

Enjoy Your Children

by Jim & Maureen McLane

"Have lots of kids!" said Father Brian of the Missionaries of the Poor at a wedding we attended last summer. That was the advice given to his parents as they prepared for marriage decades ago in Jamaica. Back then, his parents were advised to reject contraception and have a family. Unfortunately today, the opposite message has been pronounced loud and clear while the blessing of children and family life has often been seen as too much of a sacrifice.

Now that fifty years have passed since Humane Vitae graced the world, the consequences of rejecting its wisdom have turned out to be even more catastrophic than anyone dreamed in the 1960's. An article in 'First Things' online magazine by Mary Eberstadt, <https://www.firstthings.com/article/2018/04/the-prophetic-power-of-humanae-vitae>, chronicles the tragedy left in the path of contraception from a secular viewpoint and is worth a read. Her talks are also available on YouTube.

We like to remind couples that the years of fertility do come to an end. Two women have shared that if they could change one thing in their lives they would have had more children and I have yet to hear any parent say they wished they had fewer children. We must be aware of the pervasiveness of the anti-life culture and know that we can be influenced by it too. Thanks to the inspiration of Blessed Pope Paul VI we have a clear and strong teaching that will only increase our appreciation for the gift of sexuality and family life.

This summer, in the midst of the work of raising them, enjoy each one of your precious children .



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Run for the Family on September 15th, 2018

This year Serena will host the 7th annual Run for the Family on Saturday September 15th at 10:00am in Meewasin Park North in Saskatoon.

Choose your race distance from our 1KM, 3KM, or 5KM options. Feel free to run or walk...and bring a stroller for your little one if you like!

Register by Aug 25th to take advantage of early bird pricing.

There are a variety of ways you can participate, aside from walking or running on race day:

- you can make a donation for the goodie bags, door prizes, or snacks
- maybe you'd like to volunteer at the event on race day
- and/or perhaps you can make or collect pledges (with the incentive of earning 20% of what you collect: email us for the pledge form)



Register by visiting
runningroom.com

Click on
Events (close to the
bottom of the page),
Search Canada and
select SK in the
drop down menu,
then scroll until you find
Sat Sept 15th:
Run For the Family
and choose your race
distance/package.

Email: sask@serena.ca
or call (306)934-8223
for more info.

Let's Be More Green

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Subject: Serena email list.

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Une Nuit A Paris

Mark your calendar for the next Serena Gala Fundraiser on Saturday February 9th, 2019 in Saskatoon. It's sure to be an enchanted evening!

Want to Contact Serena?

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Oh Baby!

If you've had a baby in the 2018 calendar year please enter our Baby Draw for your chance to win a \$100 gift card to Babies R Us.

Please email sask@serena.ca with the names of dad and mom along with baby's full name, gender, and birthday.

Please include your mailing address so that Serena can send a little gift to your new little one to say welcome to the outside world!

The draw for the gift card will take place after Dec 31st, 2018.

All Baby Draw entries will be included and celebrated in the first Coverline Newsletter of 2019.



We Need You

Are you passionate about building strong and healthy marriages? Do you believe in the authentic intimacy that is fostered through the counter-cultural NFP lifestyle? Do you have a particular skill set or life experience to offer?

Please consider serving with Serena SK by applying for a position on our provincial Board of Directors or becoming a Certified Teacher Couple!

Contact us at (306)934-8223 or sask@serena.ca to express your interest and begin the application process.



Please make your cheque payable to Serena SK and mail it along with this portion to:

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Saskatoon SK, S7K 4J3

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