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## March 2019 Newsletter

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### March blessings!

As we begin our Lenten journey, here are some activities that we will be working on in the coming weeks:



### World Day of Prayer – March 1, 2019

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings together Christians of many traditions to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March.

Each year the focus is on a certain country, with women of that country providing art, music, prayer, and other resources to help mark the day. This year's focus will be on **Slovenia**.

For a partial listing of WDP events in the Archdiocese: [2019 World Day of Prayer](#)

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### Ecumenical Meatball Cookoff

March 2, 2019

Our friends at **Ascension Lutheran Church (8405-83 Street, Edmonton)**

have invited us back for a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Ecumenical Meatball Cookoff. (That's right: meatballs!)

Tasting starts at 5:30. Entry fee for teams and tasters is a free-will donation to E4C.

This year's ecumenical judges will be:

- Dr. Faith Nostbakken (Evangelical Lutheran)
- Rev. Scott Sharman (Anglican)
- Sr. Zoe Bernatsky, SSMI (Ukrainian Catholic)

For more information contact: [2019 Ecumenical Meatball Cookoff](#)

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Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Works Project

**Habitat for Humanity's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Interfaith Works Project**



### **March 5-June 5, 2019**

Habitat for Humanity-Edmonton and the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative are thrilled to be launching their **8th Annual Interfaith Works Project!**

From March 5 - June 5, volunteers from faith communities across the capital region will be joining together to work hand-in-hand building homes for local families.

Our goal is to mobilize 600 volunteers this year to help build homes.

**Join us for the 2019 Kick-Off event:**

**March 5, 2019 @ at HfH South ReStore (4004 99 Street NW, Edmonton)**

**For more information or to see how you can get involved, visit [2019 HfH Interfaith Works Project](#)**



### **Pope Francis visits Morocco March 30-31, 2019**

In the context of Pope Francis' upcoming Apostolic Visit to Morocco, we are planning two significant Catholic-Muslim meeting events:

- March 29: Archbishop Smith to visit Rahma Mosque.
- March 30: Catholic-Moroccan community meeting event.

**Details for these events are still under consideration. For updates throughout the month, please follow us on [Facebook](#).**

**Other upcoming items to note and keep in your prayers:**

- Mar. 2: Diaconal Formation session on Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations
- Mar. 3: Phoenix Multi-faith Society – board retreat
- Mar. 5: Edmonton & District Council of Churches – Executive meeting

- Mar. 10: Ecumenical Taizé Prayer – St. Thomas d'Aquin parish
- Mar. 12: No Room in the Inn Committee meeting
- Mar. 12: A Common Word-Alberta (Muslim-Christian dialogue)
- Mar. 13: Archdiocesan Staff Retreat
- Mar. 19: Edmonton & District Council of Churches – General meeting
- Mar. 22: Diversity & Inclusion Council meeting (Covenant Health)
- Mar. 22: Edmonton Mennonite-RC Dialogue meeting

**Thank you for your help in praying, promoting and supporting these ecumenical and interreligious activities in the Archdiocese.**

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Please let us know if you are aware of or organizing ecumenical and interreligious events in your own parish or location. We would love to help you to promote them via our [Facebook page](#). Visit us there for up-to-the-minute postings, event notices, theological updates, greetings and salutations to religious communities.

Blessings,  
Julien

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