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## COVERLINE

**President Couple's Message**

We've had a busy summer with travel out east to meet our new granddaughter, Elise Perpetua, born to Dan & Anna Freeman in Kingston, Ontario. Little Elise is so sweet; she never even cried during her baptism into the family of God. Seeing young couples growing their families reminds us of what St. John Paul II told the world about marriage: *'The person who does not decide to love forever will find it very difficult to really love for even one day.'* Truly words of wisdom to live by. I, Jim, also participated in the Canadian Masters track and field meet in Toronto. We had fun figuring out the subway and bus routes to get to and from the stadium. It made us feel young and helped us appreciate the lifestyle we have in the quiet prairies even more. Nevertheless, Toronto is an enjoyable city with many attributes of its own.

We enjoyed helping out with the Serena Run for the Family in September. The weather was fabulous and Annette and her team did a marvellous job in organizing the event once again. Please plan to come out and support this family fun event next year. Support for the family is so important in the times in which we live, for participating in family friendly events is giving witness to the importance of the family as the backbone of society. This year we saw many enthusiastic runners who had very good times.



In early October we also had a wonderful trip to Italy with another couple and a group of pilgrims from the United States. Just seeing the art masterpieces by Michelangelo, Raphael, and many others were awe inspiring. All the magnificent basilicas we visited were testimonies to the love of God by Christians who wanted to honour God by building something beautiful for him. We saw the tomb of St. John Paul II in the main basilica of St. Peter's in Rome. We also saw the resting places of St. Mathew, St. Andrew, St. Paul, St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Padre Pio, and others.

We are grateful we had the opportunity to visit Italy. Unfortunately the birthrate in Italy is only 0.9%, so it is a dying culture. Italy desperately needs more NFP families.

Please visit the Serena Saskatchewan website as it is full of excellent testimonials and materials on NFP. We encourage all married couples to

live and promote NFP amongst their family and friends because it embraces the sanctity and dignity of all human life.

Serena Canada has hired a director, Heather Sansom; who we hope will have success in growing Serena across Canada. The Serena board felt this was one of the first steps to help bring Serena Canada into the internet world in which we live. Please continue to pray for wisdom and progress as we move the organization into the twenty-first century with the goal of reaching young couples who are looking for authentic intimacy in married life.

Sincerely, Jim and Maureen McLane



## **Do you know someone who has questions about Serena or wants to take a class?**

Get them to contact us via  
email at [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) or  
by calling or texting  
306-934-8223.

They will be connected with  
a certified  
Serena teacher couple  
who can answer those  
questions or give them full  
instruction in the  
Symptom-Thermal Method  
of Natural Family Planning  
through Serena.

## **Are You Interested in Being More Involved?**

If you would like to  
volunteer for one of our  
upcoming events, take on a  
larger role in Serena as a  
teacher couple, or to apply  
for a board position, please  
let us know by contacting us  
at [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca).



## **Run For The Family**

By Annette Bentler

The Lord blessed the annual  
Serena Run for the Family  
with the most glorious  
autumn weather since we  
began six years ago (23°C).  
This year, our run was one  
week earlier (September 9)  
and at 10:00am rather than  
8:30am. These two changes

made for a very pleasant running temperature. Families  
enjoy coming out for exercise, fun, food, and above all,  
connecting with other amazing families! Some of my  
favourite moments were watching two families cheer on  
their grandma as she burst to the finish line, the joy in  
discovering our daughter had a twin (she and a friend  
both had lilac shirts, dark shorts, the purple Serena  
fandana, blue shoes and almost the same number), and  
Father Michael joining in the fun and giving the runners  
a blessing. Two of our faithful participants pay for their  
children and grandchildren to come. When they hadn't  
yet called to register, I made a reminder call. She told  
her daughters, "I didn't know if you wanted to come this  
year." One of the girls responded, "It's kind of a given  
now, Mom. The question is not if we are coming but if  
you have registered us yet." Everyone who comes loves  
this relaxed race in which the whole family can get  
involved. Thank you to all our volunteers and donors  
who make this event possible! If you would like to see  
more pictures of this event, please email us at  
[sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) or visit "Serena Saskatchewan" on  
Facebook. If you missed out, come join us next year!

## Race Results

### 5km



Gold: Jerome Montpetit (18:55)  
Silver: Fr. Michael Yaremko (20:34)  
Bronze: Stacey Corrigan (23:17)

### 3km



Gold: Luc Montpetit (13:59)  
Silver: Nicholas Levesque (16:27)  
Bronze: Patrick Levesque (16:52)

### 1km



Gold: Vanessa Montpetit (4:46)  
Silver: William Corrigan (5:40)  
Bronze: James Redl (5:41)

Congratulations to our winners!

## Enter the 2017 Baby Draw

For your chance to win a \$100 gift card to Babies R Us, please email [sask@serena.ca](mailto: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, 2017.

All Baby Draw entries will be included and celebrated in the first Coverline Newsletter of 2018.

## Switch to Email

Please help Serena save on postage fees and be more environmental.

Send a message to [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) with your full name(s) from the email address you wish Serena to use. Subject: Serena email list.



## Oh Baby!

If you're pregnant or if you've recently had a baby, then you might be interested in our  
**Group Postpartum Charting Class.**

Wednesday November  
 29th @ 7:00PM  
 214 Ave M S, Saskatoon

Cost: \$30

Text 306-934-8223 to register or if you have any questions.

This session is intended for both mom and dad to attend together to learn the special nuances of the Lactational Amenorrhea Method (LAM) for charting after childbirth.

Prerequisite is the full Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) class.



## Hear ye! Hear ye! Join us for Serena SK's Medieval Feast!

Saturday February 10th, 2018 @ 6:30-9:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Saskatoon

Tickets are free thanks to charitable donors!

This is a fundraiser so please come and be generous

Dress code: Medieval (awards to be given away for best costumes)

Catered by Agar's Corner

Wine toss and Wassail

Silent auction, 50-50 draw, Pay a dime to be first in line

Musical entertainment by Collegium Cantorum

For more info or to reserve your ticket, contact [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca)

You can also send us an email if you would like to contribute by donating a silent auction item, making a donation, or filling a table and being a table host.

Hope to see you there!