



# INDIGENOUS PASTORAL LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario



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## ELDERS FOR THE WEEK

John "Cle-alls" Kelly

Tom Dearhouse

The Indigenous Pastoral Leadership Formation Program is offered in partnership with Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa and Saint Paul University through the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality (PSTLS) and the Centre of Religious Education and Catechesis. Now in its 8th year, the main goal of the program is to equip and empower Indigenous people to exercise pastoral leadership within their communities. This program integrates learning and teaching on the land and group processes to create a profound learning experience for the participants.

This program creates a space where Indigenous pastoral leaders and Non-Indigenous pastoral leaders working with Indigenous communities can exchange best practices and share the difficulties and joys particular to their communities. It provides participants with skills to facilitate healing in their communities and supports them in their efforts to be living examples of reconciliation.

The program committee is proud to announce the program will now be doing a three-year cycle based on the "The Way of the Good Life" or *Mino-bimaadiziwin* through the theme Belonging, Purpose and Direction. This year's theme, *Belonging*, framed the teachings and discussions throughout the week as participants explored connections between Indigenous teachings and practices and the Christian faith and tradition. Indigenous Elders, scholars and experienced practitioners led the participants who represented various nations across Canada throughout the week.



## Camp Naategamaa " Peaceful Waters"

The Program begins with spending approximately two days on the beautiful shores of the Ottawa River at "Camp Naategamaa" Peaceful Waters" located in Fitzroy Harbour ON.

An important aspect of the Indigenous identity is reflected in our relationship to the land. Each year, participants, Elders and Knowledge Keepers, together, explore cultural values, insights, guidance and traditional teachings. The feedback is exceptionally positive making this a very key and core important component.

This year, we were blessed to have Archbishop Terrance Prendergast as our guest, and honoured, his time out of his busy schedule to greet and welcome the people.

### Faith and Culture

Since its very beginning, Fr. Daryold Corbiere-Winkler, an Indigenous priest at St. Basil parish in Ottawa, has led sessions on Faith and Culture. This year he invited the participants into a reflection about creating a true sense of belonging, for themselves and those they minister to, by being respectful and aware of the traditional teaching of the Indigenous People. He also shared on the importance of working local parish and community to integrate them in the appropriate way.

### Water and Baptism

Donna Naughton, Executive Director of Kateri Native Ministry shared the traditional *Mii-Kaans* teaching about the seven stages of life. Through her use of the land and the Indigenous pedagogy, she taught participants

about the special purpose of each stage and how it is fulfilled within the community. She also spoke on the connection with the Indigenous and Christian tradition of Baptism as a rite of passage.

"This teaching this week made my week humbling, enlightening and educational."  
- Participant

### Indigenous Creation Stories

At the first session held at Saint Paul University, Elder Rosella Kinoshameg prepared the participants to listen Indigenous teachings and stories in the traditional way by being attentive without taking notes. She carefully shared one of the Anishinaabe creation stories in the way it was taught to her. She also encouraged the participant to listen to the important lessons that can be learnt through creation stories relationship to Creator and to our community.

### Creation Stories in the Bible

Fr. Bill Burke, priest at St. Margaret Bourgeoys parish in Nova Scotia, led the afternoon session. He shared some of the church teachings on the Christian Creation stories in the Bible. Just like Rosella before him he invited the participants to reflect on and share the important lessons these stories have to tell us about belonging and where we come from



"Being out on the land made me feel like butterfly coming out of a cocoon."

- Participant





## The Rite of Belonging and Preparing the Community for Baptism

Fr. Bill Burke led a second session on the Thursday morning on the Sacrament of Baptism. The participants were reminded that this celebration was meant to symbolize the unity and relationship with God but also the welcoming of a new member in the body of Christ. Klara Kinahan, an experience catechist and liturgist, shared best practices to ensure that a baptismal is celebration not just for the family but also for the whole community. Participants learnt that a baptism could be a renewal of the sense belonging for the whole community.

## Community Leadership and Fostering Belonging

Through this session, Fr. Daryold helped the participants identify important characteristics of a good pastoral ministry that fosters belonging. Working in small groups the participants shared strategies and experiences of how pastoral leaders can support these identified characteristics. Finally, in their small groups, they shared their vocation story in order to see how one is invited to leadership and how they can support his process.

## Integration and Closing Ceremony

The final day began with a Sharing Circle led by Elder Tom Dearhouse in which participants were invited to reflect on their week. This is a time when they can engage with all they have learnt throughout the week and share the personal stories that have brought them to participate in this formation program.

The facilitator of the week, Delores Peltier-Corkey, led a process to evaluate the week and name some new initiatives or ideas each pastoral leader will incorporate into their ministry following this program.

The program concluded with a Eucharistic celebration in the De Mazenod chapel at Saint Paul University, presided by Fr. Daryold Corbiere-Winkler. Following the Eucharist, participants were given their attestation certificate and honoured with a feast. Participants left for their home communities knowing they were not alone in this journey, encouraged to continue to explore the connections and be living examples of reconciliation.



"I have attended many workshops and retreat but never felt this deep sense of belonging."

- Participant



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