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President Couple's Message

Greetings to you as we celebrate the Resurrection and the Life early this spring. May

you be very blessed during this Eastertide.

This summer will mark the 50th anniversary of the publication of Blessed Pope Paul VI's Encyclical Letter: *On the Regulation of Birth, Humane Vitae (Of Human Life)*. We encourage everyone to pick it up again, or for the first time, and do a careful, prayerful reading of it. It is very prophetic and will encourage and inspire us in the days and years ahead. (Also worth reading is Dr. Janet Smith's essay, *Humanae Vitae: A Challenge to Love*; books: *Humanae Vitae: A Generation Later*, CUA Press;

Why Humanae Vitae was Right: A Reader, Ignatius Press.)

Serena Saskatchewan is in the process of obtaining a membership in the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine. The research and medical assistance given to women and couples by the doctors and associates of this organization is invaluable in our world which is so quick to seek technological answers for human reproductive problems. Visit their website to learn more about the work of the IIRRM.

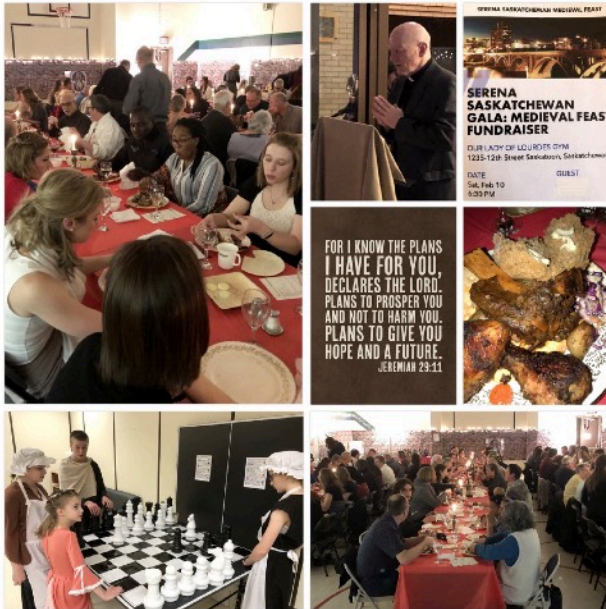
Those of us who have known for years about fertility signs and natural family planning forget that there are many who are totally unaware of the knowledge that is available. We are hoping that websites, advertising, and the development of an app in the near future will all help to get the word out to everyone in need of this crucial information as we were recently reminded that this knowledge can deeply change the lives of couples.

Blessings of love and life,
Jim and Maureen McLane



Medieval Feast

By Annette Bentler



On February 10, 2018, Serena Saskatchewan celebrated its gala fundraiser. As I look back over the last sixteen years and the various themes of our annual socials, I have many fond memories: Western, Valentine, Oriental, Ukrainian, Birds and Bees, Hawaiian, Medieval Feast, etc. (Contact Serena to see a complete list). If ever you have ideas for themes and/or entertainers, feel free to share them with us.

From 2002-2004, we simply had an AGM and a workshop. From 2005-2008, we hosted a dessert night featuring a guest speaker. From 2009-2016, we changed the format to a teacher couple appreciation banquet. In 2017, the annual social took the form of a fundraising gala. We want to thank all our helpers, supporters, presenters, entertainers, caterers, donors, servers, and

guests. I want to thank all who have been part of Serena Saskatchewan in any way since its incorporation in 1974!

We have been thinking of the Medieval Feast theme for some time. What a fun one to work with! Agar's Corner, our long-time caterer, hit it out of the park again. I don't typically eat with my fingers; I will even cut up a drumstick instead of picking it up. Yet, it was such a novel experience to eat medieval-style. The ribs, which were smoked for 20 hours, fell off the bone. The rest of the meal was also finger-licking good!

Collegium Cantorum entertained us with Medieval era Latin polyphony music. Angelic! Many of our guests were great sports and dressed the part. In fact, it was quite a challenge to pick the 'Best Dressed' winners! There were over 70 amazing silent auction prizes to choose from.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 50-50 Draw = Katelyn Peterson
- Door Prize = Joan Lukan
- Best Dressed (Women) = Jackie Couture
- Best Dressed (Men) = Dustin Crawford + Rob Florizone

Eileen Materi commented: "It was the most enjoyable event I have attended in some time. The food was beyond delicious, the guests were





like old friends we just met, the music was beautiful and inspiring and the costumes and decor added to the feel of a medieval castle. Thank you for a delightful

evening and the chance to support a wonderful ministry.”

A timid teenager commented that he was not very keen to come since his mom had semi-forced him to join her. Yet, he was pleasantly surprised and really enjoyed the evening.

Although the main purpose of the gala is to raise funds, it is more of a social. It's a wholesome fun experience. Keep your eyes out for next year's gala! I'm already dreaming about the details of “Une nuit d'amour”!

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 Entertainment: Collegium Cantorum (Cheryl Bosch, Kathleen Wolfe, Kevin Bentler, Andrew Batycki)
 Testimony: Jon & Dénéige Courchène
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We Have A Winner!

Congratulations to Peter & Laurie Couture on winning the 2017 Baby Draw. Baby Dominic received a \$100 gift card for Babies R Us.

To enter the 2018 draw please email sask@serena.ca with the names of dad and mom along with baby's full name, gender, and birthday.



Best Wishes To All Of The Families Who Welcomed Little Ones in 2017:

Andrew & Jennifer Tait: Tiberius Alexander Iain (Jan 25th)
 Anthony & Brettly Battistone: Greta Lynn (Mar 30th)
 Dennis & Angèle Barry: Vincent Peter (Apr 14th)
 Ryan & Tiffany Swallow: Griffin Darryl Peter (Apr 16th)
 Jordan & Monica Hunt: Wyatt James (May 9th)
 Ryan & Anna Topping: Catherine Anna Maria (May 17th)
 Cyril & Ana Kennedy: Lucy Bridgit (May 18th)
 Peter & Laurie Couture: Dominic Elias (May 25th)
 Donny & Sara Larmour: Jane Lynn (May 26th)
 Jon & Déneige Courchène: Felix Michel Joseph (Jun 22nd)
 Dan & Anna Freeman: Elise Perpetua (July 10th)
 Linden & Kyla Predy: Kascia-Maria Lindenovna Betty Ruth Rita (Aug 15)
 Donovan & April Durksen: Henry Martin (Aug 16th)
 Paul & Tenille Ford: Autumn Hope (Aug 18th)
 Chris & Marie Porter: Emmanuella Branwen (Sept 7th)
 Andrew & Mariel Dupuis: Charlotte Marguerite (Nov 1st)
 Jesse & Jessica Siemens: Louis George (Nov 25th)
 Denis & Sarah Weatherald: Katherine Evelyn (Nov 30th)
 Michael & Theresa Boehm: Ezekiel Joseph (Dec 11th)
 Jordan & Bridget Olver: Jacob Matthew (Dec 14th)

Run for the Family

Mark your calendar for our 7th annual Run for the Family:
 Sat September 15th at 10am at Meewasin Park North, Saskatoon.

Choose to do a 1KM, 3KM, or 5KM walk/run; strollers are welcome!

To register, visit www.runningroom.com
 (races - province SK - search by date/name - register).
 Spring is a great time to start training!