

THE SUMMONS

~ a response to the call within ~



— ARCHDIOCESE OF —
WINNIPEG

Adult Faith Formation

*Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you found
to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in
you and you in me?*

*Lord your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.*

*In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.*

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WHAT IS IT?

Since 2009, THE SUMMONS is an adult faith formation process for those who desire to grow both personally and spiritually through our Catholic faith.

We gather for 10 sessions on Saturdays from 9:00am – 3:30pm once per month from September 2026 – to the end of May 2027.

THE SUMMONS provides an adult environment for participants to be transformed by God's grace, enriching their faith and lives through sharing, learning, community, and prayer.

Each of us has a divine mission and purpose in our lives. Inherent to all of us is a desire to know, experience, and deepen our realization of this in relation to God.

TOPICS OF FORMATION

The Summons is a 'call' from God to come together to explore and delve into the areas of faith formation as Jesus did with his disciples:

Metanoia –

- ✓ Being open to change /growth
- ✓ What prevents us from changing/growing

Who Am I? –

- ✓ How God created us – Our Belovedness
- ✓ Guilt vs Shame in our lives
- ✓ Living our true and authentic self

Who Is God? –

- ✓ Understanding our God box
- ✓ Images of God

Who Is Jesus? Who is the Christ?

- ✓ Christ is not Jesus' last name

The Cross & The Resurrection

- ✓ Understanding the meaning of the Cross
- ✓ Where is God in our sufferings
- ✓ Experiencing Resurrection in our daily lives
- ✓ Cosmic Significance of the Resurrection

Forgiveness

- ✓ What is it and what it is not
- ✓ Forgiveness as a process

Loss & Grief

- ✓ A universal experience and what do to with it

Who Are We?

- ✓ The Eucharist & Sacraments

FORMATION NOT INFORMATION

Adult formation does not just provide content and information, but it also engages the whole person – intellect, beliefs, values, and life experience – in a process and practice of Christian maturity. As adults we learn together from our sharing of life experiences. Formation fosters a sense of trust and community among the participants and encourages interactive sharing to enable us to grow and learn from one another in the context of our Catholic faith.

WHO IS IT FOR?

This 10 session faith formation process is designed for ANY adult who desires to grow in our Catholic faith.

PARTICIPANT'S EXPERIENCE

"The Summons was able to help me in my own faith formation. I have more patience, understanding, and humility. I can think of God and see God at work much more than I have previous to The Summons." – John

"The Summons formation encouraged me to expand my personal relationship with God, to go deeper and wider until it encompassed more than I ever knew." – Rachael

"My eyes and heart were opened to many things that were nagging me about my relationship with God and others. I now see things in a whole different light." – Susan

"I always knew there was 'more' to our faith but was unsure how to discover it. The Summons did that for me."
- Bruce

WHAT DOES IT COST?

THE SUMMONS is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg through the generous contributions of parishioners to Sharing God's Gifts. **There is no registration fee.**

LOCATION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
4588 Roblin Boulevard
Winnipeg, MB

DATES

2026	
Saturday	September 12
Saturday	October 3
Saturday	November 7
Saturday	December 5
2027	
Saturday	January 9
Saturday	February 6
Saturday	March 6
Saturday	April 3
Saturday	May 1
Saturday	May 29

FORMATION TEAM

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REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register now at
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