

## Deanery Report for the Manitoba - Saskatchewan - Nunavut Deanery

Archdiocesan Assembly 2013, Archdiocese of Canada

Glory to Jesus Christ!

As I reflect over the past three years, the theme of change comes to mind. At the last assembly, Father Pau had just arrived at the Holy Resurrection Sobor (Saskatoon), Holy Trinity (Moose Jaw) was waiting for Father John to arrive and St. Andrew the First Called (Canora) under Father Andrew was taking its first steps from being a mission station to becoming a parish with a more permanent home. This was soon followed by Holy Trinity (Winnipeg) welcoming Father Roman to the parish. Last year Father Bob retired and Father Gregory arrived to lead St. Nicholas (Narol). And this year, All Saints (Meadow Lake) welcomed the newly ordained Priest Leonard. And added in to this was the upheaval in the archdiocese that came with the charges being faced by Vladyka Seraphim. Only St. Mark (Yorkton), and Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring Mission (Winnipeg) went any without major pastoral change in their lives. Along with this, Holy Resurrection Orthodox church, the historical church recently restored in Sifton, was destroyed in a fire.

Yet, with all of this change, the deanery life has thrived. This is due to the dedication of the faithful and their pastors in their labour of love and prayer. St. Nicholas (Narol) was able to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011 in its recently renovated and expanded building. And this year we are looking forward to joining with Holy Trinity (Moose Jaw) as they celebrate 100 years this coming September. Although not as significant, in 2012, St. Mark (Yorkton) celebrated 25 years since its founding. St. Andrew (Canora) is enjoying their more permanent home now that the renovations are almost complete. Please pray for Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring Mission (Winnipeg) as they seek God's direction and blessing in finding a permanent home for them to gather and worship together.

As I look forward for the next three years, I see the theme of stability as the wind of change dies down, and we labour together in the vineyard given to us to tend by God. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, Archdiocesan life will hopefully return to normal this year. Thank you to all of you for your prayers. Glory be to God.