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Hello Friend in Christ ,

Are you enjoying this sunny autumn day as much as I am? But if you can't be outside, why not read some news from the Archdiocese?

One request today: please pray for Archbishop Smith and all his brother bishops who will be participating in the 14th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which begins Sunday at the Vatican. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire them as they reflect on the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and in the contemporary world.

God bless,

Lorraine

## Called by Name



What does it take to become a priest? You might be surprised. The Vocations Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton is pleased to present "Called By Name," a unique new video series that tells the stories of six men who took very different paths to priesthood. The featured priests are Father Carlos Nunez, Father Jim Corrigan, Father Kris Schmidt, Father Marc Cramer, Father Matthew Hysell, and Father Michael Schumacher. Each one speaks candidly about his personal journey, and each story will move you. Filmmaker Matthew Bodnarek has done a masterful job of capturing the essence of each man's story, and we're excited to share them. We will be releasing a new video on the first Thursday of the month beginning in November. Check them out on [www.caedm.ca/vocations](http://www.caedm.ca/vocations). But you can get a good look at what's coming by viewing the trailer. Come and See!

Wondering about the priesthood? Call Father Marc Cramer at the Vocations Office, 780-392-2445 or email [vocations@caedm.ca](mailto:vocations@caedm.ca).

[Watch the trailer video now »](#)

## Chancery Office - Priests' Appointments

I wish to inform you of the following new appointments:

**Reverend Jaya Rajan, SAC** has been appointed Pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Drayton Valley as well as Pastor of Evansburg and Mayerthorpe, effective immediately.

**Reverend Joselito Cantal** has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Edmonton, effective October 10.

† *Most Rev. Gregory Bittman*  
Auxiliary Bishop of Edmonton

## Let Us Remember ...

... in our prayers, **Rev. Archibald Daley, OMI**, who passed away on Wednesday September 23, at the age of 92. Following a funeral on Tuesday, Father Daley was laid to rest in the Oblate plot at St. Albert Cemetery.

We pray also for all our priests who have died during the month of October.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

[Click here for list of names »](#)

## Questions of Life and Death

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



469-1010.

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-

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

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## Catechesis

## Weekly Discipleship Reflections



## October 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Road to Discipleship: Becoming Child-like

What about children does Jesus want us to know? Jesus has just parried the attempt of learned but devious Pharisees to trip him up. Now he gathers little children to teach people how to follow him. Young children are open, sincere, uncomplicated, mostly content and happy. Jesus does not want us to imitate the irresponsible, self-centered aspects of childhood (the world sees enough child-ishness). He wants us to grow, learn, mature, become skilled and competent, but not get stuck doing so. Real Christian wisdom arises from simplicity, powerlessness, and trust in God. Children and truly wise adults become childlike and readily demonstrate their complete faith in God's loving providence. Being childlike brings us to the possibility of discipleship.

These weekly reflections are provided by the Office of Catechesis. You are welcome to use in your personal prayer life, or to publish in parish bulletins or community newsletters.

## Breaking open the Encyclical

### *Laudato Si'* On Care for our Common Home



Pope Francis' recent encyclical has spawned a lot of discussion. He presented Fidel Castro with a copy of the encyclical while in Cuba, and he will no doubt do similarly at the UN and the US Congress this week.

So what is the encyclical all about?

Here are some of the study guides and resources you might choose to use—on your own or in your parish—to delve into the encyclical.

The Vatican Press Office provided 'a map' for reading the encyclical. It is a guide to the development and major themes of the document. You can find it

here: [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/06/18/laudato\\_si%E2%80%99\\_a\\_press\\_guide\\_to\\_the\\_new\\_encyclical/1152352](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/06/18/laudato_si%E2%80%99_a_press_guide_to_the_new_encyclical/1152352)

What are the main messages, or "takeaways" of this encyclical? Fr. James Martin, SJ, has provided a top 10 list for you here: <http://americamagazine.org/top-ten-takeaways-laudato-si>

[Click here for more resources »](#)

## 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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## Divine Worship - RCIA Study Day

### 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, 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. We have a morning session for clergy and an afternoon session for team members, with one overlapping session for both. 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](mailto:mdolan@caedm.ca).

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

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## Lay Apostolate

### Becoming an Oasis of Mercy: A Workshop on Parish Hospitality

How well do we welcome the stranger? Nurturing and developing a culture of hospitality is important in any parish. We invite you to learn more about being a welcoming parish at a day-long workshop on **Friday, October 16**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park. Our facilitator is Jerry Galipeau, a well-known presenter on RCIA, evangelization, liturgy, and liturgical music. Jerry has also blogged about his own experiences seeking a parish in which he could feel truly welcome. This workshop is designed for parish leaders, including members of the Parish Pastoral Council, staff, volunteer coordinators, and ministry leaders.

At the end of the workshop, leaders will have learned techniques that they can share with others to improve the hospitality ministry in the parish.

***As space may be limited, we ask that you register up to three attendees from the parish.*** There is no charge for this session, and lunch will be included. Please register by **Wednesday, October 7**, using the online registration link at [www.caedm.ca/hospitality](http://www.caedm.ca/hospitality).

If you have any questions, you may contact Lucy Kaakyo at 780-469-1010 ext.2134 or [LKaakyo@caedm.ca](mailto:LKaakyo@caedm.ca), or Natalie Rose at [NRose@caedm.ca](mailto:NRose@caedm.ca) or ext.2130.

[Click here to register online »](#)

## 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

### Ecological Justice in Action – Interfaith and Ecumenical Taizé Vigil

Are you concerned about our human family and future generations impacted by the calamities of climate change? We invite you to join the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Concordia's Institute of Christian Studies and Society, and the Micah Centre for an evening of reflection and advocacy. Let us raise our voices as one and take action for ecological justice! This event will take place on **Sunday, October 25**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Concordia University, 7128 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Christina at [ckruszewski@devp.org](mailto:ckruszewski@devp.org).

[Download the poster](#)

## Strathcona Ecumenical Mission

The Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County is now in its 26th year, bringing Christians from across the Sherwood Park area together for prayer, reflection and friendship. This year's mission is led by Bishop Jane Alexander of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, on the theme "Reimagining the World: Loving our Neighbours as Ourselves." The mission begins with a potluck supper and opening service at Sherwood Park United Church, beginning at 6 p.m. on **Sunday, October 25**, and wraps up with an evening service at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 28**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish.

[Download calendar of events](#)

[More Ecumenical & Interreligious News »](#)

## St. Joseph Seminary

### Jazz Night at SJS



The Ad Gentes Committee at St Joseph Seminary requests your support! Join us for Jazz Night on **Friday, October 16**, at Newman Theological College. doors open at 6:30 p.m. Come meet the seminarians, enjoy a live band, silent auction, and great company while supporting our missionary activities. Tickets are \$15, available at reception areas of the Seminary, College, or Pastoral & Administration Offices, and also from any seminarian. Proceeds will help our continued sponsorship of four people from developing nations through Chalice, a Catholic charity: Mykola from the Ukraine, Belen and Helena from Chile, and Joel from the Philippines. For more information, contact Jessie at [sjadgentes@gmail.com](mailto:sjadgentes@gmail.com) or Yvonne at 780-392-2445.

Silent auction items are gratefully accepted & appreciated! They can be dropped off at any of the reception areas or given to a seminarian.

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## Parish & Community News

### Need Hymnals?

The Assumption Parish wants to pass on 300 *Glory and Praise II* hymnals to a parish that can use them. If you are interested, call Veronica at 780-468-4071.

### L'Arche Gala

Come celebrate with the L'Arche community at our annual gala and silent auction, 6 p.m. on **Friday, October 30**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park. Tickets are \$75 – includes dinner and entertainment. Contact Maria at 780-465-0618 ext. 206 or email [mmastrih@larcheedmonton.org](mailto:mmastrih@larcheedmonton.org).

[More Parish & Community News »](#)

### Human Resources

God loves administrative assistants! We currently have openings in Pastoral & Parish Services at the Archdiocese, at Newman Theological College, and at Sacred Heart Parish in Wetaskiwin.

[Read the full postings »](#)

### Housing Ambassador

The Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative is seeking to hire a full-time Housing Ambassador. The main role to facilitate and assist the Interfaith Community across Edmonton in hosting community conversations about permanent supportive and affordable housing for the homeless residents of our city.

[Read the posting »](#)

### What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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



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### Day of Confessions

Mark your calendar!

Our annual Day of Confessions in Lent 2016 is set for

**Wednesday, February 17.**

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