

Grace Notes from the System Chaplain 🎵 🎵

Dear Friends:

It's hard for me to believe that it is already November; however, I am thankful that the only sign of winter with which I've had to deal is scraping the frost off my windshield on a couple of mornings.

Our new Theological Theme is well-established and I am excited at the way it has been welcomed and supported by so many people. If you haven't yet had the chance, you may enjoy going onto StaffNet (Board Services > Focus on Faith (click on the underlined title) > Theological Theme to find the link to the YouTube recording of St Benedict's **School of Rock** singing the theme song. You'll also find the music there if you want to get your students singing along.

Much to my pleasure, I have received a translation/interpretation of the Theme prayer in Anishnaabemowin and this should soon be available on a prayer card.

The chaplains are preparing reflections each month which you can also find on StaffNet in the site referenced above and we plan to have other activities available on this site as the Theme unfolds.

With Advent almost upon us, you may be giving thought to activities for the season of waiting in hope. An idea which is used at one of the churches I was in recently is the "Reverse Advent Calendar". Instead of having an item with doors to open from which one retrieves chocolate or toys or tea..., they suggest having a box into which one puts something for each day of Advent. It might be fun to build a large Advent 'calendar out of different sizes of cardboard boxes in which to deposit the offerings.

Pastoral Animators have been sent a "Fling Wide the Doors" religious Advent calendar with its accompanying prayer book. This could be used on a prayer table in the foyer or library. Note that it begins on St Andrew's Day (November 30th) or the First Sunday in Advent, whichever comes first, and is meant to be reused.

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