

Archdiocese of Winnipeg  
Adult Faith Formation

# THE SUMMONS

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

## **WE BELIEVE**

*There seems to be a lot of diversity in what people believe today, not only in other religions but also in our Catholic faith. What is the correct Catholic teaching on the issues of today? Is there room for legitimate diversity?*

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Can I understand the Bible better? Is there a Catholic way of reading the bible? What makes the bible so unique? How can I deepen my understanding and appreciation of God's Word?*

## **LITURGY**

*What is meaning of all we do in our Mass? How do I integrate our celebration of the sacraments into my daily life? What's the real meaning behind our celebration of the sacraments through Liturgy?*

## **SPIRITUALITY**

*Sometimes I feel dissatisfied, restless, searching for more but I don't know what to do or what it means? Is God saying something to me in this? How do I know what God is wanting of me? How do I find this out?*

## **PERSONAL GROWTH**

*What are my values and beliefs that affect my personal choices in life? How do I cope with life experiences in light of my faith? How do I better understand myself and why I do the things I do?*

If these questions speak to you,  
**THE SUMMONS** is calling you.

*Each of us has a divine mission and purpose in our lives. Inherent to all of us is a desire to know, experience, and deepen our realization of this in relation to God. We want to know, “**who God is and how God is present and active in my live?**” and “**who am I and how do I enhance my life based on my own uniqueness?**”*

***THE SUMMONS** faith formation process helps us to explore these questions and it helps us to understand what it means to be Catholic in our society and culture today.*

## WHAT IS IT?

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**THE SUMMONS** – is a formation process responding to the needs of adult Catholics in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg who desire to grow and understand our Catholic faith.

Sessions are held one weekend per month, Saturday and Sunday, for ten months, September to June each year in Neepawa.

Each weekend consists of a specific theme or topic of which the following formation components will focus on:



*Theology* – deepening our understanding of what the Church teaches and why ...



*Scripture* – discovering the treasure of God's Word speaking to us...



*Spirituality* – growing in my relationship with God and how God speaks to me and through me...



*Personal Growth* – focusing on the human aspects of everyday living and growing in self-understanding ...



*Liturgy* – how we express our faith through the celebration of the sacraments...



*Ministry of Presence* – in the second year of formation, a specific ministry is chosen by the participant to enrich our understanding of how God is present to us - in any situation and person.

## FORMATION NOT INFORMATION

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Adult formation does not just provide content and information, but it also engages the whole person – intellect, beliefs, values, and life experience – in a process and practice of Christian maturity. As adults we learn together from our sharing of life experiences. Formation fosters a sense of trust and community among the participants and encourages interactive sharing to enable us to grow and learn from one another in the context our Catholic faith.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

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This two year faith formation process is designed for ANY adult who desires to grow in our Catholic faith. It is also excellent Catholic formation for catechists, parish staff, and those involved in other parish and community ministries.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

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THE SUMMONS is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg through Sharing God's Gifts. **There is no registration fee at all.** Participants are required to purchase books which cost approximately \$50.

## LOCATION

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St. Dominic's Parish, Neepawa, MB

## WEEKEND DATES

2015 – 2016	2016 - 2017
September 12 – 13	September 10 – 11
October 17 – 18	October 15 – 16
November 14 – 15	November 12 – 13
December 5 – 6	December 3 – 4
January 9 – 10	January 14 – 15
February 6 – 7	February 11 – 12
March 12 – 13	March 11 – 12
April 9 – 10	April 1 – 2
April 30 – May 1	May 6 – 7
May 28 – 29	May 27 – 28

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

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Registration forms are available at your parish office or from your pastor. You may also contact the Director of THE SUMMONS. A letter of recommendation is also required from your pastor.

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