

Kim Phúc Phan Thi speaking at Cathedral, September 20, 2013 at 7 pm



The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

Last year, the St. Boniface Cathedral Parish coordinated two events for the International Day of Peace; the first being an oecumenical multilingual celebration on Sept. 20th, followed by a noon hour of reflection, music and prayer on the 21st of September. Since then, several devoted and inspired individuals who have an interest in advancing peace, social justice,

compassion and human rights have been very busy. They have organized events, been on two trips to Louisville, Kentucky, and meet regularly to plan the program for *Peace Days* to be held between September 15th and 21st, 2013. St. Boniface Cathedral, in partnership with the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba's *Compassion Project* team, have planned a significant event to be held at the Cathedral on Friday, September 20th at 7 :00 p.m. You will have the honour of meeting Kim Phuc, known world-wide as the poster child of the Vietnam War, view and listen to her incredible and poignant story. More information on the topic of her keynote address is shown on the reverse side of this newsletter. Tickets are available at the St. Boniface Cathedral Parish Office, at 204-233-Allô (2556) by phone or at their office located at Unit 106, 147 Provencher Boulevard.

COST - Children 0 - 12 yrs: Free

13 - 29 yrs & 65+ : \$10

30 - 64 yrs : \$20

Nurturing the Resiliency of the Human Spirit

KEYNOTE WITH

Kim Phuc Phan Thi



Two Choices: Change my heart or die from hatred

Kim Phuc was an innocent victim of the Vietnam War at the age of nine. On June 8, 1972, Kim's village of Trang Bang came under attack by South Vietnamese planes, which mistakenly dropped napalm on a Buddhist pagoda in an area where the North Vietnamese were infiltrating. While running for safety with other children, Kim was severely burned by the napalm.

The famous photograph of Kim Phuc taken by the Pulitzer Prize winning AP photographer, Huyng Cong Nick Ut, is evidence of the cruelty of war toward child victims, and became a symbol of civilian suffering in the Vietnam War. Kim suffered many years of painful burn therapy, but she always longed to reach out and help other children who were victimized by war.

In 1997 she established the first Kim Phuc Foundation in the US, with the aim of providing medical and psychological assistance to child victims of war. Later, other foundations were set up, with the same name, under an umbrella organization, Kim Phuc Foundation International.

We invite you to partake in this entrancing keynote address by Kim Phuc who will speak about her life and experience, learning how to be "strong in the face of pain", and how her faith, compassion and love helped her heal. Her incredible strength and spirit are evident when she speaks about forgiveness and helping children. The Kim Foundation International may have been inspired by her pain, but its focus is on world peace and healing.

For more information and to purchase tickets call:
204-233-2556 or 1-800-665-4443



September 20, 2013
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Public Keynote

13-29 & 65+ \$10

Adults \$20

St. Boniface Cathedral
190, avenue de la Cathédrale

This keynote is held during Peace Week to honour and recognize the International Day of Peace.

Mark your calendars for Dr. Brené Brown's Keynote and Workshop



Dr. Brené Brown

Wired for Connection:
How Empathy, Shame, and
Vulnerability Affect Helping
and Healing

November 5 & 6, 2013

Dr. Brown believes that our imperfections are what connect us to each other and to our humanity. In a keynote/workshop we will explore the concepts of shame, empathy, and vulnerability, and the role these emotions play in perfectionism, addiction, and isolation.

