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**A PARTNERSHIP BASED ON SHARED HISTORICAL VALUES· ST. BONIFACE
CATHEDRAL RECEIVES FUNDING FROM THE NORTH WEST COMPANY**

The St. Boniface Cathedral is happy to announce \$50,000 of funding from The North West Company towards the preservation of the St. Boniface Cathedral as an important historical icon in Western Canada.

“Because of its history, The North West Company is an important stakeholder within the St. Boniface precinct and we are happy to have them on board as a funder and also as a partner to help us develop a greater vision for the St. Boniface Cathedral and site,” said Archbishop Albert LeGatt.

The historic St. Boniface Cathedral Basilica is embarking on a \$6M restoration and renovation project to restore and upgrade its building and grounds. The purpose of the project is to protect and preserve the integrity and stability of the historic site.

These repairs will allow the Cathedral to enhance the visitor experience, enable better forms and varieties of programming, and to create a destination hub consistent with the *River City Connections* waterfront vision plan.

“The North West Company has a long history with the St. Boniface precinct dating back to the early 19th century and we are very proud to be part of this exciting restoration project,” says David Lui, Director, Marketing Services.

The St. Boniface Cathedral is an integral part of Canada’s cultural and historical tapestry. Its significance looms large in Manitoba, and the renewal will allow the St. Boniface Cathedral to continue to play its role as a spiritual and cultural meeting place for Manitobans of all backgrounds and religious denominations. It was established as a provincially designated site in 1994 and was designated a municipal Grade 1 Heritage Building and site the week of January 7th, 2013.

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