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Human Resources

Are you looking for a job? Maybe you are being called to serve the Catholic community?

The Communications Office is looking for a **News Editor**, an energetic and creative journalist who is passionate about the Catholic faith and who will help us share the great stories of Catholic life in Edmonton and central Alberta.

Newman Theological College has a position

Dear [Contact.First Name],

At this time of year, it seems natural to experience longing. Longing for the end of winter, longing for more light, longing for happiness or maybe even something unnamed. I was thinking about this when I heard that January 16 has been dubbed Blue Monday, the saddest day of the year. But then I read the homily of Pope Francis for Epiphany, and his words struck home:

"A holy longing for God wells up in the heart of believers because they know that the Gospel is not an event of the past but of the present. A holy longing for God helps us keep alert in the face of every attempt to reduce and impoverish our life. A holy longing for God is the memory of faith, which rebels before all prophets of doom. That longing keeps hope alive in the community of believers, which from week to week continues to plead: "Come, Lord Jesus".

I pray that you enjoy a "Blue Monday" filled with hope in the saving grace of Our Lord.

God bless,

Lorraine

PS [Click here to read the Holy Father's full homily](#)

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Communications

New Year's Sale on Directory

Copies of the 2016 Alberta-NWT Catholic Directory are now on sale at a reduced price of \$10 per copy (picked up) or \$14 (shipped by mail). To order your copy, [please download the order form here](#) and mail it or fax to 780-465-3003. You may also call Reception at 780-469-1010 to place a credit card order.

Please note: we will not be publishing a 2017 directory.

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Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Let's Stop Talking about Housing Problems

available for
**Administrative
Assistant to the
Registrar.**

For all the details of these and other job postings, visit <http://caedm.ca/careers>.

Pilgrimages

Fatima April 25-May 6

Join Father Arlan Parenteau on an unforgettable pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and other holy sites in Europe in 2017. Price of \$4,285 includes return airfare from Edmonton, transportation & taxes, meals, and tours. For more information contact Jackie Abello at 780-229-4171.

[Download the flyer](#)

Let's start doing something! Find out more about the Interfaith Works Project, a joint program of the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative and Habitat for Humanity. Join us at a Recruiters' Meeting on **January 23 or 24**, at 6 p.m. in the Habitat Prefab Shop, 14135 - 128 Avenue, Edmonton. We are gathering people from across Edmonton to recruit volunteers from their faith community to work on Habitat build sites between February 23 and April 27. The Recruiters' Meeting will provide information on how to sign up your faith group and promote the Interfaith Works Project. To register, email Batya@interfaithhousing.ca with your preferred date.

6th Annual Mennonite-Catholic Meeting

The theme for this year's gathering will be "Care for Creation" inspired by reflections on Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si'*. This evening will feature prayer, presentations, table discussions, and fellowship. All are welcome to join us on **Friday, January 27**, at 7 p.m. at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, 10826 - 62 Avenue, Edmonton. To RSVP please contact: Julien at jhammond@caedm.ca or 780-469-1010. [Please share the poster](#)

Common Language for a Common Concern

St. Joseph's College is pleased to welcome Matthew Besko for his upcoming presentation titled: A Cliff in Front of Us and Wolves Behind. This presentation will be a discussion of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*, from the perspective of a wildlife policy maker and adolescent-minded Polish Catholic boy. Mr. Besko is the Director of Wildlife, Policy Division within the Ministry of Environment and Parks, Government of Alberta. Join us at 3:30 p.m. on **Monday, January 16**, in the SJC Boardroom. Everyone is welcome; an RSVP is requested but not required to Sara at: sara.mckee@ualberta.ca

Citizenship & Belonging

The King's University warmly invites you to the Winter 2017 Interdisciplinary Studies conference "Glorious and Free? Generous Citizenship for the Next 150" on **Wednesday, January 18, and Thursday, January 19**. The conference will focus on questions of citizenship and belonging, something for Canadians to reflect on as we enter the year of the 150th anniversary of confederation. The first day will focus on refugee issues and the second on the intersection of faith and citizenship. All events are free and open to the public, and take place at The King's University, 9125 - 50 Street NW, Edmonton. Catholic keynote speakers include Jennifer McIntyre, Director of Romero House in Toronto, and William Cavanaugh, Professor of Catholic Studies and Director of the Center for World Catholicism at DePaul University.

[Click here for full conference schedule](#)

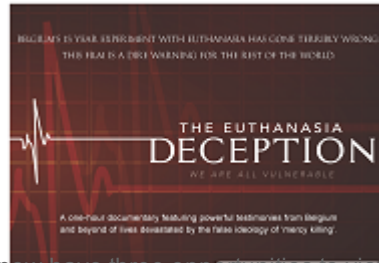
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Every Life Matters

Think About It

A dying person's request for death by assisted suicide or euthanasia is a signal to review their pain and symptom control and their spiritual and emotional support. Sometimes the request is prompted by fear of the unknown, or of being a burden, or of pain and suffering. Assisted suicide and euthanasia are a medicalization of death and human suffering – the false belief that somehow all human pain and suffering can be cured by a medical intervention.

Euthanasia Deception



The Euthanasia Deception is a gripping documentary that tells the stories of people with real, direct experience with euthanasia and assisted suicide; these are not the stories we are hearing in the mainstream media.

If you have not seen The Euthanasia Deception, or even if you have, you now have three opportunities to view it, and meet its producer, Alex Schadenberg. Alex is the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. He has the world's most widely read blog on issues related to euthanasia and assisted suicide (AlexSchadenberg.blogspot.com), and is an international speaker on the subject.

Monday, February 6: 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish, 200 Boundary Road, Spruce Grove

Tuesday, February 7: 7 p.m. at St. Charles Parish, 17511 - 112 Street, Edmonton

Wednesday, February 8: two screenings, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, 5508 - 48A Ave. Red Deer

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Lay Groups Gathering

You're Invited

Are you a leader of a local Catholic Group, Association, or Movement? If so, you are invited to join Archbishop Richard Smith for a morning gathering on **Saturday, February 11**, at the Pastoral and Administration Offices. His Grace looks forward to meeting with you and sharing his pastoral message. To register, please contact Barbara Cartwright at bcartwright@caedm.ca or call her at 780-469-1010 ext. 2129.

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Let Us Remember

Tony Sykora



Tony Sykora, a long-time trustee and staunch supporter of Catholic education, is being remembered as a man of great faith, great love, and great commitment.

Sykora, 60, died from brain cancer on New Year's Day, surrounded by family. His funeral Mass was celebrated on January 7 with family members, friends, colleagues and fellow parishioners at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park.

"Tony was deeply committed to family, first of all," Archbishop Richard Smith said during his homily. "He was committed to his parish, to his brother Knights of

Columbus, to his many friends in the hockey community, and in a special way to the cause of Catholic education.

“He, who knew personally and deeply the commitment of God shown to him in Christ, reflected it, and announced it, in the sign of his commitment to family, to faith and to all that is good.

“Tony’s example reminds all of us that our witness to Christ cannot be limited to words. It must be communicated above all in the way we live our lives.”

[Read More](#)

Life and Family

Faith and Fun Night with the Oil Kings

FAITH & FUN NIGHT

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

Your family is invited to join the Oil Kings at Rogers Place for this exciting event featuring:

- Exclusive pre-game meet & greet event for the first 400 attendees featuring a photo booth and a visit from Louis the Lion
- Reserved group seating for Archdiocese attendees to sit together
- Special guest appearance by the Archbishop of Edmonton during the pregame meet & greet
- And more!

Oil Kings vs Pats

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

TICKETS ONLY \$18 EACH

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
Please follow the order process guide featured in your weekly newsletter or email.

OILKINGS.CA

Why not take the family to an Edmonton Oil Kings game in the beautiful new Rogers Place this year? The Archdiocese is sponsoring a game between the Oil Kings and archrival Regina Pats on **Friday, February 10**, featuring a special price of \$18 a ticket (regular up to \$29). In addition, the first 400 purchased tickets will be rewarded with a voucher to an exclusive pre-game event in the North Mezzanine Club. Come out and meet our bishops, watch Archbishop Smith drop the puck, and join a crowd of Catholics for a great night of hockey and entertainment! Instructions for purchasing

your discount tickets are posted at www.caedm.ca.

For more info, contact Steve Defer in the Office of Life and Family.

Prayer & Homily Ideas for January

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) continues to post 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 can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations

[Click here for January prayer and homily ideas](#) (PDF)

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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 Carla Smiley, Archdiocesan Planned Giving Coordinator, for a presentation that will engage and inform you on these important topics.

Upcoming Seminars:

Sunday, January 22, at 12:30-2:30 p.m.
St. Andrew Centre auditorium, Edmonton
To register, please contact the St. Andrew Parish Office at 780- 451-6601.

Thursday, January 26, at 1-3 p.m.
St. Thomas More Parish, Edmonton
To register, please contact the Parish Office at 780- 434-6313.

Returning to Spirit

January & February Workshops



*Returning
to Spirit*
Reconciliation workshops

There is still time to sign up for a Returning to Spirit workshop on **January 20-23**. But what does it have to do with me? Here's how Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie explains it:

Some may think that the upcoming Returning To Spirit workshop is for others and does not apply to them. To the contrary, we are all treaty people, and all called to follow up on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I strongly invite you to consider participating in this unique event as a way of living out the treaties, following up to the TRC, and moving forward together in the process of reconciliation between the Church and the Indigenous peoples of this country.

To register, please call 780-459-5511 or go to www.returningtospirit.org

Part I of Returning to Spirit is a 4-day intensive workshop that non-aboriginal and aboriginal participants take separately.

(Part II is a 5-day intensive workshop that brings both groups together for healing, reconciliation and moving forward together.)

Part I: Non-Aboriginal Workshop

Friday-Monday, January 20-23

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily

Part I: Aboriginal Workshop

Friday-Monday, February 3-6

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily

Venue: Star of the North Retreat Centre, 3A St. Vital Ave, St. Albert, AB

Live-in Cost with meals: \$500 **Commuter Cost:** \$350 with lunches only

Safe Environments

Monitoring and Supervision – Video Cameras

Monitoring and supervision is one of the steps in creating a safe environment and preventing abuse in the parishes. Monitoring is required for the following groups and areas:

1. Staff & Volunteers
2. Parish gatherings
3. High-risk activities
4. Facilities

Many parishes rely on video cameras as part of their monitoring and supervision practice. While video cameras can be highly useful documentation tools, they should not be a substitute for supervision in your programs. If you do use video monitoring, we recommend implementing some best practices.

[Read More](#)

Together in Ministry

Information Workshop for members of Parish Pastoral Councils

All parish council members are invited to a Together in Ministry Information Workshop to be held at the Pastoral and Administration Offices, 8421 - 101 Avenue on **Saturday, January 21, 2017**, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This free workshop is designed to:

- Review and renew our commitment to our shared mission
- Present and Explain the Structure & Leadership of the local Church and the role of PPCs in the Archdiocese
- Relate the archdiocesan priorities and volunteer management program to the mission of the universal Church
- Provide an opportunity for PPC members to become familiar with the Together in Ministry Manual as a resource of information for development of gifts and talents in service of the parish communities.

This will be a great opportunity to network, share experiences and learn from members of Parish Pastoral Councils from across the Archdiocese.

To register, please contact Barbara Cartwright by phone at 780-469-1010 ext. 2129 or by email to bcartwright@caedm.ca. We look forward to seeing you!

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Vocations

Come and See

Interested single women aged 20-39 are invited to join us to explore Religious Vocation as a Sister Faithful Companion of Jesus through prayer, input, reflection, faith sharing and lunch. This event will take place on **Saturday, February 4**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Edmonton. Please contact Sister Michelle by February 2 at 780-439-1667 or mlanglois0501@gmail.com

Development & Peace

"Life is Sacred" Documentary

Development and Peace invites you to a screening of "Life is Sacred," a story of hard-working people who tirelessly struggle for a real democracy. As telling as it is of the opportunity for peaceful change in Colombia, it is just as inspirational for social movements and politicians everywhere. On **January 18**, join us at 7 p.m. for a screening of this inspirational film, followed by discussion with executive producer Waël Kabbani, Robert Normey of Amnesty International, and Vanessa Cardona of the Edmonton Colombian community. Admission: Pay what you can. \$10 recommended. Venue : University of Alberta Law Center, Room 231, 111 Street & 89 Avenue. To RSVP or for more information, contact Sara Farid at sfarid@devp.org.

Youth & Young Adults

WCACYM Conference

We invite all youth and young adult leaders in our parishes and schools to attend the Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers Annual Gathering **January 12-15** at Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. This gathering will be attended by leaders from across the western provinces and is an excellent opportunity to energize our leaders through prayer, networking and professional development.

More information and online registration are available at <http://www.wcacym.ca/annual-gathering.html> or by contacting Lisa MacQuarrie, Coordinator of Youth Evangelization, at lisa.macquarrie@caedm.ca.

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Parish and Community News

Adoremus at Basilica

You are invited to join us at St. Joseph's Basilica for Adoremus, an evening of encounter with Christ through reflection on Holy Scripture, the Sacrament of Penance, and time with the Holy Eucharist. This is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord, and meet with others desiring the same. Adoremus is scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m. on **Saturdays, January 14 and February 11**. Everyone is welcome.

Sign of Hope Thanksgiving



Catholic Social Services invites you to our prayer of thanksgiving celebration as we conclude our 2016 Sign of Hope appeal. Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica will be led by Archdiocese of Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith, at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 18**, and a reception will follow at the basilica's O'Leary Hall. Each year,

the Sign of Hope supports ministries that help women escape domestic violence, help those seeking a life of sobriety, and provide assistance to women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Please visit <https://www.cssalberta.ca> to learn more about the Sign of Hope and the 20 ministries that it supports. Come join us as we offer our thanks for the wonderful support our annual Sign of Hope has received!

Study the DOCAT

St. Albert Parish is hosting a study of the DOCAT, the follow-up to the YOUCAT (the popular Youth Catechism based on the Catechism Catholic Church). The DOCAT was released at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland and focuses on the social teachings of the Church in easy to read language. In our study, we will look at the methodology of See-Judge-Act and highlight connections to *Laudato Si*. Sessions are on **Wednesdays, January 18, February 15 and March 15** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall. Sessions are free. Simple lunch provided by donation. Please contact Mark.Guevarra@caedm.ca to register or for questions.

STAR Catholic Board to Shrink

St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools' Board of Trustees will be making a request to the Minister of Education to reduce its board configuration from nine to seven trustees, following an extensive Ward Boundary Review process and approval at a subsequent special meeting held January 5. The change, which would take effect for the next civic elections in October 2017, would see two trustees represent Leduc, while one trustee per community will represent Wetaskiwin, Drayton Valley, Ponoka, Lacombe and Beaumont.

[Click here to read the full news release](#)

Chronos Vocal Ensemble Concert

Chronos Vocal Ensemble is one of Canada's elite chamber choirs, and they will be performing at St. Albert Parish. Join us on **Friday, January 13**, at 8 p.m. at 7 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, for a preview performance of "The Passing of the Year," with pianist Roger Admiral. Admission by donation. More info at chronosvocalensemble.com.

Catholic Women's League

All CWL members are invited to attend the Edmonton Diocesan Midwinter Meeting on **Saturday, January 21**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park. The day includes a leadership workshop and guest presentation by Anglican Bishop Jane Alexander. Registration fee of \$20 includes lunch. To register, contact Connie Asp at 780-570-1045 or dacoasp@shaw.ca.

Catholic Renewal Services

Catholic Renewal Services invites you to our next prayer breakfast on **Saturday, January 14**, with guest speaker Father Anthony Fernando. Join us at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway, Edmonton. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. Ticket price for full buffet: \$18/adult, \$8/under 18, and free under 5. No charge for priests. Reserve your ticket by calling Catholic Renewal Services at 587- 989-0483, or email tell.us@ccredmonton.info.

Catholic Renewal Services invites you to our 50th Jubilee Conference, 'Living a Life of Victory,' with Dr. Mary Healy. Being held at St. Thomas More Church on February 24-25. For more details visit our website at www.ccredmonton.info

Jesse Manibusan In concert

Come join us for an evening of entertainment, laughter and fellowship with Jesse Manibusan! St. Albert Parish will be hosting Jesse on **Tuesday, February 7**, at 7 p.m. He will share his music as well as his wonderful sense of humour with us. Most importantly, he will share with us his faith. He will be joined by the St. Albert Parish Youth Band as they perform some of their favourite praise and worship music. All are welcome; admittance will be by donation. For more information, contact Serena at serena.shaw@caedm.ca.

Scholarships for Women

The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, committed to women's empowerment and vital lay leadership for ministry, invite applications for two scholarships: the Honoria Conway Scholarship for Women, and the Jean Keenan Lay Ministry Scholarship for Adult Lay Persons in the Ministry of the Church. Brochures and application forms available on request. Contact Scholarship Committee, Box 2266, Saint John, NB E2L 3V1, or email cpssc@sistersofcharityic.com.

Saints Come Marching In

Don't miss this moving brand new live theatre series! The saints come alive in these creative, inspiring 30-minute professional live theatre performances. Each will be followed by quiet reflection and time for sharing with refreshments. This series of short plays is researched, created and performed by Rooney and Punyi Educational Theatre. Performances take place at 7 p.m. at Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert; \$15 each or full series \$60.

Please register by one week before each show by calling the Star at 780-459-5511.

January 26: St. Peter

February 23: St. Marguerite d'Youville

March 23: St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi

April 27: St. John Bosco,
May 18: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

[Download the Star's flyer for all winter-spring programs](#)

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