

Into the Deep

Redemptorist Youth and Vocation Ministry

A Ministry of the Redemptorists of the Edmonton-Toronto Province



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Casting Out 'Into the Deep'!

We bet you must be wondering, 'What happened to the newsletter?'! Well, you see, RYVM has taken on a new look for both this Newsletter, and for Online!

The RYVM Newsletter, "Into the Deep" incorporates the two branches of RYVM: Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Vocation Ministry. Therefore the Newsletter is a bit bigger than what you have seen before, but it represents the bigger picture of our programs and ministries! We hope that you enjoy it.

Our Theme: 'INTO THE DEEP', has been selected as the theme for our outreach through the newsletter, Website, and our Vocation Come and See Retreats.

As Christians, we are all invited to follow the example of Jesus and cast out 'Into the Deep'. Where do we find the deep? We find it in the joy that surrounds us, the opportunities to be of service, to find Christ where we least think of finding Him, and as well, in the depths of our own heart. At times, it can be a daunting task, yet we know that with Christ, all things are possible. Whether we are married, single, a teacher, doctor, or discerning to be a priest, sister, or Redemptorist, we are all invited to cast out 'Into the Deep', and follow the Lord's invitation in our life.

Ministry. You will see articles found in this newsletter, plus a whole host of other news items, program offerings and information and interactive reflections!

The following list is a sample of what you will see online at www.ryvm.ca!

- Events and Programs
- What is RYVM?
- Parish Youth Ministry
- S.E.R.V.E.
- Online Virtual Discernment Retreat!!!!
- Liguori Circle
- Dear Alpha!
- Online Survey about Redemption
- Latest News related to Redemptorists and RYVM!
- Registration Information for Come and See Retreats across Canada
- Service Immersion Programs
- Discernment Opportunities and Information for the Redemptorists
- PLUS MORE!!!!

www.ryvm.ca

Also, we're on FACEBOOK!

Search for us:

Redemptorists Youth/Young Adult and Vocation Ministry Canada

Join the Group!

Where are you being invited to cast YOUR net?

We invite you to check out our new website for information about RYVM: Both Youth, Young Adult Ministry and Vocation

Redemptorist European Youth Congress – Limerick 2007

Pazzo per amore! Crazy in love! It is amazing just how crazy God is, crazy in love with each one of us. So crazy in fact, that he became a vulnerable, helpless, completely dependent human baby. So crazy, that Jesus gave up his own life on a cross, just so that we would live eternally.



Gathering at St. Alphonsus Church after our Pilgrim Walk into Limerick

How lucky we are to be loved so intensely, so easily, and unconditionally, by God.

This theme “Crazy in love” at the European Redemptorist Youth Congress in Limerick, Ireland (L’07) was the focus of each day. The four days of Catechesis themes, Crib, Cross, Mary, and the Eucharist, kept this focus and incorporated St. Alphonsus’ teachings of love.



The completed banner created and personalized by each participant.



God loves us so much that he became human, complete with the feelings of pain and hurt that we sometimes feel. He gave his life for us on the cross out of love, so that we have eternal life. Mary agreed to be the mother of Jesus out of love for God. She raised Jesus to the best of her ability, loving him, and guiding him into the man he became to fulfill his mission in our world. The Eucharist was given to us out of love from Jesus, so that each time we consume, we remember his love, the root of our Catholic faith. Eucharist is more than receiving the body and blood of Jesus at Mass each week. Eucharist is our mission to show love to every person we encounter, every day. Eucharist is our mission. Love is our mission. Just as God is so crazy in love with us, we must give of ourselves to others in that same passionate way.

Over 600 young adults and Redemptorists from across Europe, North America and South Africa were united in

Learning some fancy Irish footwork!



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Attending great workshops!

these messages. The incredible energy that was felt when we sang the theme song, when we were witness to a beautiful liturgy, or when we relaxed in the evenings with each other and a pint was due to the renewed energy we were given from these messages.

I love participating in such events because of this energy. As well it gives me a sense of belonging to a much larger Catholic Community that is made up of many other faith-filled young adults. It also gives me a renewed grounding of my self. It allows me to take time and to prioritize the important things in my life, such as my faith, prayer life, my relationship with Jesus, family and friends, and my work. It also rejuvenates me so that I come home with a deeper sense of peace, of love and of hope. I have been reminded that no matter what happens in my life, joy or struggle I know that God is always with me. I have also been reminded to use the gifts and talents I have been given to continue to strive to do my best for others. The timing couldn't be better. After returning from this congress, I only have a short time before I am back in my classroom teaching. I am strengthened from attending L'07 and will strive to demonstrate God's love for each one of my students; use my gifts to help them find theirs.



Relaxing with a wee pint and new friends at the pub.



Closing Prayer Service

I am thankful to have had the opportunity not only to strengthen my faith, but also to learn about many different cultures and see a part of the world that was new to me. The many young adults and Redemptorists I met over the week were truly amazing men and women. It was refreshing to gain new perspectives on many different topics and to realize that no matter where you live on this planet, we are all connected through faith and Jesus' love for us.



Ann saying goodbye to the Atlantic Ocean!

By: Ann Csinos

Participants from the Edmonton-Toronto Province: Pat Csinos, Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R., Ann Csinos, Dean Schmidt, Fr. Tony Bidgood C.Ss.R., Fr. Tom O'Rourke C.Ss.R., Michael Csinos

Top 10 Reasons why YOU should attend a Redemptorist Come and See Retreat!

10. It's free.
9. It's a weekend away from the hustle and bustle of life.
8. Because my grandmother says I should be a priest or brother, and now I want to find out for myself.
7. Three square meals! (At least on the Saturday!!)
6. Chance to meet other men who are wondering about their future.
5. There are opportunities for prayer, discussion, and reflection.
4. You get to meet the Redemptorists and find out what we are all about.
3. It's a chance to travel to an exotic location like Saskatoon, St. John's, Vancouver, and Toronto!
2. You believe that the Good News of Jesus Christ is indeed 'Good News', and needs to be proclaimed through evangelization, mission, and living community.
1. You are compassionate, and believe that Jesus the Redeemer has something to say to all people.

But don't just take my word for it, 'Come and See' for yourself!

Upcoming Retreat dates are listed in the box to the right. Go to our Website for more information about Discernment and the Retreats itself.

Even participate in a "Virtual Online Discernment Retreat" at your own pace!

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Redemptorist Priests and Brothers

Come and See
if God is calling you to join us in our
Mission of Evangelization

Attend a Come and See Weekend Retreat!



Locations and Dates of upcoming Retreats

Vancouver: January 18-20, 2008

Toronto: February 1-3, 2008

Saskatoon: February 22-24, 2008

St. John's: April 4-6, 2008

Toronto: July 4-6, 2008

See the website for more details.....

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Evangelizare Pauperibus et Pauperibus Evangelizari

49th International Eucharistic Congress — Quebec City, June 2008 Redemptorist Youth and Vocation Ministry Pilgrimage

Come and be a part of the group!



We are fortunate that in 2008, the Eucharistic Congress will be hosted in Quebec City!

The RYVM Team is planning to bring a delegation of 15 young adults (age 18-30) and 3 Redemptorists to the event.

Event Dates: June 15-22, 2008

Hotel Accommodations: Hotel Bonsejourns, Quebec City (2 per room, but bring a sleeping bag / inflatable mattress) (www.bonsejourns.com)

The group will travel by vans from Toronto on June 14th and return to Toronto June 23rd.

Cost: If application for registration is received **before December 21, 2007**, the cost is **\$420.00** per person.

If application for registration is received **after December 21, 2007**, the cost is **\$450.00** per person.

Note about the Cost per person: The cost of the event will include: Hotel, Registration, Lunch during the Congress, Transportation from Toronto, Transportation during the Congress, Group T-Shirt, and Preparation materials.

Other meals like breakfast and dinner are not included in this registration fee, and will be the responsibility of each person to provide for those meals, unless otherwise specified.

Thank you to the Redemptorists of the Edmonton-Toronto Province for their financial contribution to help keep our 'cost per person' low.

Go to www.rvym.ca for further registration details and information, information about the Congress itself, and to download an application.

For more information, contact Pat Csinos or Fr. Santo Arrigo at our office in Toronto (416) 789-3217.

Memories of S.E.R.V.E. Saskatoon '07

When I received the e-mail at work from Pat Csinos asking if I was inclined to write a little something about my experience at SERVE I had a tremendous amount of wonderful memories rush through my head, so many that I cancelled my plans for the night and headed home where I sat and dreamed about being back in Saskatoon. I never would have imagined that a 5 week experience was going to impact my life in such a tremendous way.



That's me being commissioned to "Go out and Be Christ's hands and feet to all" by Fr. Mike Brehl, C.Ss.R., the Provincial Superior.

I first heard of this program only a year ago when Sister Susan Glaab at campus ministry at my University showed me a brochure and told me "just look into it, they are a great order, they are tremendous advocates for social justice, have a great spirituality and are interested in working with young people". At that moment she really did



Visiting the Sculpture Park at the university.

push the right button within me in that this program was offering the type of experience that I was hoping to obtain. You see, similarly to so many young people, I felt at that moment, like I could conquer the world. I wanted to leave my mother's nest and travel somewhere where I could really make a difference. I was looking at many different programs around the continent, for



Ten of us in one canoe for three hours! Talk about working as a team and building community!

yes, I didn't want to stay in Canada – I thought that there were no problems in Canada. I thought that those things only happened outside our border. I had looked at so many organizations around the world, some religious, but the great

majority secular and none of them were offering what I was looking for – to be able to bring my faith and my interests together in order to grow spiritually while assisting others.



Sharing a laugh with a resident at Porteous Lodge

Soon after I contacted Father Santo Arrigo, C.Ss.R., only to find out that applications would not open for some 6 months. I anxiously waited and when the time was right, filled in my application and hoped for



Sharing a laugh with Fr. Bill and Fr. Babu over hot peppers!

the best. After some time I heard back from Pat who just chatted with me and got to know me a bit over the phone. It was a very pleasant conversation, like two strangers meeting at a coffee shop and exchanging

memories. Later would I find that it was an interview that would make or break my entrance into the program. It was all so pleasant. Sitting at home a couple of weeks later, I received a letter

inviting me to participate in SERVE 2007! I was so excited before, and then with receiving the acceptance letter, that excitement seemed to turn into anxiousness. Was I ready to move away with strangers into a completely different life-



Showing off our sandwich offerings for the "Back Door" Program.

style, not knowing what was in store for me and who I would meet, especially who I would live with! Chaos, total chaos.... That lasted for about 2 minutes, for the kind words in the package and the pleasant conversation I had over the phone

reassured me that I was making the right decision.

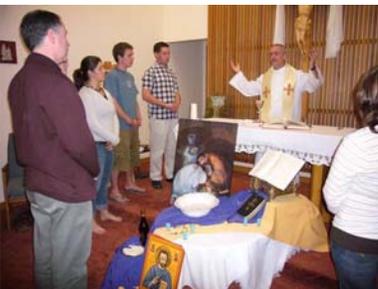
After praying and preparing for the trip I jumped on an airplane and embarked on my little adventure in prairie land Saskatchewan! I still remember being picked up by Myron and Pat, who were our team leaders, and oddly enough it felt like I was just being reunited with friends. At no point did it feel like



Saying farewell to our "Grandpa" Fr. David as he heads off to give a mission in Ontario.

I was meeting strangers but rather friends... that's the holy spirit working for you. When I arrived at the Rectory at St. Mary's I was introduced to 4 other young people, Anja, Ben, Clare and Courtney and after this brief introduction, again I had that feeling as though we were simply being re-introduced. We embarked on a journey that I will never forget. I have to say that I came in contact with people who I never thought I would have if I had not been in a program of this nature.

This program helped me greatly in that it showed me that how blind I had been in that for



Taking part in the many beautiful Masses in the Chapel at the rectory.

the longest time I had wanted to go somewhere else to do service work and I had overlooked the pain and poverty of people in my own country, even in my own community. I learned that charity starts at home and I learned first

hand, through my daily work at my apostolate (at a local social agency), that Christ is present in each and everyone of us, that no matter a person's ability or inability, monetary wealth or poverty, age nor background, we are all equally loved by God and made in his image and likeness.

I will never forget the fun times out and about in our outings, the opportunities to experience

something completely out of the ordinary, the hard work we put into our apostolates, the wonderful people we met and worked along with together with the knowledge and deep spiritual sense in which we immersed ourselves in a daily basis. This all had a great effect on me and on my new-found friends.

I will not go into detail about the program for those of you who might be considering being part of it because I believe that a huge part of the SERVE experience is gaining the ability to trust in God. I want to say for those who are familiar



Proudly displaying our banner!

with SERVE that I believe that no matter what walk of life you come from, how much you know about your faith or how much experience you have in working with people, you will find that SERVE brings complete strangers together and through the power of the Holy Spirit, God provides each participant with the spiritual support of a Sainly Order, the companionship of peers and the moral support of the priests and leaders at the house.

If I may end with a small word of advise for those who might me thinking of going to SERVE. When an opportunity arises for you to get to know your faith and grow closer to God by meeting other people like yourself, who share the same interests, and you have the opportunity to attend, GO FOR IT! God is always knocking at the back door hoping for you to let Him in. Remember God has no hands or feet on earth but yours.

By: Andres Gnecco

Are you interested in applying for SERVE 2008, or you know someone who would benefit by being a participant in this years' program? See the AD on PAGE 7 for more information, or check it out online at www.ryvm.ca!

Meetings for R.Y.V.M. Beyond Borders

Over the month of September, Redemptorists and Lay Collaborators have been gathering to discuss, share, vision, and plan projects and programs for Youth and Vocation Ministry for all over North American, and also around the world.

Two significant meetings have taken place over the month of September: **North American Redemptorist Youth and Vocation Ministry Meeting** in Canandaigua, NY (September 10-14, 2007), and the **General Secretariat for Redemptorist Youth and Vocation Ministry** in Lariano, Italy (September 24-29, 2007)

Canandaigua, New York

The meeting in Canandaigua was an opportunity for Redemptorists and Lay Collaborators working in Youth, Young Adult and Vocation Ministry to come together to share with one another what is happening in the North American Region, to vision for our young people and discerners opportunities to share in mission across the continent and beyond. Plans have also begun to reach out, train, and form lay collaborators who are working in youth ministry in Redemptorist Parishes across the Region by use of a Regional Conference. In our tradition of hosting Regional 'Dialogues' in North America, plans are in motion as well to host the next gathering. Dates and locations for both these gatherings will be announced over the next few months.



Redemptorists and Lay Collaborators meeting in Canandaigua, September 10-14, 2007

Front: Fr. Mark Scheffler C.Ss.R. (Denver), Pat Csinos (Edmonton-Toronto), Dani Brischuk (Yorkton), Fr. Ray Lukie C.Ss.R. (Yorkton), Ed Reyman (Baltimore)

Back: Fr. Phil Dabney C.Ss.R. (Baltimore), Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. (Edmonton-Toronto), Fr. Paul Borowski C.Ss.R. (Baltimore), Fr. Mike Quinn C.Ss.R. (Denver), Fr. Charles Duval C.Ss.R. (Ste. Anne de Beaupre), Fr. Dominic Nguyen C.Ss.R. (Vietnamese Ex-Patriam)

Lariano, Italy



The meeting of the General Secretariat for Redemptorist Youth and Vocation Ministry in Lariano, Italy gathered the Regional Representatives for RYVM from North and South America, North and South Europe, Africa and Asia, with the Vicar General of the Congregation along with guest representatives from the Regions to reflect on the global sociological and spiritual realities of youth. Through comprehensive reports and presentations, the Secretariat reflected on future plans and programs that will benefit the work of the Redemptorists and youth throughout the world.



General Secretariat for Redemptorist Youth and Vocation Ministry Meeting in Lariano, Italy

Front: Fr. Raymond Mupandasekwa C.Ss.R. (Africa), Fr. Jens Bartsch C.Ss.R. (North Europe)

Middle: Fr. Alfonso Amarante C.Ss.R. (South Europe), standing behind: Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. (North America), Fr. Antonio Donato C.Ss.R. (guest from South Europe), Pat Csinos (guest from North America), Fr. Serafino Fiore C.Ss.R. (Vicar General, and President of the Secretariat for RYVM).

Back Row: Fr. Willy Ngongo Pala C.Ss.R. (Asia), Fr. Pietro Sulkowski C.Ss.R. (guest from South Europe), Fr. Felix Catala C.Ss.R. (guest translator), Fr. Paul Borowski C.Ss.R. (guest from North America), standing behind: Fr. Ariel Cattaneo C.Ss.R. (South America)

More news to follow!

ONLINE Advent Daily Reflections for Busy Young Adults!



Consider spending about 3-5 minutes each day during the Advent Season in prayer and reflection as we draw closer to the celebration of the birth of Christ.

This year, you will read reflections prepared by Redemptorists and Redemptorist Lay Associates from all across Canada, as well as contributions by author Megan McKenna. Mark your calendar, and plan to join us as we pray for ourselves, one another, and for our world! Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

The Online Reflections will be available at www.ryvm.ca on December 2nd

Liguori Circle is a happening place to be!



Liguori Circle is a time for Young Adults (age 18-30) and Redemptorists to come together to grow in faith and friendship through sharing God's word, growing in their sense of mission in the community and in the world, and reflecting on the work of God's grace and Redemption in their lives, and in the lives of the People of God.

Inspired by the Redemptorist founder, **St. Alphonsus Liguori**, these Circles are places of welcome, prayer, discussion, and fellowship.

Liguori Circle gatherings are open to any young adult who is interested in exploring different elements of his/her faith, and who desires to be part of a dynamic group of like-minded young adults.



For more details about Liguori Circle see our website: www.ryvm.ca or contact the following sites for more details (see below)



Liguori Circle

Dates, Locations, and Contact Information

St. Mary's Redemptorist Community of Saskatoon, SK

Contact: Fr. Remi at 306-244-2983
 Location: 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon
 Dates are: Oct. 14, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

Holy Redeemer Redemptorist Community of Sudbury, ON

Contact Fr. Tony Bidgood at 705-566-8330
 Location: 1887 Bancroft Dr. Sudbury
 Dates are: TBA - check website for dates

St. Joseph's Redemptorist Community of Grande Prairie, AB

Contact: Fr. David Purcell at 780-532-2351
 Location: 10273-111 Avenue, Grande Prairie
 FACEBOOK GROUP: 'Liguori Circle - Grande Prairie'
 Dates are: Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month

St. Teresa's Redemptorist Community of St. John's NL

Contact: Fr. Steve Morrissey at 709-579-3532
 Location: 120 Mundy Pond Rd. St. John's NL
 FACEBOOK GROUP: 'Liguori Circle'
 Dates are: Nov 4, Dec 2

St. Patrick's Redemptorist Community of Toronto ON

Contact: Fr. Jon Hansen at 416-598-3269
 Location: 141 McCaul St. Toronto, ON
 Dates: TBA - start up in January 2008

S.E.R.V.E. 2008

Summer Endeavor in a Redemptorist Volunteer Experience

If you are a young man or woman between the ages of 18-30, and looking for a faith-filled challenge, join us for a five week live in opportunity with one of our Redemptorist Catholic Communities. Together we will grow in our understanding of prayer, the Eucharist, and being of service through ministry as a volunteer.

SERVE takes place at Holy Redeemer Parish in Sudbury, ON. from May 3-June 7, 2008.

St. Mary's Parish in Saskatoon, SK. from May 10-June 14, 2008

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Applications now available ONLINE, at www.ryvm.ca

Deadline for applications: Feb 22, 2008

Thinkfast at St. Teresa's Parish, St. John's, Newfoundland!

40 years ago the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) began and fellowship and learning has not stopped since. The ThinkFast which was held at St. Teresa's Parish on the 5th Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday - March 23/24, 2007, provided great opportunities to Think Globally and Act Locally. 2007 has been named the Year of the Youth and each parish strives to pull of an event so that all 12 months of the calendar year are represented by youth led activities. St. Teresa's held a



ThinkFast retreat weekend at which youth from the St. John's area were all invited. People from St. Peter's parish in Mount Pearl, Corpus Christi parish in St. John's, St. John the Evangelist University Chapel at Memorial University (MUN) and St.



Teresa's all came together to laugh, to sing and to pray. The organizing committee met weekly throughout the winter, organizing the event for the weekend and anticipating what would be. Each participant was invited to raise pledge money for the needs of Development and Peace and all together the participants brought in close to \$ 500.00 in pledge money. The weekend was great for the Redemptorist community here at St. Teresa's with Fr. Tom being the main man in the kitchen for our closing meal and so many others being with us in prayer.



It was great time had by all, God Bless, & Thank You

Fr. Steve Morrissey C.Ss.R.

Associate Pastor, St. Teresa's Parish

Constitution Corner

The Missionary Work of the Congregation

Article I: The People to be Evangelized

09. Criterion:

b. Redemptorists can never be deaf to the cry of the poor and the oppressed, but have the duty to search for ways of helping them, so that they themselves will be able to overcome the evils that oppress them. This essential elements of the Gospel must never be lacking in the proclamation of the word of God.

Redemptorist Foreign Mission Opportunities for Young Adults!

- Are you looking for an opportunity of a lifetime?
- Would you like to participate in mission work with Redemptorists in places like Zimbabwe, Brazil, Peru, and Thailand?
- Join other Young Adults from around the world who are already taking part in some of these programs in a variety of ways.

Contact Pat Csinos or Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. if you are interested in finding out more about these opportunities for you to work in a Redemptorist mission with the poor and abandoned across the globe. Timeframes for opportunities are flexible, but may be fixed based on the specific placements available.

Check out this site for some mission opportunities: www.serve.ie

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There are several websites that pertain to the Church, Redemptorists, discernment, and different other "Catholic" things!

Check these websites out!



Busted Halo
 Canadian Vocation Network
 Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry
 Catholic Information Center
 Centre for Ministry Development
 Earth Ministry
 Newspaper on Religious Life
 Redemptorists in North America
 Redemptorists in Rome (General Gvnm't)
 Story of my Life - Vocation Test at.....
 VISION Magazine Online

www.bustedhalo.com
www.vocations.ca
www.cccm.ca
www.catholic.net
www.cmdnet.org
www.earthministry.org
www.vidimusdominum.org
www.redemptorists.com
www.cssr.com
www.vocations.com
www.visionguide.org