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The Catholic
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Join Archbishop Smith

On a Pilgrimage to
the Holy Land & Jordan

November 21 - December 4

St Joseph's Basilica Cathedral Choir

Do you love to sing? Would you like to get involved in the liturgical life of St Joseph's Basilica, the cathedral church of the Archdiocese of Edmonton? We are now looking for more members of the volunteer Cathedral Choir to start in September 2015.

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Hello Friend in Christ ,

Welcome back to Quid Novum! I hope this finds you refreshed after the summer break. We have a lot of news for you today, and we'll be back in your inbox each week till Christmas.

God bless,

Lorraine

On the Move



For 10 years now, St. Benedict Chapel has served as a spiritual oasis for those who live or work in downtown Edmonton. The chapel was established by Most Rev. Thomas Collins, a former Archbishop of Edmonton who wanted to have the presence of the Lord in the heart of the city. The chapel welcomes hundreds of people each week to its

current location on the third floor of the City Centre East Mall. But it will be moving this fall to a new, and busier, location on the second floor. While construction continues at the new location, Mass will still be celebrated on weekdays at 7:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and, 5:15 p.m., and on Saturdays at 12:15. There are also opportunities for Confession and counselling. Father Oscar Monroy is happy to welcome you -- drop by the next time you're at the mall.

[Take a video peek at the new location](#)

Office of the Archbishop

2015 Federal Election Guide

With the federal election campaign underway, the Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a guide inviting Catholics to vote with discernment. In its [2015 Federal Election Guide](#), the Bishops list some basic principles from Catholic moral and social teaching to help voters analyze and evaluate public policies and programs.

As in the previous guide for the 2011 election, the document focuses on respect for life and the dignity of the human person, social justice, the family, world peace, and the environment. Certainly one urgent issue is the Supreme Court decision to strike down the law against assisted suicide. The guide does not instruct Catholics on how to vote, but it does invite them to ask the questions: What do the political parties say about these issues? What positions are the candidates taking?

While recognizing that there are times when "choices may prove very difficult," the bishops note that "It is a sign of a healthy community when informed and responsible citizens engage in an ongoing dialogue on major social issues with their political leaders."

[Download the 2015 Federal Election Guide](#) (PDF)

[en francais](#)

[Read more »](#)

Chancery Office

Archbishop MacNeil named to SFX Hall of Honour



Archbishop Emeritus Joseph MacNeil (pictured at graduation in 1944) has been named to the alumni Hall of Honour at St. Francis Xavier University in Halifax. The Hall of Honour recognizes those members of the university community who have carried on the StFX tradition of helping others, and serves as an inspiration to current students to ensure the tradition continues. "The committee agrees that the life and achievements of Archbishop Joseph MacNeil is an exemplary model of the Xaverian spirit in action," said Mary

Jessie MacLellan, Director of Alumni Affairs.

The induction ceremony will take place at StFX University on **Saturday, October 3**. His Grace will not be able to attend in person, but he wrote to the university president with his usual humble good humour. News of the honour "brought me much joy and amazement," he wrote. "My record while at X would not foresee any such honour. ... However, many more exciting events came my way since graduation."

Congratulations, Archbishop MacNeil!

Policy Update

The following policies are now promulgated in **Section 300 of the Policy Manual, Human Resources**:

Policy 319 and Appendix 319A deal with staff development and education. Policy 319 has been updated significantly, and Appendix 319A, which outlines needs assessment,

is new.

Minor revisions were made to Policy 363, Appendices 363A and 363B.

In consultation with stakeholders, we've added a new Appendix 363E, a release form dealing with minors who may need treatment for allergic reaction with an EpiPen.

[319_StaffDevelopmentEducation16Jul15](#) REVISED

[319A_eStaffDevelopmentRequestAssessment16Jul15](#) NEW

[363_DayAndOvernightActivitiesEventsExcursions15Jul15](#) REVISED

[363A_ParticipantAgreementReleaseOfLiabilityForm15Jul15](#) REVISED

[363B_ParticipantMedicalInformationForm15Jul15](#) REVISED

[363E_ReleaseFormForEpiPen15Jul15](#) NEW

All current archdiocesan policies are posted at www.caedm.ca/policy.

Safe Environments & Abuse Prevention

As part of the archdiocesan process on Safe Environment & Abuse Prevention, the Archdiocese is at the second stage of auditing parishes and camps. The goal is to ensure all steps and procedures are in place and are being adhered to.

Risk management requirements involve the following:

- Attending a Called to Protect training session for all volunteers in the parish
- Completing volunteer information forms
- Doing background checks for volunteer positions in medium/high risk positions
- Signing Covenant of Care form for all those 18 years and over
- Orientation and training for volunteer ministries.

While audits are done by an outside body, all parishes, camps and all archdiocesan institutions are advised to continuously monitor their programs. A self-assessment tool will be provided for this purpose. Keeping our communities safe is an ongoing process, and everyone is encouraged to participate in this initiative.

Called to Protect training sessions will continue to be offered both in parishes and at the Pastoral and Administration Offices. Parishes are expected to arrange for their training sessions. Please contact Natalie Rose at 780-469-1010 to book Called to Protect training for your parish. Scheduled sessions will also be posted on the Archdiocese website at www.caedm.ca/CalledToProtectCalendar.

We thank you for your contribution in making this Archdiocese a safe place for all, especially the vulnerable persons.

✚Gregory J. Bittman
Auxiliary Bishop of Edmonton
Moderator of the Curia

Catechesis

Weekly Discipleship Reflections

August 30 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Road to Discipleship: Holiness not external

Humans naturally develop rituals about many things in daily life. Think about how we celebrate birthdays, cheer for sports teams, and even get ready for work each day. The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of not following the cleansing rituals of the Jewish elders. Now Jesus calls these elders hypocrites when they challenge him on the matter. Why? Pharisees and scribes act outwardly like they obey God's word while they inwardly harbour sinful desires and attitudes. Holiness is not external. Holiness grows in one's heart. Through his Word and Spirit, God brings our sinful intentions and actions into conscious awareness (our conscience) so we may see ourselves as God does, and then seek God's mercy, grace, pardon, and healing.



[More Discipleship Reflections »](#)

Learn to pass on our faith to others

Are you involved in sacramental preparation, RCIA, or adult faith formation in the parish? Are you a parent or grandparent who wants to talk about your faith more easily with your children or grandchildren? Or would you just like to learn more about the faith? The Office of Catechesis is pleased to offer fall workshops in the art of passing on our faith to others. These sessions will enrich your own faith and equip you to share it more effectively.

Camrose Deanery

Saturday, September 5, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Parish, Camrose
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Edmonton West Deanery

Two evenings (you must attend both):

Monday, September 14, and **Tuesday, September 29**, 6:30-9 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish

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Edmonton East Deanery

Saturday, October 17, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., St. Clare Parish

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Professional Development Sessions offered by the Archdiocese

Please mark your calendars and save these dates! More details will follow soon.

- ◆ Professional Development Day for Pastoral Assistants
Thursday, September 24, 2015, at the Pastoral and Administration Offices, Archdiocese of Edmonton
- ◆ RCIA study day for Clergy and Parish RCIA Coordinators
October 15, 2015, at Providence Renewal Centre

Divine Worship

2016 International Eucharistic Congress

Every four years, Catholic faithful from around the world are invited to gather together to reflect on and celebrate the great mystery of the Eucharist during the [International Eucharistic Congress](#).

In 2016, the 51st Congress will be held in Cebu, Philippines, from **January 24 to 31**. You are invited to join thousands of clergy and lay people for an unforgettable week on the theme "Christ in you, our hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Through catechetical sessions, liturgical celebrations, prayer gatherings, and plenary assemblies, pilgrims

will come to a deeper understanding of and a stronger commitment to the Eucharistic mystery, which is the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

Archbishop Smith has designated Father Paul Kavanagh, Director of Divine Worship, as the archdiocesan representative for the 2016 Congress. The Office of Divine Worship will be coordinating information for pilgrims from the Archdiocese. Please let us know if you're planning to attend! We hope to have a social evening for IEC pilgrims from the Archdiocese in the fall. Contact Father Paul at 780-469-1010 or divineworship@caedm.ca.

For more information, visit www.caedm.ca/congress or

[Download the information and catechesis package](#) (PDF, 58 pages)

Western Conference for Liturgy

Join Sr. Eva Solomon for the Western Conference of Liturgy; Beyond Smudging & Sweetgrass in Sts. Martyrs Canadiens, Saskatoon on **October 23 & 24**.

To register, phone (780) 236.1990 or email judy.darbyson@telus.net.

Please note that the business meeting is for member representatives only; however, the Aboriginal workshop is open to anyone.

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Ordered your ORDO?

If your parish has not yet reserved your copy of the new ORDO, please contact Mona at 780-469-1010 or divineworship@caedm.ca

Prayer Cards for Year of Consecrated Life

Would your parish like to order copies of the prayer card (English or French) printed by the CCCB in honour of the Year of Consecrated Life? Contact Mona.

ONL on the move

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has decided to to move the Office national de liturgie (ONL), which serves the francophone dioceses and parishes of Canada, to Ottawa from Montreal. Two full-time employees will be transferred to Ottawa, where the English-language National Liturgy Office is based. The office can still be contacted via email at onl@cecc.ca.

Finance Office

The Archdiocese has posted its [Annual Report for 2014](#).

In his introductory letter to the report, Archbishop Smith reviews the pastoral highlights of the year and expresses appreciation for the continuing generosity of parishioners -- whether it's to the regular Sunday collection, the annual *Together We Serve* appeal, or special initiatives such as support for victims of violence in the Middle East and sponsorship of refugee families.

"Please remember that all these gifts ... are deeply appreciated," Archbishop Smith writes. "May the Lord of Mercy bless you for your loving service to our needy brothers and sisters, and for your generous support of His Church."

In 2014, an estimated 226,600 individuals were registered with the parishes of the Archdiocese -- up from the 215,000 recorded in 2013. On the financial side, the report cites operating expenses of \$3.20 million, resulting in a net operational surplus of \$807,157, compared with a net operational deficit of \$345,304 in 2013.

[Read the Annual Report for 2014](#)

Audited financial statements have also been posted at

<http://caedm.ca/TemporalServices/FinanceOffice>.

Life and Family

Meet our new Coordinator!



Steven Defer took up his new post as Coordinator of the Office of Life and Family – which he calls a “fantastic job” – on August 3, following a 27-year career with the Canadian Armed Forces. For the last eight years he has served as a Chaplain and recently held the position of Senior Brigade Chaplain at the Edmonton Garrison.

Steven describes himself as a guy who loves life a lot. “Not a day goes by that I am not grateful to God that I live, and I hope to bring that same sense of gratitude and joy to my work.”

Many issues his office will encounter have taken on particular urgency recently – separation and divorce, assisted suicide, euthanasia, and the newly approved abortion pill, just to name a few.

“As a chaplain and a pastoral associate, it became very clear to me how important life and family issues are in the life of the Church,” he says. “I look forward to the challenges.”

[Read more »](#)

Missions

The Holy Childhood Association is one of four Pontifical missions, with the unique motto of “Children Helping Children.” Every year, Canadian children support children in mission countries through prayer and sacrificial giving. Their donations are used for children in orphanages, slum areas, street havens, schools, hospitals, refugee camps and centres for the disabled. The money helps provides food, medicine, clean water, shelter and education. In 2014, donations from children in Canada helped children in Ghana, Nigeria, Zambia and Sudan.

Once again, children here in the Archdiocese have been very generous. For the 12-month period ending January 31, 2015, the following was raised for the Holy Childhood Association:

- \$54,763.49 from parishes in the Archdiocese
- \$14,362.43 from schools in the Archdiocese
- \$69,125.92 total from the Archdiocese

By comparison, the total contributed to the Holy Childhood Association from all of English Canada for the same period was \$214,432.85. The Archdiocese of Edmonton contributed *32 percent of that total* (nearly one-third).

Deacon Pat Hessel, who serves as Missions Chair for the Archdiocese, calls the numbers a “a testament to the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese, especially the children.”

“This also reflects the continuing effects of the work of the late Father Troy, who was a strong advocate for the Holy Childhood Association in the Archdiocese,” says Deacon Pat. “Some of the largest contributions in the Archdiocese have come from parishes that allow the children to make donations (typically small change) to the Holy Childhood Association during their weekend liturgies. Collectively, these small donations have allowed Pope Francis to meet the needs of many children in developing countries.

“It is wonderful to see our children becoming missionaries! It speaks to a bright future for the Archdiocese.”

For more information about the Holy Childhood Association, or to order free educational materials, visit the [Holy Childhood Association website](#).

Social Justice

World Day of Prayer

Pope Francis has designated **September 1** for celebration as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In his announcement, the Holy Father said this special day "will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

"The celebration of this Day, on the same date as the Orthodox Church, will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. We live at a time when all Christians are faced with the same decisive challenges, to which we must respond together, in order to be more credible and effective. It is my hope that this Day will in some way also involve other Churches and ecclesial Communities, and be celebrated in union with similar initiatives of the World Council of Churches.

[Read the Pope's letter »](#)

Youth & Young Adults

12th Annual OLVC Charity Golf Tournament



Our Lady of Victory Camp invites you to join us for our 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, on **Saturday, September 12**, on the Gull Lake Golf Course. All proceeds go to assist with facility upgrades and the operation of the camp. Cost: is \$375 for a team of 5, or \$75 per individual. Includes hamburger lunch, 9 holes of golf, contest prizes, 50/50 draw, putting contest, and a delicious evening meal! We are also looking for sponsors and cash donations. To register, contact Wendy Curtis at 403-588-301. For Tournament Activities, contact Carla or Eamon McCann at 403-843-3322; for Silent Auction Items or Cash Donations, call OLVC at 403-986-6582. For more

information, visit www.olvc.ab.ca.

Newman Theological College



Treasures of the Faith

"Treasures of the Faith" is a series of free lunch-hour seminars offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization at Newman Theological College. Each series lasts a semester and focuses on a particular period of Church history, a particular theological theme, or a particular Church Father, Doctor of the Church, or Catholic Mystic.

The seminars are not for credit and are open to all -- no homework, and no prior knowledge necessary!

Following is the schedule for Treasures of the Faith during the Fall 2015 term. Seminars begin the week of **September 14**.

Register by contacting Reception at Newman Theological College at 780-392-2450 or reception@newman.edu.

Day	Seminar series	Topic	Time	Hosted by
Tuesday	Magisterium / New Evangelization	Laudato si' (On Care for our Common Home) – Encyclical, Pope Francis	12.10 – 1.00 pm	Dr. Robert McKeon
Wednesday	Sacred	Family and Evangelization	12.10 –	Fr. Ayodele

Scriptures according to John's Gospel 1.00 pm Ayeni

Thursday Catholic Saints and Mystics St. Faustina – Divine Mercy in my Soul – Diary 12.10 – 1.00 pm Dr. Jason West

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Study Sacred Scripture at Holy Family



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Join Dr. Stéphane Saulnier in a unique opportunity to participate in a course offered by Newman Theological College at Holy Family Parish in St. Albert. "Introduction to Sacred Scriptures and their Interpretation" will be offered on Monday mornings, **September 14 to December 7**. This three-credit course introduces students to the various books of the Old and New Testaments in relation to their historical, cultural, and religious backgrounds. Also covered are the concepts of biblical inspiration and biblical inerrancy, and the formation of the canon. To register, contact the Registrar at registrar@newman.edu or 780-392-2450. The Registrar will also be available for questions on the first day of classes at the parish. Auditors are welcome. For more information, visit www.newman.edu.

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Parish & Community News

AGM for Development & Peace

Are you interested in joining the Development & Peace movement? You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Edmonton Diocesan Council on **Wednesday, September 2**, at 7-9 p.m. at the Pastoral and Administration Offices, 8421-101 Avenue, Edmonton. RSVP to Cherie Pulver at capulver@shaw.ca. All are welcome! D&P is supported by *Together We Serve*.

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Edmonton Pregnancy Crisis Centre

Come celebrated with Archbishop Richard Smith, Catholic Social Services CEO Stephen Carattini, and fellow supporters as we embark on a new beginning at the Edmonton Pregnancy Crisis Centre. Join us on **Thursday, September 3**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at #207 – 11125 – 107 Avenue. RSVP to 780-482-5111 or epcc@telus.net.

Message from ECS for the parish bulletin

A Message from Edmonton Catholic Schools: The mission of Edmonton Catholic Schools is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another. Our theme for the year is Life of Grace...Journey of Love. This theme will help each of our school communities to discern the richness that comes from the foundational tenets of our faith: love God and love your neighbour. Whether your family is joining our Christ-centred educational community for the first time, or is returning for another year of faith-filled learning, I am delighted to welcome everyone back to an exciting new school year that will see our children encountering Christ daily as part of their learning journey. Many blessings on the school year ahead!

Joan Carr, Superintendent

Concert in Red Deer

St. Mary's Parish is pleased to present a concert with Tony Melendez on **Tuesday, September 8**, at 7 p.m. at the parish, 6 McMillan Avenue in Red Deer. Born without arms, Tony has become a master guitarist using his feet. Since 1987, when he sang and played for Pope John Paul II in Los Angeles, Tony has been sharing his talents and message of hope with the world. Concert is free, but donations will be accepted to support Tony's ministry. For more information, contact Angelo at 403-347-3114.

CRS Prayer Breakfast

Catholic Renewal Services invites you to our next prayer breakfast on **Saturday, September 12**, with guest speaker is Father Antony Cruz, assistant pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park.

The motto of Father'Antony's priesthood is 'My vocation is love,' from St. Theresa of Liseux. Join us at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway, Edmonton. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. Ticket price for full buffet: \$15/adult, \$8/under 18, and free under 5. No charge for pPriests. Reserve your ticket by calling Catholic Renewal Services at 587-989-0483, or email tell.us@ccredmonton.info.

Learn to Discern conference

With so many options promising peace, balance and harmony, how is a Christian to choose? Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 12**, when Sacred Heart Parish in Wetaskiwin, will be hosting Susan Brinkmann, an author and award winning journalist who is a frequent guest on EWTN's Women of Grace show. Susan will discuss biblical truths to help us attain peace, balance and harmony in the contemporary world. "Learn to Discern" for your mind, body and spirit! Donations will be accepted at the door. Conference begins at 1 p.m. on September 12, followed by adoration/ confessions, and Mass at 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart is located at 5113 - 49 Avenue, Westaskiwin, 35 minutes from South Edmonton. For more information contact 780-352-2365 or visit www.sacredheartchurch.ca.

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Corpus Christi Gala

Since 2004, the Catholic community in southeast Edmonton has been planning another church to support the growing faith community. Thanks to the dedicated work of pastors and parishioners, the building of the Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi will become a reality this year. We invite you to join us on **Saturday, October 3**, for the Corpus Christi Gala as we continue our journey of faith. All proceeds will go toward the new building. Tickets are \$250 per person; to purchase online, please visit www.corpuschristi-edm.ca/galanight. For more information, contact Manuel Ibasco at tickets@corpuschristi-edm.ca or 780-499-8679.

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Seeking hymnals

Seniors at Ironwood Estates in St. Albert have been using 2004 Breaking Bread hymnals, and they're getting pretty tattered. If you have 15 to 18 newer copies that you could donate, they would be grateful. Leave a message for Carolyn at Holy Family Parish, 780-459-3694.

Alpha Course

What do all Christians believe? Find out in the enlightening and engaging Alpha course, being offered Thursday evenings, **September 24-November 19**, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish, Sherwood Park. A special "Come and See" session will be offered September 17, at 7 p.m. for those who want to know more about Alpha before signing up. The Alpha course is absolutely FREE and all are welcome. OLPH parish is located at 13 Brower Drive. To register or for more information, visit www.olph.ca or contact Alana at 780-922-8081 or alaperle@telus.net.

Fall Harvest Supper

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Lac La Nonne invites you to our Fall Harvest Supper on **Sunday, September 27**, at 5 p.m. at Camp Encounter. Enjoy dinner, draws, 50-50s, and auction. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$7 children, or free for under 5. Tickets available at 780-967-5710.

Let Us Remember ...

... in our prayers, our priests who have died in the month of September.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Name	Date of Death
Rev. Rémi GUERTIN	Sep. 1, 1925
Rev. William O'FARRELL	Sept. 1, 1999
Rt. Rev. Felix Otterson	Sept. 9, 2012
Rev. Louis SERATTO	Sept. 10, 1995
Rev. Augustine D. MacLELLAN	Sept. 15, 1989
Rev. John Louis STACEY	Sept. 17, 1935
Rev. James RIETMEIJER	Sept. 19, 1989
Rev. Emile COULOMBE	Sept. 20, 1926
Rev. Guy Carriere	Sept. 20, 2014
Rev. Michael Mireau	Sept. 22, 2014
Rev. Francis D. GILLIS	Sept. 27, 1973

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