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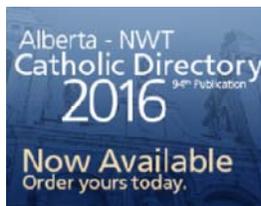
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## Human Resources

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St. Charles Parish: **Pastoral Assistant**

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

The Archdiocese: temporary **Cooks**

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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Hello Again, Friend in Christ !

As we look forward to the canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa this Sunday, I am reminded of the "Paradoxical Commandments" she had posted in one of her homes for children in Calcutta. Rather challenging, aren't they?

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives,  
 Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies,  
 Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you,  
 Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight,  
 Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous,  
 Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten,  
 Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough,  
 Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.  
 It was never between you and them anyway.

*(written by Kent M. Keith)*

God bless, and have a great week!

Lorraine

## Office of the Archbishop

### Back to school: A video message from Archbishop Smith



As a new school year begins in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Archbishop Smith reminds us that "we all need mercy -- we make mistakes, we fall down, we hurt one another. Without mercy, those experiences can fester within us and cause anger and division among people. But mercy brings us together in the healing and forgiveness that only Jesus can give.

"A lot of things are happening around us that can cause fear and anxiety, a lot of pressures in our own lives that can make us worry. So where is our reason for hope? The reason for hope comes from the love and the mercy that is given to us, to the world, uniquely in the person of Jesus Christ. As you enter into this new school with all of the excitement and all of its hopes, just remember the basis for real hope and real mercy, and that's the person who wants to be with you and guide you and accompany you -- not only as your Lord, not only as your Saviour, but also as your best friend.

"Have a great year, and know that I am praying for you."

[Click here to view the video »](#)

## Chancery Office

### Updated Priests' Appointments

There have been some updates to the list of 2016 appointments of priests in the Archdiocese. These include:

- Appointment of **Father Andrew Leung CSB** as Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish
- Appointment of **Father Paul Kavanagh** as Archbishop's Delegate for Catholic Education
- Appointment of **Father Joseph Vadassery** as Archbishop's Delegate for International Priests.

[Click here for the full list »](#)

## Jubilee of Mercy

### Planning a Pilgrimage?



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.

### 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?

### September 11, 2016 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When religious people complained that Jesus welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus challenged them to change their image of God. Imagine God as a shepherd, abandoning 99 obedient sheep to seek the stupid one who got lost. Imagine God as a distraught woman (could religious men imagine that?), losing something and turning the house upside down to find it. Imagine God as an unconditionally forgiving father granting an unworthy son an undeserved feast. Then Jesus added a character whom religious people might imagine, even recognize, all too well. The elder son stayed home; obeyed the father's will; then exploded with rage and judgment and refused to join his brother's welcome-home feast. This Jubilee Year of Mercy asks, which half of Jesus' audience do I belong to? How do I imagine God? How can I become like the searching shepherd, the sweeping woman, the forgiving father? How else can I expect a welcome to Jesus' feast of forgiveness?

## Remembering St. John Paul II



On September 17, 1984, Saint John Paul II visited Elk Island National Park to reflect and rest during his visit to Canada. Working in close collaboration, Parks Canada and five local councils of the Knights of Columbus have undertaken to re-commemorate this memorable visit. A replica bench and five interpretive panels are being erected at the Tawayik Day Use Area, where His Holiness walked and prayed. The official unveiling and celebration will happen at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, September 17**, the anniversary of his visit. All are invited to attend and experience this place as the Pope did, thoughtfully contemplating the beauty of the world around him. Regular park entry fees apply. For

details, visit the park website at <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ab/elkisland/ne.aspx#f2> or call 780-992-2977.

[Click here to download the poster \(8 1/2 x 14\) »](#)

## A New Saint



Salt and Light Media will have LIVE coverage of the Canonization Mass of Blessed Mother Teresa from the Vatican, presided by Pope Francis with English commentary by Father Thomas Rosica CSB, beginning at 2:30 a.m. MT on **Sunday, September 4**. The broadcast will also be repeated several times later on Sunday. For the full schedule, visit <http://saltandlighttv.org/specialcoverage/mother-teresa>.

## Every Life Matters



### What would Mother Teresa say?

"Perhaps the greatest message she has given to the world is the value and dignity of human life. All human life is precious, in whatever condition we find it, from the womb, to the tomb..."

"To the dying and the suffering, she brought her tender compassion, washing their wounds, easing their pain. And one of them said so touchingly, 'Mother, so long I have lived as an animal, now I am dying as an angel.' She had restored to him human dignity and worth... She said the poor people are great people. They can teach us many beautiful things. The greatest injustice we have done to our poor people is that we think they are good for nothing. We have forgotten to treat them with respect, with dignity as a child of God. Often I think they are the ones to whom we owe our greatest gratitude. They teach us."

—Henry D'Souza, Archbishop of Calcutta

From his greeting at Mother Teresa's Funeral  
September 13, 1997

## 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)



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Every human life deserves respect and protection, but many people will be put at risk through the legalization of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia: persons who are elderly, disabled, mentally ill, depressed, or who have dementia.

## 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!

#### Episode 27 My Sacrifice and Yours

At the end of the Preparation of the Offerings, the priest says to the people: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours (*meum ac vestrum sacrificium*) may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father." There are not two sacrifices. Rather, we share in the singular sacrifice of Christ, each in a unique way.



[Download the Study Guide](#)

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

## World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation



Last year Pope Francis established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be held annually on **September 1**. In his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, the Holy Father also gave us a beautiful prayer that would be an excellent way to mark the day:

### A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. ...

[Read more »](#)

## Let Us Remember ...

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

*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 »](#)

## 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](#) 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>.

[Read the full news release »](#)

## Life and Family

At this time of the year when young people begin a new school year and the 2016-2017 pastoral year starts, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) again posts possible homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The proposed texts for the month of September cover the 23rd to 26th Sundays in Ordinary Time, September 4-25. The suggestions for homilies and prayers can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. The texts for the month of September are available on the [CCCB website](#).

[Click here to download the texts »](#)

## Safe Environments & Abuse Prevention

**Called to Protect** is the abuse prevention training program required for all staff, clergy, and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Through videos and group discussion, participants in a Called to Protect training session learn tools to identify inappropriate behaviours, methods to report potential abuse, and best practices in ministering safely to the young and vulnerable. The Called to Protect training program for volunteers is available at several parishes in the coming months. Please check the online calendar at [www.caedm.ca/CalledToProtectCalendar](http://www.caedm.ca/CalledToProtectCalendar) and register with the hosting parish.

## Social Justice

### 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 \$400. 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>.

## Parish & Community News

### Reboot! Live!





Good Shepherd Parish invites you to rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for, at an evening with internationally renowned speaker and author **Chris Stefanick**, and Catholic recording artist **Jon Niven**. Reboot! Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! It's time to start living the Life you were made for. Join us on **Thursday, December 8**, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Good

Shepherd, 18407 - 60 Avenue, Edmonton. Tickets are \$25, on sale now. For more information or to purchase, visit [www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot](http://www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot) or call the parish at 780-487-7765.

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## AB MacDonald High 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebrations of Archbishop MacDonald High School will be held on **September 30 and October 1, 2016**. The AMHS Alumni, School Faculty and Staff have been working hard behind the scenes to make this event heartfelt and memorable for all! Information and registration can be found at <http://www.archbishopmacdonald.ecsd.net>. Follow us on Facebook - Mac High Anniversary & Homecoming 2016. Anyone wishing to offer help in organizing or to discuss sponsorship, please contact Ian Hope at [ianhope@telus.net](mailto:ianhope@telus.net) or 780-470-4673, or Ferd Caron at [ficaron@shaw.ca](mailto:ficaron@shaw.ca) or 780-973-6008.

## 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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