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Hello again, Friend in Christ !

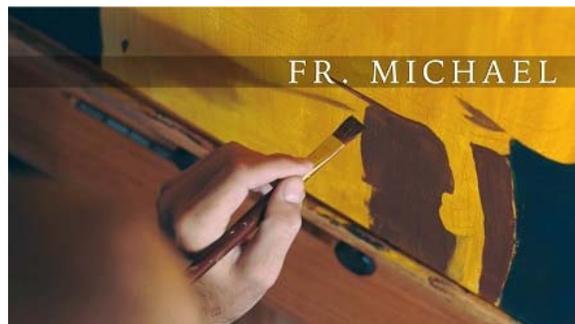
He is Risen, and so have the tulips on our Catholic campus. How beautiful is the spring!

Have a great week and God bless,

Lorraine Turchansky

Office of Vocations

Called By Name



When a friend asked Michael Schumacher if he'd ever considered being a priest, he thought he was crazy for asking, because Michael was in a serious relationship. After attending World Youth Day in Toronto, he knew God had other plans for him. Today Father Michael serves as

pastor at St. Martin of Tours in Vegreville and the associated parishes in Viking and Holden. His vocation story is one of a series of videos that tell the stories of six men who took very different paths to priesthood. "Called By Name" is presented by the Vocations Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. [Click here to watch the video](#), and please feel free to share!

[Click here for the entire Called By Name series »](#)

Office of the Archbishop

Archbishop comments on assisted suicide bill

Archbishop Richard Smith issued the following statement following introduction in the House of Commons of [Bill C-41 An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts \(medical assistance in dying\)](#):

Today, April 14, 2016, our federal government has introduced legislation that legalizes assisted suicide and euthanasia. As I have often said, this makes legally acceptable in some circumstances what is morally wrong in every circumstance: the taking of innocent human life. It is deeply worrisome to see law thus separate itself from a fundamental moral norm.

Time is needed to study this bill. What is already clear is that this legislative step introduces into law the chilling message that some lives are less worth living than others. In a truly just and ethical society, our communal response to those who suffer is not killing but compassion. In this respect I repeat the urgent call echoing throughout Canadian society for increased access to good quality palliative care.

From numerous conversations held throughout the Archdiocese of Edmonton I have heard from many people who are profoundly troubled by the legalization of assisted suicide. I encourage all who are against this legal development to: make their views known to elected officials; continue their advocacy on behalf of palliative care as the more just approach to people who suffer; and demand that the conscience rights of healthcare workers and institutions be honoured and protected.

+Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton

Development & Peace

D&P 50th Anniversary Celebration



This year the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of living the social mission of the Church by working for social justice. It does this by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice, educating Canadians about the causes of poverty, and journeying in solidarity with

vulnerable communities and groups around the world. You are invited to join Archbishop Smith at a Mass of Celebration at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 27**, at St. Joseph's Basilica, 10044 - 113 Street, Edmonton. A reception will follow. For more information, contact dpwest@devp.org or call 1-844-480-3387.

[Click here for the Archbishop's letter »](#)

Every Life Matters

ELM on TV

Salt+Light TV will be featuring Archbishop Smith's Every Life Matters sessions on their TV network. You can subscribe to Salt+Light TV's excellent Catholic content through your cable provider (and why wouldn't you?) or watch online at www.saltandlighttv.org. Here's the schedule, beginning this **Saturday, April 23**:

- **What's it all About?** Saturday, April 23 at 7pm MT
- **What's Wrong with Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia?** Wednesday, April 27 at 7pm MT
- **It's My body, my Choice** Saturday, April 30 at 7pm MT
- **I Don't want to Suffer!** Wednesday, May 4 at 7pm MT

- **What Must We Do?** Saturday, May 7 at 7pm MT

Salt+Light TV will also be producing a DVD set of these programs; we will keep you posted as to when they will be available.

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

Think About It



(One of a series of short educational pieces suitable for the Sunday bulletin: thanks to Diocese of Saskatoon)

Every person at the end of life would benefit from good palliative care, but in too many places, there is a lack of qualified palliative care physicians and far too few palliative care or hospice beds.

Add Your Prayers

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on

Wednesday, May 4. This is designed to take place during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week (organized by the [Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association](#)) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join together in prayer and solidarity on May 4. For more information, including fact sheets on palliative care, resources, prayers and reflections, please visit <http://cwl.ca>.

Catechesis

Discipleship Reflections



April 24 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Road to Discipleship: Glory, service, and love

Discipleship in Christ is demanding. It calls us beyond our comfort zones to places we do not easily choose to go. After Judas left, Jesus instructed his disciples—through his words and witness—how they are to proceed. He foretells his glorification by God. He calls each to love one another as he has loved them... even unto death. To let go of selfish egos and hardness of heart, and to fully embrace God and neighbour frees and transfigures us. However, to the world (and the ego) that love looks like failure. It feels like suffering. Mother Teresa said, "I have found the paradox that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."

[Click here for more 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 the *Echoes* workshop, parish-based training 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. Our next workshop, particularly for parishes in the Edson Deanery:

Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish

4808 - 6 Ave.

Edson, AB

[Download the poster](#)

[Click here for all the Details »](#)

Communications

Alberta-NWT Catholic Directory

The 2016 Alberta-NWT Catholic Directory now ready to order! This is the authoritative source for all things Catholic in Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Prices:

- \$28 per copy shipped
- \$24 if you pick up at the Pastoral & Administration Offices
- Orders of 10 or more: \$25 per copy shipped or \$22 for pickup.

Place your credit card order by calling 780-465-8030 , or visit the archdiocesan website to download the order form.

[Download the Directory Order Form »](#)

Divine Worship

Learn About the Mass

Elements of the Catholic Mass is a video series designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, Illinois, the program consists of beautifully produced weekly short videos of 2-5 minutes. These free videos will be available online and on demand, with a new episode posted each Sunday. Because they will be released with a discussion guide with references, they are ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion. We encourage you to take a look!

Season 1 - Episode 14

The Collect

 "Collect" is the official term for what is generally known as the Opening Prayer of the Mass. This term is significant because it suggests how we ought to approach the opening oration. The prayer is preceded by the invitation of the priest: "Let us pray." Note that these words do not mean "Bring me the book," or "Please stand," or "Watch while I turn through the pages," or even "Listen to this prayer." The invitation means first and foremost "Let us formulate the intentions we want to offer at this Mass."

[Download the Study Guide](#)



To view more episodes or to subscribe to the series via email, visit <http://www.elementsofthecatholicmass.com>.

Reflections for the Year of Mercy

The Office of Divine Worship is pleased to share these reflections from the book *Week by Week through the Year of Mercy* by Peter Scagnelli. They may be published by parishes in the Sunday bulletin or website, but not in any publication that is sold.





April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter Jubilee Day for Youth

This Sunday's "Youth Jubilee" previews July's World Youth Day in Krakow. Its theme from Matthew 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful," echoes Pope Francis' warning that "the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture." In countercultural witness, therefore, "the time has come," says Francis, "for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters." Jesus affirms the same in today's Gospel. "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Francis concludes, "The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love." Jesus too asserts, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Thus mercy "makes young" the Church, the world, and everyone. "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 10).

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Planning Ahead

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 Connie Lunde, Director, Archdiocesan Development Office, for an evening that will engage and inform you on these important topics.

Wednesday, April 27

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: St. Charles Parish, 17511 - 112 Street, Edmonton

To register, contact the parish office at 780-456-5399 ☎

These seminars are jointly sponsored by the Office of Development and Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries. All are welcome.

Lay Apostolate

Could you be a TIM Facilitator?

We are inviting volunteers who would be interested in facilitating Together in Ministry training workshops for Pastoral and Parish Council (PPC) members. If you are a current or past parish council member, you can bring valuable experience to the role of Together in Ministry facilitation. We'd like to have facilitators from every deanery to make delivery of these workshops efficient and sustainable. All volunteer facilitators will receive the necessary training, and each could expect to lead about five Saturday workshops over the September-June period. If you are interested in joining the TIM team, please contact Lucy Kaakyo at 780-469-1010 ☎ ext 2134 or lkaakyo@caedm.ca.

Lay Groups, Movements & Associations Gathering

We are pleased to announce an upcoming gathering for Lay Groups, Movements and Associations. Since the last meeting, we have been requested by a number of groups for an opportunity to meet with the Archbishop. We also realized that some groups were not able to attend the last meeting because it was held on a weekday. We now are in the process of planning a Saturday meeting on either **May 14** or **June 4**. We invite leaders of lay groups, movements and associations to contact us indicating their preferred date. The meeting will give you an opportunity to talk about your ministry, meet other groups, and learn what they do in the Archdiocese. Please let us know your preferred date by **April 22**; call 780-469-1010 ☎ and ask for Lucy Kaakyo or Barbara Cartwright, or email us at lkaakyo@caedm.ca or bcartwright@caedm.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you and God bless,

Lucy Kaakyo,
Coordinator

[Click here for the Facilitator Position Description »](#)

Stewardship

Would you like to know more about Catholic Stewardship?

You are invited to join us in New Orleans for the international Catholic Stewardship Conference, **October 2-5, 2016**. This annual gathering brings together people of all backgrounds to learn more on how we are to be good stewards of God's precious gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure. If you are considering attending the conference, there is a special early bird discount. Register now for US\$499; offer good until July 31, 2016. [Click here for registration information.](#)

[Click here for more »](#)

Newman Theological College

Kevin Carr Award



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Newman Theological College is now accepting nominations for the Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their generous service to the Christian community? We invite you to forward the nomination brochure to those who may be interested in submitting a nomination. Submission due date is **June 1, 2016**. The Award Recipient will be notified by Newman Theological College and invited to attend a celebratory luncheon in their honour in the fall of 2016. [Download the nomination brochure](#) or visit www.newman.edu for details.

Online Faith Formation



BENEDICT^{XVI}
Institute for New Evangelization

Registration is now open for the next cycle of classes in the the Certificate in Catholic Studies (CCS), offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization through Newman Theological College. The following courses will begin on Monday, May 9: Jesus, The Sacraments, Catechesis, On Good Soil, Church History II, The Practice of Youth Ministry, The Practice of Pastoral Care, and Vatican II. 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 or all of the six specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Register online at www.newman.edu/CCS. For more information, contact Michelle Maxwell at 780-392-2455 or michelle.maxwell@newman.edu.

[Download the Poster](#)

Youth and Young Adults

Wild West Catholic Youth Conference

Registration is now open for the Wild West Catholic Youth Conference, set for **September 30 – October 2, 2016** in Red Deer. This conference is open to youth in Grades 9-12 from Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Join keynote speaker Father Tony Ricard and special guests Panic Squad for great music & food, inspiring sessions, meaningful prayer and spiritual development. Our theme is "Come! In! Stay!" We invite teachers and youth ministry leaders to consider bringing a group to this first event of its kind in Western Canada. For more info and to register your group, visit

<http://caedm.ca/PastoralParishServices/YouthEvangelization/NewsEvents>

[Download the poster \(11x17 PDF\) »](#)

Parish & Community News

Festival of Sacred Music

St. Joseph Basilica is hosting a series of concerts as part of a Springtime Festival of Sacred Music. You are invited to visit this sacred space and experience the Holy through divine sacred music. Our next concert is *Peter-Anthony Togni: Responsio* on **Sunday, May 8**, at 2.30 p.m., featuring Luminous Voices; Jeff Reilly, bass clarinet; Timothy Shantz, director. Tickets available at www.tixonthesquare.ca or at the door (cash or cheque) on concert day. Adults \$30/Students & Seniors \$20 /under 16s FREE

House of Ephesus

The next House of Ephesus gathering will be this coming **Saturday, April 23**, at Corpus Christi Parish, Edmonton, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our topic will be Methods of Mental Prayer, in which we will discover how to practise meditation according to the authentic tradition of the Church, especially in the Benedictine, Dominican, Ignatian, and Sulpician schools of spirituality. Coffee and tea will be provided; please bring your own lunch. For details please email Father Matthew at Matthew.Hysell@caedm.ca. All are welcome.

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What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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

Or follow him on Twitter [@archbsmith](#).

Human Resources

Looking for work? Why not consider serving our Catholic community in one of these jobs?

Read all the postings at www.caedm.ca/careers

The Archdiocese is looking for a **Housekeeper** who takes pride in providing excellent services.

The Archdiocese has a challenging and interesting opportunity for a well-qualified **Archivist & Records Manager**.

Our youth camps are looking for **Spring School Promoters**

Camp Encounter is looking for a **Kitchen Coordinator** and **Assistant Cook**.

Our Lady of Victory Camp is looking for a **Lifeguard/Office Assistant**

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