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LEGACIES OF FAITH

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Welcome



Dear Friends,

My name is Carla Smiley. I am the new Planned Giving Coordinator for The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. I look forward to collaborating with you in our shared mission of bringing the dynamism and hope of the Gospel to the world.

Thank you for your generosity which will ensure the priorities of

evangelization, faith formation, and vocations are enabled for future generations. This second edition of Legacies of Faith brings us inspiring stories about the Gift of Faith and the beauty of life lived in this light, "for we walk by faith, not by sight." *2 Cor 5:7*

Thanks a million Joyce!

Thanks to all of you who were able to come out and celebrate Joyce Tutt's work and retirement on May 30, 2012 at St. Joseph Seminary. She shared with us that it was one of the best and most memorable days of her life. In her many years with The Foundation of St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College, Joyce was particularly proud of one accomplishment. Over the last decade we have grown the Foundation's endowed funds by almost \$10 M - almost a million



dollars a year! These monies will be kept in perpetuity, their earnings being used to ensure we have both lay and ordained leaders of our Catholic faith being educated, trained, and formed for generations to come. Joyce's work has

You Are Invited To:

- First Friday Masses at St. Joseph Seminary September at 11:30 a.m.
- Daily Mass at Newman Theological College at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Come and see the newly installed life sized crucifix sculpted by Gregory Furmanczyk and pictured on the cover.
- NTC FREE Lunchtime Seminars 2012-2013 *Reading Sacred Scriptures*, and *Reading the Church Fathers*. For more information and to register please contact Dr. Saulnier: email: stephane.saulnier@newman.edu tel: (780) 392-2450 ext. 5234
- Get a theological education anytime! Two floors of books are waiting to be read at our beautiful Sopchyshyn Family library. NTC library cards are available to anyone for just \$15 a year.
- Jubilee 100 Exhibition. A historical exhibit celebrating 100 years of The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. Visit City Hall October 22nd- November 16th.

helped ensure a secure future for our Catholic faith as well as for that of our children and grandchildren! Thank you for your leadership, Joyce, which has inspired so many of us to give the best of ourselves.



A Gift of Faith

In October 2011 Valerie Hornung took a leap of faith! She left her 21-year banking career to launch a new Christian gift, book and supply store in Stony Plain that she named “A Gift of Faith.” Faith has been a gift and a common thread throughout Valerie’s life. Instead of just understanding this in her heart, Valerie chooses to bear witness to her gift of faith in the way she lives out her life.

Valerie recalls that the gift of faith was first given to her by her family, especially her parents who made family and faith the focus of their lives. She remembers her father doing “what needed to be done” at the church from opening up in the morning, to cleaning, to leading lay liturgies. Valerie carried on this good work by volunteering in a number of capacities: eucharistic minister since age 16, sacristan, church bookkeeping, and welcoming the seminarians and priests coming to assist Fr. Paul Terrio, then pastor of Holy Trinity Parish.

This is how Valerie came to know some members of the St. Joseph Seminary formation team. One member in particular, Fr. Andrew Szablewski, had a profound influence on Valerie’s life. It was he who taught her to pray to learn, not just what God wanted *for her*, but what God wanted *from her*. That is, to



find how she could better serve God and what she could give in gratitude for what she has received.

Valerie wanted to support the seminary,

the young men who are studying there, and their formators who so generously serve in her parish. She had some ideas, but didn’t know how to make them a reality until she called and met with the Planned Giving Coordinator at The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Together they made a plan to achieve the goal of creating an endowment fund. Valerie considers herself, like many of us, a person of ordinary means. The \$10,000 necessary to establish an endowment fund was not immediately possible for her. For Valerie, monthly contributions over a five year-period were the answer.

Many thanks to Valerie for her leadership in establishing The Margaret and Gilbert Hornung Endowment Fund. This fund is named in honour of her parents who first gave her the gift of faith. Valerie’s generosity will assist formation of seminarians for many years to come.

Forming Men for the Priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary

Have you ever wondered how priests are prepared to live their vocation? Blessed Pope John Paul II outlined four pillars of formation necessary towards becoming a priest: spiritual, pastoral, intellectual, and human.

Rev. Andrew Szablewski, pss, Director of Human Formation for St. Joseph Seminary, is responsible for assisting seminarians to develop the necessary human qualities since: “The whole work of priestly formation would be deprived of its necessary foundation if it lacked a suitable human formation.... The priest, who is called to be a “living image” of Jesus Christ, head and shepherd of

the Church, should seek to reflect in himself, as far as possible, the human perfection which shines forth in the Incarnate Son of God and which is reflected with particular liveliness in his attitudes toward others as we see narrated in the Gospels.” *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 1992.

Candidates for the priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary strive, therefore, to cultivate a series of human qualities:

- to be educated to love the truth
- to be loyal
- to respect all persons
- to have a sense of justice
- to be compassionate

- to be men of integrity
- and especially to be balanced in judgement and behavior



Gemma Cerminara, assisted by her husband Vittoria, giving a cooking class to seminarians.



God Comes Searching for Us

St. Joseph seminarian, Carlos Nunez, was ordained a transitional deacon on August 27, at St. Joseph's Basilica in Edmonton. God willing, he will be ordained a priest for The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. These years of study and formation, made possible by the practical support of faith-filled people, will ensure he is well prepared for his public ministry.

Carlos first received the gift of faith in his family home and its practice was a constant in his growing-up years. He was also affected by the powerful witness of grandparents who had a deep devotion to the rosary. It was this prayer that he shared with his grandmother on her deathbed and is a source of consolation to him to this day.

In Grade 4 Carlos began to wonder about God's particular plan for his life. He read a simple version of the Bible. About that time some Christians evangelizing in his neighborhood

dropped off a video of the Gospel of Matthew. Carlos watched it numerous times. It invited him to pray to know what Jesus wanted him to do. It was clear to Carlos that the first step was to offer Jesus his very life. He began to think that God was asking him to be a priest.

A Catholic school environment helped to further foster Carlos' faith. During his spare classes in high school, he would slip away to his parish to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. When the priest from St. Theresa came to his school and offered Mass, Carlos would assist as eucharistic minister.

Right after high school Carlos met with the Vocations Director of the Archdiocese. He began his formation with two years of studies at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. It was a humbling experience for him. It challenged him

to ask, "Do I really believe in this? Do I really want to do this? Is this worth giving my life to?"

Fortunately for us, the answer was and still is, "YES!"

Carlos' decision to become a diocesan priest next brought him to St. Joseph Seminary where he has continued the integral formation that Pope John Paul II envisioned for priests. Human formation has given him a realistic vision of what it means to be a priest. "It takes discipline and effort to be holy," Carlos said. "This calls me to be reflective, to ask good questions about myself and my reactions, and to know my limitations and strengths. Grace builds on nature. You are a man first." Our sincere gratitude to Carlos for his willingness to respond to the call of God to the priesthood. Please pray for him as he continues this time of preparation.



Carlos Nunez with Deborah Reinhart at the 20th Archdiocese Newman Golf Challenge. This year's tournament raised \$175,000 for St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College.



Endowing the Future

Endowment funds are a meaningful long-term way to support the ongoing mission of the Church. Solid preparation is essential for both clergy and lay people to share the Gospel in a world hungry for Good News.

How does an endowment fund work? Unless otherwise specified by the donor, the principal is not touched, it remains intact in perpetuity. Only earnings of the fund are used.

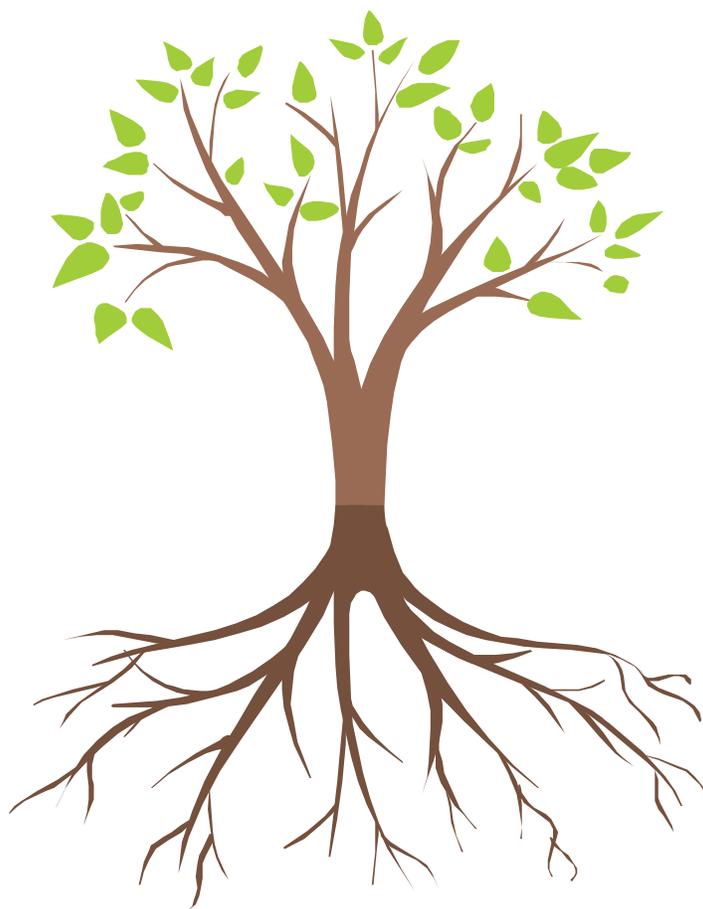
Some donors choose to establish an endowment fund now, contribute to it during their lifetime, and make a final donation to it through a bequest in their will. They can ask family and friends to support their endowment fund as well. It is a beautiful way to ensure their support will continue forever!

Endowment funds established with The Foundation of St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College and The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton are a way to leave your personal legacy. A minimum gift of \$10,000 is required to establish an endowment fund. However, an endowment may also be established with an initial gift of \$5,000 and a plan of regular payments to reach the \$10,000 minimum in a reasonable amount of time. You, the donor, may choose where your endowment's earnings are directed. For example, funds can support operations of the seminary

and/or college, the Newman Library, seminarian formation, bursaries, or theological education.

By establishing an endowment fund you become eligible for membership in the Archbishop Joseph MacNeil Society. This is an honorary group that is invited annually to mass and a luncheon with Archbishop MacNeil.

What's in a name? Monsignor Noel Delaquis, Archbishop Joseph MacNeil, Bishop Paul O'Byrne, Monsignor Felix Otterson, and Bishop Gerald Wiesner are people you may recognize. Named endowment funds such as these recognize outstanding leadership, faithful service and witness of Christian life. They inspire us to give with the same generosity as their namesake gave to the world. These particular endowment funds support the operations of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College.



You are welcome at any time to support these established endowment funds or request information about others whose funds are directed in other ways. You might consider a donation in remembrance of a dear

friend or relative on their birthday, anniversary, feast day or Christmas as a meaningful gift. We send out a card to them acknowledging that you have made a donation in their honour (or to their family if in memoriam) and send you a charitable donation receipt.

For more information about endowment funds and other planned gifts, please contact:

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