

WHAT DOES IT COST?

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

HOW DO I REGISTER?

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.

LOCATION OF THE SUMMONS

St. Dominic's Parish
Neepawa, MB

WEEKEND DATES

YEAR 1 2018 - 2019	YEAR 2 2019 - 2020
September 8 & 9	September 7 & 8
October 13 & 14	October 5 & 6
November 3 & 4	November 2 & 3
December 1 & 2	December 7 & 8
January 12 & 13	January 11 & 12
February 9 & 10	February 1 & 2
March 2 & 3	March 7 & 8 / 28 & 29
April 6 & 7	April 25 & 26
May 4 & 5	May 23 & 24
June 1 & 2	-----

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THE SUMMONS

~ a response to the call within ~



Archdiocese of Winnipeg
Adult Faith Formation

*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 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 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.*

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SEARCHING FOR MORE?

The Summons is a 'call' from God to come together to explore the hard questions:

- ? Who am I? Who is God for me?
- ? Do I really trust in this God?
- ? What are my struggles, issues, challenges, and sufferings that I wrestle with?
- ? What are the pathways of healing, freedom, forgiveness, and reconciliation that we all deeply desire and are called to offer others?
- ? How do we connect all this human stuff to living the Paschal Mystery?

Do you have a desire to dig deeper ... is there "something more"?

- ? How am I getting in the way of enriching and deepening my own faith and trust in God?
- ? How can open and honest self-reflection and prayer help me evolve and grow personally and spiritually in all areas of my life?
- ? How are my emotions and feelings impacting my well-being, my relationships, and quality of life?
- ? How is Scripture, the Word of God, translated to the real world and my lived experience?
- ? What is the 'real' Catholic teaching on life issues?

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

WHAT IS IT?

THE SUMMONS is a two-year adult faith formation process for those who desire to grow both personally and spiritually through our Catholic faith. THE SUMMONS provides an adult environment for participants to be transformed by God's grace, enriching their faith and lives through learning, community, and prayer.

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

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.

FORMATION NOT INFORMATION

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?

This two-year faith formation process is designed for ANY adult who desires to grow in our Catholic faith.

PARTICIPANT'S EXPERIENCE

Participating willingly and openly in The Summons offers:

- ✓ Connection with myself and others in God
- ✓ Deepening trust & faith in who God is
- ✓ Openness to be transformed by God's grace within me and around me
- ✓ Having a more abundant and fulfilled life both personally and spiritually
- ✓ The courage and strength to navigate through the storms, struggles, and uncertainties of life

"The Summons is a life enriching and changing process. I'm not the same person as I was at the beginning" – Linda

"I realized that my knowledge and understanding of my faith was quite stunted and tired. For me, The Summons has created a yearning to grow more and share more of my faith and love for God. It's given me more confidence and courage as a person of faith" – Helen

"The Summons was an excellent formation for growth and understanding my Catholic faith. I will certainly recommend it to others. A wonderful opportunity to share and grow with other Catholics" – Darrin