

# **CWL Twilight Retreat - Hope**

With Fr. Mike Dechant OMI

## **Presentation:**

How do we live as “agents of hope” in a world filled with chaos, turmoil and brokenness? How do we live Gospel values of love and forgiveness and healing? How do we live in a way that can make a difference?

What’s the truth when there are so many conflicting voices?

Jesus has an answer for us when he says: “I am the way the truth and the life!”

Maybe “together” we can learn and understand what that might mean for me and for you. Let’s talk!



**Fr. Mike Dechant OMI** serves as the Director of Oblate Youth Ministries, working in the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division. As an Oblate of Mary Immaculate, he focuses much of his energy in being a “missionary” ... to reach out to all peoples – students, teachers, parents, grandparents – but with special attention to those who don’t belong to the “inner circle of the Church.” In his work in Youth Ministry, Fr. Mike has taken high school students to an area devastated by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Isaac and impacted by

on-going social poverty. These students have an opportunity to participate in the “New Orleans Re-build” – fixing and cleaning homes in disrepair and helping people build up hope and courage to face “today and tomorrow.” So often we hear the people say, “thank you for not forgetting about us.” As his father was a farmer, planting seeds to feed the people of the world, so too his son has spent most of his life “planting seeds” – seeds of hope and encouragement, the seeds of the Good News of Jesus Christ. His constant encouragement to everyone is: “Wherever you go, go with God. Wherever you go, go make a difference.”

**Date:** Thursday, May 31, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 pm with a social to follow

**Cost:** by donation at the door

*We look forward to seeing you!*