

ST. THERESE

INSTITUTE OF FAITH AND MISSION

Bruno, Saskatchewan, Canada



Faith + Healing + Holiness

St. Therese Institute Of Faith And Mission

Who We Are

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission is a community of prayer, faith formation and healing, inspired by the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux, open to people of all faiths and beliefs.

Our mission is to offer Christian formation in an environment of prayer and scripture study within a life of Catholic spirituality, faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, the living tradition of the Church, and the heritage of Mary and all the Saints throughout the ages.

We desire that all people experience the saving power of Jesus Christ, the fullness of life in the Holy Spirit, and share the Good News of the Father's provident love for our world in need.

"How much need there is today for mature Christian leaders, who are aware of their baptismal identity, of their own vocation and mission in the Church and in the world." - Pope John Paul II

We offer two distinct and unique programs:

- the **Healing and Growth Centre**; and
- the **School of Faith and Mission**.



St. Therese School students taking time for reflection and prayer near the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

St. Therese: A Place for Renewal

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission began in 2007 in Bruno, Saskatchewan at the historic Ursuline Academy. The 65,000 sq ft facility is situated on 65 acres of beautiful grounds with walks lined with evergreen, poplar and birch trees, outdoor Stations of the Cross and a cherry orchard. We are a short 50 minutes east of Saskatoon.

While the primary mission of St. Therese is to bring God's healing love to everyone, our hospitality extends to opening our doors to conferences/workshops which can host up to 500 people for conferences and up to 120 for overnight accommodations. Our world-class kitchen staff can serve everything from daily meals to banquet dinners with menus of your choosing.

Hold your conference/workshop/retreat in the peace and silence of St. Therese's beautiful facilities and grounds, situated in a distinctly rural setting. Our meeting and conference rooms provide an opportunity for organizations, large or small, to gather, present, teach and learn. Our beautiful chapel is a place of prayer and celebration.

There is something about the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, of the breath of God's prairie winds through the cherry blossoms of St. Therese that invites the experience of community, life and God.

Healing and Growth Centre



Small group praying during a Healing and Growth Centre prayer conference.

Touching the Cloak of Jesus

Many of us, as we go about our busy lives, have a hunger, an aching within us, that says, ‘We are missing something; there is something more to life and I want to find it.’

During His ministry on earth, people came to Jesus with confidence that was fueled by their faith as inspired by God. The woman with a hemorrhage sought out Jesus in a crowd saying to herself, “If I can only touch his cloak I shall be well again.” (Matthew 9:21-22) In Mark 2:1-12, the people go to the extreme of lowering the paralytic through the roof of the house.

The Healing and Growth Centre offers a nine day program, *Touching the Cloak of Jesus*, that leads participants to the wellspring of spiritual healing and growth, celebrated through prayer and sacrament. Facilitators will journey with the participants through their brokenness and hurts, helping them realize their full human potential. Forgiveness, mercy and healing flow from Christ’s heart to those whose faith dares them to reach out to touch the hem of His garment and be transformed into the fullness of new life. Jesus always desires our healing.

“Come and I Will Give You Rest”

There is a great need in our world for a ‘place apart,’ where God’s healing love can enter our lives. We believe there is a great need for people of all backgrounds and states of life—married or single, religious or consecrated—to experience healing, renewal and deep spiritual growth. The ‘restless heart’ yearns for the life-transforming presence of Jesus Christ.

Additional Spiritual Enrichment

The Healing and Growth Centre also provides healing related seminars and conferences augmenting the *Touching the Cloak of Jesus* 9-day core program:

- Intercessory prayer
- Christian Self-Esteem Programs
- Life in the Spirit Seminars
- Theology of the Body Sessions
- Generational and Inner Healing
- Bringing Balance to Addictive Patterns

Unbounded Mercy and Love

“We have been trained in the habit of looking at our dark side, our ugliness, and not at the purifying Sun, Light of Light, which He is, who changes the dust that we are into pure gold. We think about examining ourselves, yet we do not think... to plunge ourselves, with all our miseries, into the consuming and transforming furnace of His Heart, which is open to us through a single humble act of confidence. We must have confidence, not in spite of our miseries but because of them, since it is misery which attracts mercy.”

*Fr. Jean C.J. d’Elbee, I Believe In Love,
on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux*

Pray with Us

We deeply appreciate your prayers and involvement in making the Healing and Growth Centre a reality in our community, in our province and in our country. Please pray and do whatever you can to help us put up this tent among the people of God. And remember that this is not a project; it is the Lord Jesus incarnate – God with us, who enjoys being with us, and who wants to be in our midst.



Mother Nadine Brown, founder of the Intercessors of the Lamb, opening the St. Therese Healing and Prayer Conference, 2009.

School of Faith And Mission

What is the School of Faith and Mission?

St. Therese School of Faith and Mission is a nine month program of faith formation, prayer and discernment designed for personal growth and holiness by deepening your relationship with Jesus and the Church, to prepare you for the mission to which God leads you.

Who can come?

Are you searching for God's purpose in your life? Do you want to live life more fully, and take your faith life to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese!

Any adult 18 years and older with a sincere desire to grow in relationship to Jesus and live a deep life of faith and mission, and become the gospel in the world in which they live; that is, people who are ready to step out in faith ... and trust God will be there.

Do I have to be Catholic to attend?

No. You need only be interested in journeying deeper in your faith.



Before attending St. Therese, the idea that our God is a loving God, One who is compassionate and understanding, was a foreign concept to me. But through the programs and the Little Way each day, my heart is being opened more and more to the One who loves me now, as I am. This journey into the Father's heart has brought me so much joy and healing, it's an adventure that tops all else!

Naomi Senten

Edmonton, AB
Inaugural Class of 2008



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When does this program start?

The formation program year begins each year in early September. Students are commissioned nine months later in mid-June.

Apply as soon as possible to reserve your place in the program. It will help us in our preparation for your arrival.

How much does it cost?

Fees paid by the student cover only half the actual cost for the program; the balance is provided by benefactors who support St. Therese.

We try to keep our program fees as reasonable as possible. Please do not let financial need prevent you from applying; trust in God. Please contact us or visit our website for program fees.

What will I experience and learn?

- *I will grow in intimate communion with Jesus and his family, the Church*
- *I will grow in personal sanctity through an uncompromising faith commitment, by striving for humility and excellence in the practice of the spiritual life*
- *I will experience a deep life of personal and communal prayer and worship, through daily mass, the sacraments and prayer*
- *I will integrate the riches of Scripture and Catholic teaching in daily life*
- *I will learn skills to assist me in my discernment of God's will and purpose in my daily life and vocation*

Our teachers, pastoral directors and guest presenters – lay, priests, bishops and religious – are dynamic, respected leaders, ready to help each person grow in their life of faith and mission.

"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction."

- Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*.

Where will I go after St. Therese?

You will leave St. Therese experiencing a deeper relationship with God, ready to walk with Christ, ready to achieve your full spiritual and human potential, and ready to serve God in whatever walk of life or vocation He leads you to.

You may serve God in His Church through its many ministries. You may go on to attend university, college or some other education program, perhaps religious studies or the vocation of marriage. Wherever God may lead you, you will be better prepared to fulfill your vocation in life, because of your experience in Christ at St. Therese.



Michael Lund
Killaloe, ON
Class of 2009

“My time at St. Therese thus far has been much more beneficial than I had imagined it would be. I have discovered how to live as a Catholic in today’s society, developed a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, and learned to live in a community with 12 companions to help me grow. My choice to attend St. Therese is without a doubt the best decision I have ever made.”



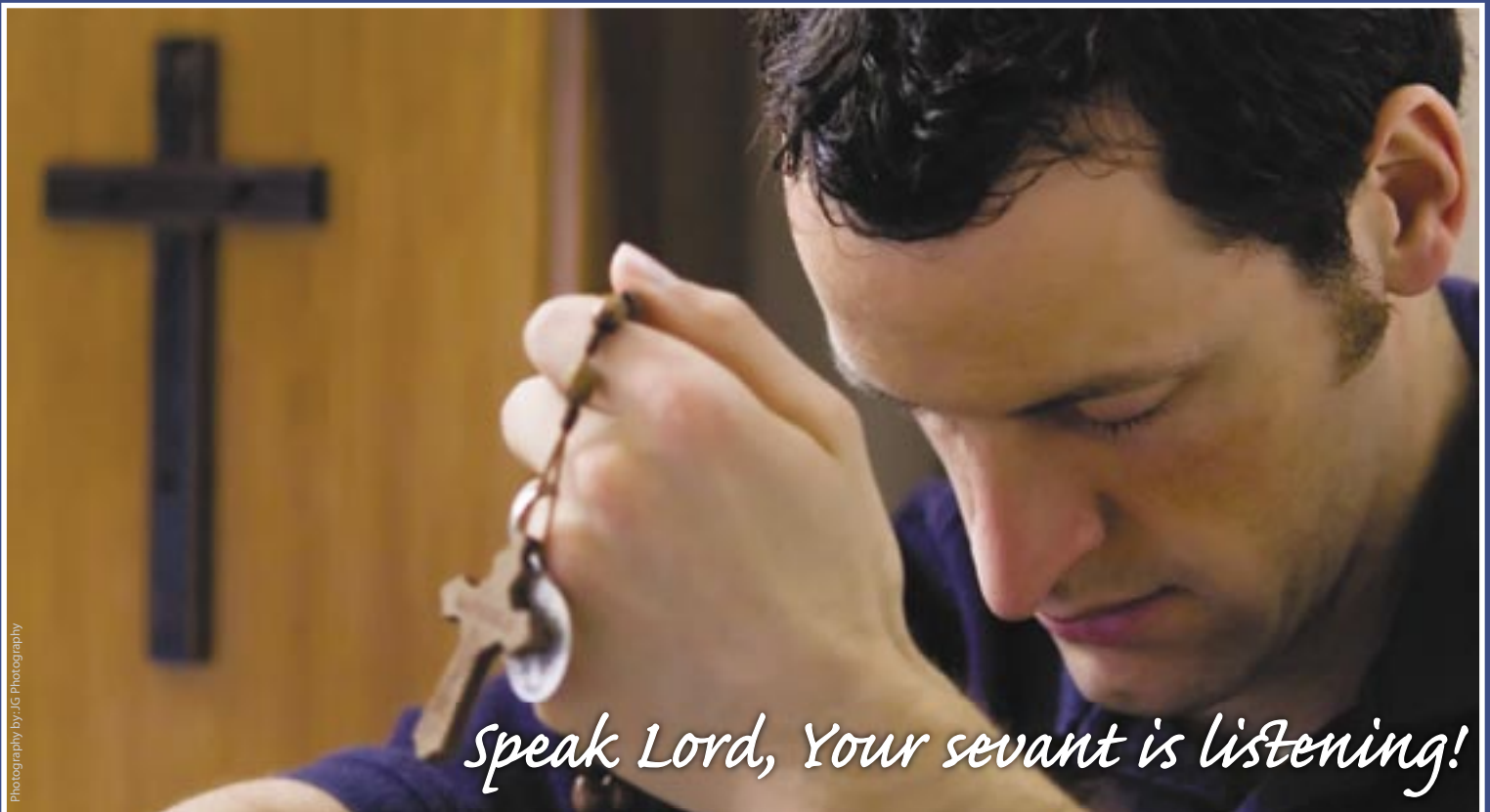
How do I apply?

There are 3 ways you can begin the process:

- Apply online at www.StTherese.ca
- Fill out and submit the form on the next page.
- Call us at (306)369-2555 and we will send you an application form by mail, email or fax.

Interested?

Come experience a day in the life of St. Therese! Please contact us to arrange your visit. We look forward to meeting you!



On the spirituality of St. Thérèse



Jerry (Chairman of the Board, right) and Donna Kristian (Instructor)

Growing up in the small village of Lisieux, in France, Thérèse Martin matured and grew to understand the love of God in a way that transformed her life. She lived a short life of 24 years (1873-1897).

In a world that looked at God with a fear of judgment she reached out to Him in trust through her weaknesses and was rewarded with strength to hope in the promise of God's patience and compassion for each soul. St. Thérèse encourages us to entrust our lives to God's care.

In 1997, this 'little flower' emerged as a Doctor of the Church. We too are asked to imitate her confidence in Our Father in heaven. St. Therese tells us that our life here on earth is a sweet opportunity to offer to God our life lived in faith, as only He can see where our path will lead, and it gives Him such joy to watch us trust in His care along the way. St. Therese Institute, in all its many facets, seeks to offer the faithful, a time and a place apart, to be nurtured in the truth that our lives are gifts from God, who wants only the best for us and offers us His hand to hold as we hasten along our path.

We have every reason to hope.

Believing that I was born for glory, and seeking the means to attain to it, it was revealed to me interiorly that my glory would never be visible to mortal eyes but would consist in becoming a saint.

St. Therese of Lisieux, Story of a Soul, Ch.IV

Jerry Kristian

Chairman of the Board of Directors

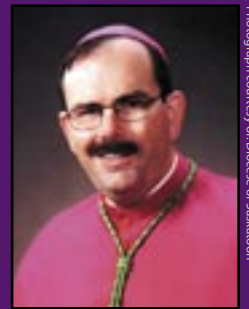
A Message from Bishop Albert LeGatt

I have had the occasion to visit St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission several times over the last two years and to meet with students and staff. I have been impressed with the formation and experience the young people are receiving. They are clearly benefitting from the opportunity to learn more about their Catholic faith, to grow in their spirituality and prayer life and to advance in Christian life through the experience of community.

Therefore as St. Therese continues to seek spiritual, organizational and financial support, I wish to assure people of my blessing.

May St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission be guided by the Holy Spirit so as to offer the best formation possible for those who come through its doors. As they go forth, may they be the strong witnesses to the love of Christ that our Church and our world needs today.

Most Reverend Albert LeGatt
Bishop of Saskatoon



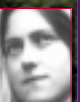
Photograph courtesy of Diocese of Saskatoon



Fr. Ephraim Mensah, who teaches regularly at St. Therese School of Faith and Mission, celebrating Mass in our Chapel.



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