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The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

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Human Resources

St. Stephen Parish in Lacombe is looking for a Parish Office Administrative Assistant ... could it be you?

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Development & Peace is looking for an Animator, based in Edmonton. Application deadline is Sept. 18.

[Read the posting »](#)

Upcoming Formation Sessions

Save the dates -- details will follow soon:

♦ Friday, October 16

Hospitality: a session on how to be a welcoming parish community
Details TBA

What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

Find out by following his blog, [The Reason for Our Hope](#).



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Hello Friend in Christ ,

More good news for you this week -- may God bless you on your path, wherever it leads.

God bless,

Lorraine

Happy 50th Birthday WCR!



It was 50 years ago -- on September 9, 1965 -- that the first edition of the [Western Catholic Reporter](#) rolled off the presses. The newspaper grew from the vision of



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Day of Confessions

Mark your calendar!

Our annual Day of Confessions in Lent 2016 is set for

Wednesday, February 17.

Archbishop Anthony Jordan, who was inspired by the Second Vatican Council and its call to foster a Catholic press:

"To instill a fully Christian spirit into readers, a truly Catholic press should be set up and encouraged. Such a press-whether immediately fostered and directed by ecclesiastical authorities or by Catholic laymen-should be edited with the clear purpose of forming, supporting and advancing public opinion in accord with natural law and Catholic teaching and precepts. It should disseminate and properly explain news concerning the life of the Church. Moreover, the faithful ought to be advised of the necessity both to spread and read the Catholic press to formulate Christian judgments for themselves on all events."

(Decree on the Media of Social Communications, *Inter Mirifica*, promulgated by Pope Paul VI, December 4, 1963)

Archbishop Jordan hired an experienced journalist, Doug Roche (pictured above), to serve as the new publication's first editor.

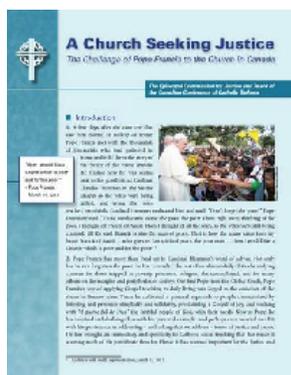
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Office of the Archbishop

Annual CCCB Plenary

Archbishop Smith and Auxiliary Bishop Bittman are meeting with their fellow bishops this week at the annual Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in Cornwall. Follow all the news from the Plenary on the web at www.cccb.ca or watch live coverage at www.saltandlighttv.org.

Pope Francis and Catholic Social Teaching



The Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has published a valuable new resource entitled [A Church Seeking Justice: The Challenge of Pope Francis to the Church in Canada](#). Since his election as Bishop of Rome, the Holy Father "has brought an immediacy and specificity to Catholic social teaching that has made it a strong mark of his pontificate thus far," states the Episcopal Commission. Dealing broadly with the themes of Human Dignity and Labour, War and Peace, and the Economics of Exclusion and Isolation, this document outlines the freshness and urgency with which Pope Francis is calling us to act for justice and offers reflection questions tailored to our Canadian context.

Throughout the document, the bishops "have sought to make connections between the Holy Father's teaching and some of the justice issues needing to be addressed in our own cities and nation." These issues include the disappearance of indigenous women, euthanasia, the welcoming of refugees, temporary foreign workers, income disparity, unemployment among Aboriginal youth and youth in general, the arms trade, peacekeeping, Canadian mining companies abroad, international assistance, poverty, the environment (the text was completed before the release of *Laudato Si'*), and the concept of the common good.

The Bishops invite readers to "listen to the challenging voice of Pope Francis, and to make connections between that teaching and the world around you in the particulars of your lives, your places of work, your parishes and communities, with eyes especially attentive to those in greatest need."

The document is available on the CCCB Website and from CCCB Publications. Copies can be ordered by phone at 1-800-769-1147, by email at publi@ccb.ca or online at www.cccbpublications.ca.

[Download the document \(PF\) »](#)

Catechesis

Weekly Discipleship Reflections



September 20 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Road to Discipleship: Who is the Greatest in God's Kingdom?

Did we not all dread being the last person picked for a team at school? Wasn't that a death knell in the school hierarchy? Yet Jesus asks the disciples (and us) to go last willingly when doing God's work. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The humble ones who are lowly of heart, who—instead of asserting their rights—willingly empty themselves of pride and egotism by taking the lowly positions. To be filled with God's life and power, disciples need to empty themselves of all which stands in the way: arrogance, superiority, self-importance, vanity, and egotism. God wants empty vessels that he can fill with

Christ's own glory, mercy, and love.

[More Discipleship Reflections »](#)

Sacramental Preparation

In-service for pastoral assistants and catechists Thursday, September 24

We invite all parish pastoral assistants and catechists to an in-service day on **Thursday, September 24**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pastoral & Administration Offices. In this workshop we will explore the Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese and how they relate to sacramental preparation and adult faith formation. We'll also have time to pause and reflect on the Teacher who guides us. The in-service will be suitable for all those

involved in preparing people for the sacraments or serving in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and RCIA adapted for children. Bring your copy of the *Standards for Preparing Children and Youth for the Sacraments*. Lunch and snacks provided. Register with Suzanne at SBrohier@caedm.ca or 780-469-1010 ext. 2131.

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.

Edmonton East Deanery

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

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Office of Divine Worship

RCIA: Forming Authentic Missionary Disciples A Study Day for Clergy and Parish RCIA teams

Thursday, October 15, 2015
Providence Renewal Centre
3005 - 119 Street, Edmonton

The Second Vatican Council envisioned the RCIA as a dynamic process of conversion, formation, and apprenticeship. The Council Fathers intended the RCIA process—in each parish—to make disciples committed to a life of service in Christ.

This study day is designed for all those who help make it happen in the parish: clergy, pastoral assistants, RCIA coordinators, and RCIA catechists. The day will focus on that original vision for the RCIA, will offer practical suggestions for weaving this apprenticeship model more fully into present RCIA practice, and will explore the implications of apprenticeship for all Catholic formation and catechesis. Our facilitator is Jerry Galipeau, D.Min., a popular presenter who has extensive experience with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Cost: \$40 per person (includes light meal). For more information, contact Mona Dolan in the Office of Divine Worship at 780-469-1010 or mdolan@caedm.ca.

Register online at <http://caedm.ca/divineworship>.

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries

Fall Memorial Mass

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries invites you to join Father Jim Corrigan to worship and receive God's grace at our Fall Memorial Mass on **Saturday, November 7**, at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery. We are located at 4814 Meridian Street, Edmonton. All are welcome.

ECC Monthly Mass

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries invites all parishioners, particularly those who have lost a loved one in the last month, to join us for Mass on the **third Saturday of the month**, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Chapel at the Holy Cross Mausoleum. Holy Cross Cemetery is located at 14611 Mark Messier Trail, Edmonton.

Planning Ahead Seminars

A Catholic Perspective on Funerals, Burials, and Estate Planning

Gain peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones. Join your pastor along with Deacon Paul Croteau, Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries Director, and Carla Smiley, archdiocesan Planned Giving Coordinator, for an evening that will engage and inform you on these important topics. Also in attendance will be a Catholic funeral director to answer questions about funeral planning. Planning Ahead seminars are a joint ministry of the Development Office & Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries.

[Click here for upcoming seminar dates »](#)

Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Greetings to our Jewish friends

Archbishop Smith has extended greetings to the Jewish communities of Edmonton on the occasion of the High Holy Days - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - being celebrated this month. "This year is a particularly important year for Catholic-Jewish relations worldwide," writes the Archbishop. "It marks the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the publication of the renowned document, *Nostra Aetate*, which reset relations between the Catholic Church and Jewish People ever since."

[Read the Archbishop's letter »](#)

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Day at St. Charles

Building Community Together is the third city-wide Christian-Muslim Dialogue event organized by the Edmonton-based group, A Common Word-Alberta. This event brings together Christians and Muslims to listen and learn from one other, and to grow in understanding and appreciation of each other's faith traditions. This year's event takes place on **Saturday, October 17**, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, 17653 - 112 Street, Edmonton. We would love to have you join us and be part of the conversation. Our time together will be very engaging with time for small and large

group discussions. Tickets are \$10 and include lunch. For more information, contact Julien in the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations at jhammond@caedm.ca.

[Click here to register »](#)

Special Lecture on Muslims in the West

One of the most respected American Catholic scholarly authorities on Islam, John L. Esposito, has been invited to Edmonton as a guest of the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities. Professor Esposito has published more than 45 books on Islam and world religions, and his work has been translated into 35 languages. All are invited to hear his presentation, "The Future of Muslims in the West: Protecting Pluralism and Ending Islamophobia," at 7:30 p.m. on **Saturday, September 26**, at Edmonton Islamic Academy, 14525-127 Street. Tickets are \$20 at the door. For more information, contact Natalie in the Office of Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations, 780-469-1010.

Life and Family

Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide: Questions of Life and Death Wednesday, November 4



Are you caring for an aging parent or a disabled person? Or do you suffer from a chronic illness or disability and worry about your own care as you age? Are you a health professional concerned about efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia? What is the Catholic understanding of life and death? Sooner or later, we all confront some of these issues. You are invited to join Archbishop Smith for a special seminar on Questions of Life and Death, on **Wednesday, November 4**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Providence

Renewal Centre, 3005 - 119 Street, Edmonton. Guest speakers are Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. The session is free, and all are welcome. Please register online at <http://caedm.ca/life> or by phone to Suzanne Brohier at 780-469-1010.

We encourage all parishes to publish this notice in the bulletin and share the poster. Thank you.

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40 Days for Life: Answering the Call

40 Days for Life is an annual prolife campaign, running this fall from **September 23 to November 1**. Thousands have annually answered the call to prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and the culture of death. Prolife Edmonton invites people of all faiths to a Peaceful Vigil: Stand for Life to give a peaceful public witness outside the Edmonton Abortion Clinic, 12409 - 109A Avenue North. For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/Edmonton or call 780-425-1637 or email 40days@edmontonprolife.org.

Vocations

Pray for our Seminarians

The 2015-16 Seminarian Prayer Calendar is here! Your prayers are so important to each and every one of the 49 men who are currently discerning their calling at St. Joseph Seminary. We also have individual prayer cards for each of the eight men who are studying for the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Download your copies at www.caedm.ca/vocations/pray. Printed copies will also be available next week at St. Joseph Seminary or the Pastoral & Administration Offices.

Newman Theological College



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Online Faith Formation

Registration now is open for the next cycle of online faith formation courses offered through the [Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization at Newman Theological College](#). All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$70. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one of the 12 specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. The following courses begin on **September 21**: Catholicism, Scripture, Sacraments, Catechesis, Old Testament, Moral Theology, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, L'Essential de la foi catholique.

This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Students may register completely online at www.newman.edu/CCS. Visit our website for further details or contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 Ext. 5239 or toll free 1-844-392-2450.

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Parish & Community News

Free English Classes

Temporary Foreign Workers and New Canadians are invited to attend free English classes on Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 11828 - 85 Street, Edmonton. Classes run from **September 26 to November 28**, and include Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Levels. All levels include: listening, reading, writing, speaking, vocabulary and grammar. Also available is a drop-in Conversation Class for those who just want extra speaking practice. Pre-register by email (preferably) at bkasun@basilian.org or (if necessary) by calling Father Bob at 780-474-5434, or on the first day of class.

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L'Arche Heritage Day

Friday, September 25, is the annual Solidarity Fundraiser for L'Arche, when our entire community and guests celebrate our diversity. Our assistants come from countries all over the world to live with our core members in family-style homes. They buy groceries and cook together, socialize and attend community events together. Truly, they live as family. Heritage Day celebrates these different cultures by offering an abundance of ethnic food, dancing and live music. We invite you to join us on **Friday, September 25**, at 7 p.m. at Resurrection Church, 10555 - 50A Street, Edmonton. Tickets are \$12 each, \$6 for children 5-10, and free for children under 5. RSVP by September 22 by calling Maria at L'Arche: 780-465-0618, ext. 206 or email mmastrih@larcheedmonton.org

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