompany registration forms.

The registration forms are DUE Sunday, March 21st, 2009.

Sincerely,



Warren Dungen
Director of the Office of Youth Ministry

REGISTRATION FORM

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION – SAT. MARCH 27TH, 2010

5:00pm – 9:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall

Cost: \$10.00 per person

**The following YOUTH representatives and Adult Leaders will attend:
(Please fill in names and check which category).**

City/Town: _____

Name of parish, mission or school: _____

	Age	Payment Enclosed	Youth or Adult Leader
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Adult Leaders (Pastor / Youth Leader / driver/chaperone):

1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

Youth (ages 14-21):

3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____

** Additional space may be available depending on each parish registration total. Please check with the office to see if there is extra space if you have more youth interested.**

Please make cheques payable to: "RC Diocese of Prince Albert"

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Please return this form by fax, mail or in person **by Sunday March 21st, 2010.**

Forms may be faxed in, but money must arrive with form prior to the event
For any inquiries, please phone Warren at the Pastoral Centre - 922-4747

What is a SEDER Meal?

It is strongly recommended that you meet as a group prior to attending our Seder meal so the youth know what it is place it in context.

- **What was the custom or tradition associated with the Jewish Passover meal?**
- **How did Jesus keep with the tradition as he celebrated the Last Supper?**
- **How did he dramatically change it?**
- **What was the reaction he received?**
- **Why do we celebrate this ritual in Holy Week, before Easter?**

Here are a few thoughts specifically about a Seder Meal:

Seder is the traditional **Passover Week Dinner** celebrated by the Hebrews since the Exodus. It is the Hebrew Thanksgiving, giving thanks to God for deliverance and redemption.

Seder is also called the **Passover Dinner**, commemorating the protection of God as the Angel of Death passed over every family protected by the Blood of the Paschal Lamb.

Seder is that famous Dinner called **The Last Supper**, hosted by Jesus for His disciples. It is probable, based on The Gospels, to assume that Jesus celebrated every **Seder** of His life in Jerusalem. **Seder**, as the setting for Jesus' **Last Supper**, was the event Jesus choose to announce The New Covenant. And it was at this **Seder** that Jesus asked all of us to *do this in remembrance of Him*. Many of us have done part of the **Seder** at our various Communion Services, but the entire ceremony will bring us a profound sense of meaning.

Seder is the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** mentioned twice in Luke's Acts of the Apostles (12:3 and 20:6). The days of **Unleavened Bread** were mentioned in connection with Peter in Jerusalem and Paul in Greece, and both citations are followed by great miracles. I think that it is safe to say that both Peter and Paul celebrated **Seder** and encouraged others, both Jews and Gentiles, to do this also.

Seder was the basis of the early Church's **Lord's Day** worship service. It was referred to as the **Agape Feast** and **Eucharist**. **Agape** is the Greek word for Christian Love, that Love we have for one another. **Eucharist** is a transliteration of the Greek word which means to give thanks to God, implying that Thanksgiving is an obligation for the works of God. Our early Church experienced miracles and miraculous movements of the Holy Spirit. Our Christian ancestors were united in One Love, One Christ, and One Mind as they grew from obscurity to a universal Church. Church history records that **The Agape Feast** and **The Eucharist** were separated after 300 AD. After this was done, there were many attempts to outlaw **The Agape Feast** altogether. Five Church Councils between AD 320 and AD 816 that addressed this issue were never completely successful in eliminating the **Agape**. It continues to this day in the Greek Church as well as in some Protestant denominations.

The **Seder** dinner is as Christian as it is Jewish. It is the focal point where we bring together our common heritage. We, as Christians, are heirs of Abraham through Faith and children of God through Christ.