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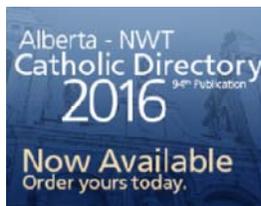
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## Human Resources

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

Read all the postings at [www.caedm.ca/careers](http://www.caedm.ca/careers)

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries: **Database Assistant**

Development & Peace: part-time **Youth Ambassador**

St. Charles Parish: **Pastoral Assistant**

St. Mary's Parish, Red Deer: part-time **Children's Ministry Leader**

The Archdiocese: **Coordinator, Catholic-Aboriginal Relations**

The Archdiocese: temporary **Cooks & Kitchen Aide**

St. Albert Parish: **Youth Ministry Coordinator**

## What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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

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

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Good afternoon, Friend in Christ !

Did you know that the Archdiocese operates two youth camps? Camp Encounter and Our Lady of Victory Camp have been busy all summer providing great experiences for young people in the outdoors. Some of our staff managed to visit the camps this year too; above you will notice that's Steve Defer, Coordinator for Life and Family, applying some serious paddling expertise to a canoe at Camp Encounter...

Have a great week!

Lorraine

## Jubilee of Mercy

## Planning a Pilgrimage?

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The Door of Mercy is a special Holy Door which Pope Francis has asked to be opened in every diocese during the Extraordinary Holy Year in order to allow the faithful in every part of the world to experience the Mercy of the Father in its fullness. If you are a pastor, teacher, or parish leader who would like to lead a group of pilgrims to the Holy Door at St. Joseph Basilica, you need to book in advance. Groups of 30 or fewer are welcome. To book your group, please visit <http://caedm.ca/DoorofMercy> to download the Pilgrimage Registration Form and a Guide for Pilgrimage Leaders. Note: the Holy Door closes on **November 13, 2016**.

[Download the Registration Form now](#)

## 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 freely by parishes in the Sunday bulletin or website, but not in any publication that is sold.

**August 28, 2016**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Alms atone for sins" (Sirach 2:29). Alms are mercy translated into hands-on compassion. Jesus confirms Sirach's wisdom, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). "Conduct your affairs with humility" (Sirach 3:17). Humility: we're all alike and special, for we're children of God. Jesus confirms that wisdom, too: "Do not recline at table in the place of honor. Take the lowest place" (Luke 14:8, 10). In fact, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite friends, relatives, wealthy neighbors. Invite the poor, crippled, lame, blind," physically or figuratively, society's most vulnerable and marginalized, "who cannot repay you" (see 14:12–14). Jesus seems to be telling us to prepare for eternity with God's chosen by becoming their friend here and now. Mercy is measured not by our delight in welcoming those we like most or who can repay us best, but by sincerely embracing those we like least, who cannot repay us at all. Utter humility inspires pure mercy; pure mercy leads to eternal joy

**September 4, 2016**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"If anyone comes to me without hating . . . father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his [or her] own life" (Luke 14:26). Hating? Can anyone imagine a less appropriate Gospel for the Jubilee Year of Mercy? But scholars call this Semitic hyperbole. Jesus exaggerates to jolt us into confronting life-changing challenges. Faced with conflicting loyalties, disciples must reorder priorities, even relationships, to give Jesus and the gospel's demands first place. Today's second reading presents a real-life example. Paul challenges his wealthy convert, Philemon, to welcome back Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus, whom Paul has baptized in prison. Not only with unconditional forgiveness but with a counter-cultural, world-shattering change of status—as an equal. No, even more—a beloved brother in Christ. What in my life does the Jubilee Year of Mercy challenge me to "hate"—meaning reform, redo, even utterly revamp—so I can give everyone, no conditions, no exceptions, shockingly Christ-like love?

## Every Life Matters

### Witnessing Character Emerge in Death

What's it like to journey with palliative care patients and their families? Bill Patterson, a hospital chaplain, offers some real insight in a [recent post on The Vital Beat](#), the excellent news portal produced by Covenant Health. "Face after face of patients and family members come to mind; they are all ages and come from all walks of life," he writes. "As my time and experience with them passed, I came to realize that I had witnessed over their journey the emergence of deep reserves of character. Day by day, as people faced their own approaching death or that of a loved one, they evidently reached into internal recesses and intrinsic character traits would emerge. This phenomenon now strikes me with something approaching awe." To read more about what Bill discovered, and other engaging stories about life in Catholic health care, visit <http://www.thevitalbeat.ca>.

## 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)

Elder abuse and neglect is already a problem in society. This abuse and neglect could eventually include pressure to request euthanasia or assisted suicide, thus becoming the *duty* to die.

## Divine Worship

### The Beauty of Mercy: Pope Francis and Confession

To aid Canadian Catholics in celebrating the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which ends this **November 20**, the Episcopal Commission for Doctrine of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared a text entitled "The Beauty of Mercy: Pope Francis and Confession." It is a series of quotations from the Holy Father on the importance and beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and contains likewise words that encourage and challenge both penitents and priest confessors.

[Download the resource](#) (PDF, 4 pages)

## Calling Composers

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) upon the recommendation of the Episcopal Commission for Liturgy and the Sacraments (ECLS) has approved the development of a new Hymnal to replace the *Catholic Book of Worship III* published in 1994. The National Council for Liturgical Music (NCLM) is now inviting submissions of new Mass settings for the hymnal. Download the [hymnal submission invitation and details here](#).

## Western Conference for Liturgy 2016

The [Western Conference for Liturgy \(WCL\)](#) will hold their annual conference in Edmonton this year, on **Friday-Saturday, October 21-22** at Corpus Christi Parish, under the theme "Those Who Sing Pray Twice: A Second Glance at Chant in the Liturgy." We invite all pastors, liturgy committee members, and music directors for parishes and schools to come hear and sing the new English chants and timeless Latin classics. For more information about the conference, please contact Judy Darbyson, WCL Executive Secretary, at 780-476-2457 or visit the website at <https://wclcanada.wordpress.com>, or call Mona in the Office of Divine Worship at 780-469-1010 ext 2151.

[Click here for Conference Details »](#)

## 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 26 The Altar

The altar is the central feature of every Catholic church. It is the most significant element in the church building. (It is even more significant than the tabernacle, since without altar, there is no reserved Blessed Sacrament.) The altar is the focal point of

every liturgical celebration. The Church teaches us that Christ himself is the Victim; Christ is the Priest; Christ is the Altar of Sacrifice.



[Download the Study Guide](#)

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

## Volunteering: Why Not?

### Consider Sharing your Time and Talents in Parish Ministry

*"Volunteering is an opportunity to connect with your community to create a positive impact."* (Volunteer Alberta)

In the Church, every baptized person is called to holiness and ministry. Volunteering in parish ministries is one part of Christian discipleship. And the benefits are many: you can make a difference in something you care about, you can meet new friends, you can learn new skills, you can build community, and you can even have fun. If you're thinking about how to answer the call to share your God-given gifts, call the parish office or contact the Parish Volunteer Coordinator to learn more.

[Read more »](#)

## Meet our new Archivist



The Archdiocese was blessed over the summer with the arrival of **Lea de la Paz** as our new Archivist and Records Manager. Lea has a Master of Library Science as well as a Master's in Records Management and Archives Administration. Most recently she had been serving at the United Church of Canada Archives in Toronto. Lea has been active in her parish with the RCIA ministry and has served on a parish refugee committee. She is also a member of the Catholic Archivist Group (Canada) and the Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists (USA). Lea can be reached at 780-469-1010 ext. 2142.

For more information about the Archdiocesan Archives, visit our web page at <http://caedm.ca/archives>.

## Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

### Christian/Muslim Dialogue: Living Mercifully Together

You are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Christian Muslim Dialogue, sponsored by A Common Word Alberta, on **Saturday, October 15**, at the Al Rashid Mosque, 13070 - 113 Street. This year's event will focus on the influx of refugees and absorbing the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. How can we reconcile these recent events from within our various religious frameworks?

Tickets are \$14 including lunch; all are welcome. Register through [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca). For more information, contact 780-451-6694.

## Edmonton Peace Festival September 21-October 2

[The Edmonton Peace Festival](https://www.edmontonpeacefestival.org) aims to bring together Edmontonians of all backgrounds to reflect on and celebrate peace, and to foster a city-wide promotion of unity and human rights. It runs from September 21, the International Day of Peace, until October 2, the International Day of Non-Violence. For more info, visit <http://www.edmontonpeacefestival.org>. The festival also presents an a powerful opportunity to pray or meditate on peace, to build fellowship and greater interfaith respect, and to put faith into action in service to the local and/or global community. Organizers have prepared a guide for faith communities that lists many ideas that could be used by parishes and schools.

[Download Peace Festival Ideas for Faith Groups »](#)

## Newman Theological College



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### Treasures of the Faith Seminar Series

Free lunch-hour seminars in the popular “Treasures of the Faith” series begin at Newman Theological College in the week of **September 19**. Each series focuses either on a particular period of Church history, a particular theological theme, or a particular Catholic figure. These seminars are not for credit and are open to all -- no homework and no prior knowledge necessary! Register by contacting

Reception at 780-392-2450 or [reception@newman.edu](mailto:reception@newman.edu).

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## Online Faith Formation

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. Fifteen different courses will begin on **Monday, September 26**. 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 \$85. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Register online at [www.newman.edu/CCS](http://www.newman.edu/CCS). For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2455 or [sandra.talarico@newman.edu](mailto:sandra.talarico@newman.edu).

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[Click here for the full schedule »](#)

## Kevin Carr Award



Congratulations to Joyce Tutt, who is being honoured by Newman Theological College as this year's recipient of the Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award. Joyce is well known as a tireless supporter of Catholic charitable causes and a passionate volunteer in her parish and community.

She will receive the award at the 13th Annual Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award Luncheon on **Wednesday, October 5**, at Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre. Purchase tickets online

at <http://newman.edu/NewsEvents/KevinCarrChristianLeadershipAward.aspx>

[Read the full news release »](#)

## Social Justice

### New *Laudato Si'* Website

Marking the first anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace launched a new website dedicated to the document and efforts around the world to put its teaching into practice. The site — [www.laudatosi.va](http://www.laudatosi.va) — “witnesses not only to the impact of the encyclical, but also the creativity and generosity of the people of God everywhere in the world,” said Cardinal Peter Turkson, council president.

### Speaking of *Laudato Si'*



CCCB Publications has just released *On care for our common home: A dialogue guide for Laudato Si'*. This publication was elaborated by the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice. It includes key quotations from the encyclical, examines its content and offers questions for group discussions in order to foster a deeper commitment to the care of creation as well as to the environment and ecology. To order copies, telephone 1-800-769-1147 or email [publi@cccb.ca](mailto:publi@cccb.ca), or [order from the CCCB Publications Website](#).

### Social Justice Retreat

The Edmonton Archdiocesan Council for Development and Peace invites you to attend our Social Justice Retreat on **Saturday, August 27**, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Newman Theological College. The day will include workshops on building social justice ministries in our parishes, a chance for fellowship with others over a light lunch, and a presentation on “Our Call to Justice” by Dr. Bob McKeon. Kindly RSVP to [capulver@telus.net](mailto:capulver@telus.net).

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### Syria: Peace is Possible

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is part of a new information campaign that has been launched by Caritas Internationalis, entitled “Syria: Peace is Possible.” In a [video message supporting the campaign](#), Pope Francis says: “While the people suffer, incredible quantities of money are being spent to supply weapons to fighters. And some of the countries supplying these arms are also among those that talk of peace. How can you believe in someone who caresses you with the right hand and strikes you with the left hand?”

The Caritas Internationalis campaign includes a new website, <http://syria.caritas.org>, which provides excellent educational and advocacy resources. For its part, Development and Peace is organizing a national day of prayer in Canada on **Tuesday, October 4**, the memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi. For more information visit the [Development and Peace website](#).

## Youth and Young Adults

### Golf for OLVC

Lady of Victory Camp is a summer camp owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Edmonton and run by young adults with youth, for youth. OLVC provides a week-long faith experience for young people which will last a lifetime. We invite you to help support OLVC's ministry to youth by playing in our annual Charity Golf Tournament on **Saturday, September 10**, at the Gull Lake Golf Course near Rimbey. The tournament is 9 holes, best ball format, on an executive par 3 course. Registration fee for a five-member team is \$375 (on or before **August 19**) or \$400 (after August 19). Registration fee for individual golfers is \$80. This includes a hamburger lunch and a banquet. Register online at [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca) or call 403-986-OLVC (6582).

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## 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/workshops>.

## 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: *We are Called... to be Leaders of Hope and Mercy*. This theme will help each of our school communities to unfold those foundations of our faith as we continue to bring the Jubilee Year of Mercy to life for our students. 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

(Bulletin Editors: If your parish lies within the ECS District, please consider including this message in the Sunday bulletin.)

## Parish & Community News

### Music Ministry Workshop & Concert

St. Albert Parish presents Embracing Diversity, a concert and music ministry workshop led by renowned Catholic musician and lay evangelizer Jesse Manibusan on **Saturday, August 27**. Come spend time with the very charismatic Jesse as he talks about diversity in our Church and how it is an opportunity for mercy! The day includes morning workshop for music ministers; barbecue lunch, afternoon workshop open to all; Mass at 5 p.m.; concert at 7 p.m. with admission by donation. To register for one of the \$15 workshops, contact [Serena.Shaw@caedm.ca](mailto:Serena.Shaw@caedm.ca).

### Foyer Lacombe Grand Opening

Covenant Care's new Foyer Lacombe is home to residents requiring long-term care and hospice care. Foyer Lacombe provides holistic, personalized and compassionate care that celebrates and honours life and addresses each resident's physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. You are invited to join us at Foyer Lacombe for our Grand Opening on **Tuesday, September 13**, at 2 p.m. at 1 St Vital Avenue, St. Albert. Parking available at St. Albert Parish lot.

### Want to help fight homelessness?

At The Neighbour Centre on Edmonton's south side, we believe that the best way to do this is by working together as neighbours from all walks of life. And we'd love for you to join us! Volunteers play a vital role by helping provide basic services (e.g. meals, showers, laundry service, etc.) as well as building supportive relationships with neighbours accessing our services (e.g. chatting during a game of crib, cleaning up together, etc.). We're currently in need of volunteers who are compassionate and dedicated. Shifts are 12:45-4:15 pm on weekdays; volunteers must be able to help out for 3 shifts per month for at least 4 months. For more information, email [volunteer@theneighbourcentre.ca](mailto:volunteer@theneighbourcentre.ca) or visit our website [www.theneighbourcentre.ca/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.theneighbourcentre.ca/get-involved/volunteer).

### Marian Silent Retreat

Spend a weekend in a natural setting that facilitates interior spiritual growth. Join us for a Marian Silent Retreat **August 29-September 1** at Sanctum Retreat Centre in

Caroline. Speakers are Christine Foisy-Erickson and Father Matthew Hysell; Gianetta Baril is harpist. Deposit of \$50 reserves your place; includes transportation by luxury coach, private room, meals, reflective conferences, chapel, walking trails, outdoor Stations of the Cross, Blessed Virgin Mary Grove. For more information contact Colleen at [c1mcfar2@gmail.com](mailto:c1mcfar2@gmail.com) or 780-977-2227.

## Providence Renewal Centre

Fall will be quickly upon us, and we have many new and exciting events for you to attend which we trust will nurture and nourish your faith and spiritual life. [Check out our new program guide for the coming year.](#) Registrations are open and we look forward to welcoming you at Providence Renewal Centre. For more information contact Kathy Budgell at [kbudgell@providencerenewal.ca](mailto:kbudgell@providencerenewal.ca) or 780-701-1854.

## Catholic Renewal Services

Charismatic Prayer Breakfast: **Saturday, September 10**, featuring speaker Michael Moya, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway. Register at 587-989-0483 or [tell.us@ccredmonton.info](mailto:tell.us@ccredmonton.info) or online at [www.ccredmonton.info](http://www.ccredmonton.info).

Catholic Renewal Services Holy Spirit Rally: **Saturday, September 24**, Corpus Christi Church, 2702 - 34 Street, Edmonton, start time 7 p.m. Come to praise and worship our Lord in song, prayer and teaching.

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