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Human Resources

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

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries has an employment opportunity for a **Family Advisor Assistant** to join our team of Family Advisors at the Cemeteries office located on Mark Messier Trail in northwest Edmonton.

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

Dear [Contact.First Name],

In [his blog this week](#), Archbishop Smith writes that the mission of the apostles was inaugurated by the act of Jesus calling them and by their act of acceptance. A somewhat different inauguration than the one we have witnessed in the U.S.!

"Writing to the ancient Christian community at Corinth, and through that letter addressing all Christians, St. Paul makes the appeal that there be no division among the followers of Christ," the Archbishop writes. "Since Friday's inauguration we have witnessed protest marches that lay bare rather dramatic societal differences.

"Sadly, divisions in the Church (!!) long predate those of any country. The letter to Corinth shows clearly that the tendency to separation goes back to the Church's very beginning. This is clearly not the will of the Lord, who gave his very life that all may be one.

"In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we do well to remember that the one Baptism inaugurated Christians into unity with the one Lord and the one Faith, and, therefore, with one another. As we ponder the impact of a political inauguration, let us not forget our own far more important theological one.

"By God's grace, may we accept and faithfully follow our Baptismal call to be one in Christ, and thus serve as a sign and instrument of unity in a world whose very visible divisions are causing very real harm."

May you enjoy more unity and less division this week!

Lorraine

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Office of the Archbishop

Grace this Week

As part of his Every Life Matters initiative, Archbishop Smith asks us all to heed the invitation of our Holy Father and embrace the custom of praying at mealtime, and to add to the usual Grace before meals one line from the Scripture and one line of prayerful response to it.

Grace with lines from the Readings of Sunday, January 22

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. Peter, James and John left everything to follow you when you called. (Matthew 4:18-22)

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](#)

What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

Find out by following his blog, [The Reason for Our Hope](#). Or follow him on Twitter [@archbsmith](#).

All: Help us, Jesus, to hear your call and follow without reserve or hesitation.

OR

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. St. Paul urges us to live in unity as your followers. (1Corinthians 1:10-13)

All: Show us, Lord, the way to true and lasting unity in your Church and throughout the world.

World Day of the Sick 2017

The 25th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 11**, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year, the Holy Father's Message is entitled *Amazement at what God has accomplished: "The Almighty has done great things for me..."* (Luke 1.49).

In his Message, Pope Francis offers prayerful support and encouragement "to physicians, nurses, volunteers and all those consecrated men and women committed to serving the sick and those in need."

"I also embrace the ecclesial and civil institutions working to this end, and the families who take loving care of their sick. I pray that all may be ever joyous signs of the presence of God's love and imitate the luminous testimony of so many friends of God, including Saint John of God and Saint Camillus de' Lellis, the patrons of hospitals and healthcare workers, and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, missionary of God's love."

[Message of the Holy Father](#)
[Catholic Health Alliance of Canada](#)
[Other resources are available and can be ordered](#)

Canadian Bishops

Fifty Years of Occupation Demands Action



Statement of the Coordination of Bishops' Conferences in support of the Church in the Holy Land

For 50 years the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza have languished under occupation, violating the human dignity of both Palestinians and Israelis. This is a

scandal to which we must never become accustomed.

Our [Coordination](#) has called for justice and peace every year since 1998, yet the suffering continues. So this call must get louder. As Bishops we implore Christians in our home countries to recognize our own responsibility for prayer, awareness and action. So many people in the Holy Land have spent their entire lives under occupation, with its polarizing social segregation, yet still profess hope and strive for reconciliation. Now, more than ever, they deserve our solidarity.

[Read the full text of the Bishops' statement](#)

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Communications

No Ordinary Hockey Game



It's not every day you get the chance to see the Archbishop drop the puck at centre ice.

But the Oil Kings match-up against archrival Regina Pats on **Friday, February 10**, is no ordinary hockey game. Hundreds of Catholics will be heading to Edmonton's iconic new Rogers Place that day for the first

Faith and Fun Night with the Oil Kings. Why is Life and Family Coordinator Steven Defer so excited about this event?

[Read more](#)

Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time

January 24 is the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of Catholic writers, the Catholic press and journalists. It is also the day when the Pope releases his [annual Message for World Communications Day](#), which is celebrated on May 28.

in this year's message, Pope Francis encourages all those who serve in the ministry of communications "to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster a culture of encounter, helping all of us to view the world around us with realism and trust."

"I am convinced that we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and stem the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on "bad news" (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). This has nothing to do with spreading misinformation that would ignore the tragedy of human suffering, nor is it about a naive optimism blind to the scandal of evil. Rather, I propose that all of us work at overcoming that feeling of growing discontent and resignation that can at times generate apathy, fear or the idea that evil has no limits."

In these days of "fake news" and "alternative facts," the Holy Father's message is more relevant than ever. To read his full text, [click here](#).

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Catechesis

Webinar for RCIA

Parish RCIA team members, pastoral assistants, and anyone interested in discovering more about the Rite of Election is invited to sign up for a free one-hour webinar on **Wednesday, January 25, at 2 p.m. MT**. *How to Prepare for, Celebrate, and Teach the Rite of Election* is being offered by TeamRCIA and hosted by Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal.

To sign up, visit <http://teamrcia.com/election-rite-sign-up>.

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Divine Worship

Liturgies of Holy Week Live Workshop



Clergy, liturgists, pastoral musicians, and pastoral staff are invited to take part in *The Liturgies of Holy Week: Increasing Attendance and Participation*, a live workshop taking place on **Tuesday, February 14, at 11 a.m. MT**. Presented by Michael Ruzicki, this webinar will give participants the opportunity to discuss and discover proven strategies for animating the parish community to

assist with the various tasks required in Holy Week. The webinar aims to help achieve the directive of *Paschale Solemnitatis* #5, which states that the Easter Triduum should be “celebrated in the best possible way so that the faithful may participate in it with ever greater spiritual advantage.”

[Click here](#) to register.

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Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Black History Month Ecumenical Service

You are warmly invited to St. Faith's Anglican Church (11725 - 93 Street, Edmonton) for a Black History Month Ecumenical Service on **Sunday, January 29**, at 3 p.m. This will be followed by a reception in the Church Hall. The theme for this year's service is “Peace Together: Peace for ALL.” We look forward to seeing you all at the event.

Multi-Faith Concert

“Building Bridges Among Faith Traditions” is an afternoon of music and dance celebrating Canada's 150th birthday and the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week. Join us on **Sunday, January 29**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Royal Alberta Museum, 12845 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton. This year's program will include our Interfaith Advocate Award to Rev. John Dowds, Chaplain for the City of Edmonton, silent auction, and refreshments. For more information call 780-413-6159 or visit www.edminterfaithcentre.ca.

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.

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Every Life Matters

Think About It

A dying person who is in distress needs support and good medical, psychological, social and spiritual care. The person who fears becoming a

burden on others needs to be assured that caring for him or her is not a burden. The person who is lonely needs to know that someone cares and that he or she will not be abandoned. Killing is not an act of compassion.

Will Assisted Suicide save Health-care Dollars?

A new study in Canadian Medical Association Journal suggests that doctor-assisted suicide could save Canada up to \$139 million each year. The authors go to pains to state they aren't suggesting people be voluntarily euthanized to save money. But it's well known that the last months of life are often costly to the health-care system -- is it only a matter of time before costs determine how we treat our most vulnerable patients?

[Read the National Post story](#)

Life after Long-term Care?

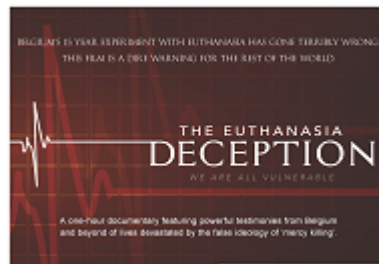


For most people, long-term care is one of the last stops in life. Kevin Fitzpatrick figured that was his future when he moved into the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre following eight months of hospital treatment for a variety of illnesses. He was only 54, but he had given up.

However, the team on his unit still believed in him. And thanks to the dedication and commitment of these Catholic health care providers, he's now planning to move into his own condo and hopes to return to his job as an engineer.

[Click here to read his story on vitalbeat.ca.](#)

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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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 Louie the Lion
- Reserved group seating for Archdiocese attendees to sit together
- Special guest appearance by the Archbishop of Edmonton during the pre-game 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

More than 500 other Catholics are going -- are you? 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.

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

Men of Integrity Conference

Catholic Family Ministries is calling all men to attend its annual Men of Integrity Conference on **Friday-Saturday, February 3-4**, at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove. Under the theme "Follow Me," this year's conference is a challenge for every man to become a disciple of Christ. Special guests include keynote speaker Peter Herbeck, Peter Thompson, Archbishop Richard Smith, Father Kristopher Schmidt, and Brian Holdsworth.

For more information or to register, contact Catholic Family Ministries at 780-961-3346 or email info@catholicfamilyministries.com.



Benefit for Life Banquet

Alberta Pro-Life (The Wilberforce Project) would like to invite you to its annual fundraising banquet on **Saturday, April 22**, at Kingsway Ramada Hotel, Edmonton. Admission is free; however, you must register at <https://banquet->

thewilberforceproject.nationbuilder.com/ as seating is limited.

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Youth and Young Adults

Retreat for Young Adults



Come Sit With Me: Getting to Know God is a sacred invitation to single young adults aged 18-40. This retreat, led by Sister Joan Wigbers and Father Jack Diaz, takes place on **Saturday, February 18**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Providence Centre, 3005 - 119 Street, Edmonton.

To register, contact: Sister Mae Valdez SP at 587-432-2088. Donations are welcome.

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An Evening of *Sancti*

Do you have a desire to grow in holiness? If you are a university student or young professional, join us for an evening of *Sancti* (Latin for "Be Holy!") in the parish hall of St. Joseph Basilica — accessible via the Jasper Avenue entrance. Led by priests and other religious, *Sancti* serves as the sibling event to *Adoremus* ("Let us Adore!") to provide you with formation in becoming a saint. The next events take place on **Saturdays, January 28 and February 25**, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

See the poster [here](#).

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Newman Theological College

Online Faith Formation

Registration is now open for the next cycle of classes in the Certificate in Catholic Studies (CCS), offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization through Newman Theological College. Thirteen different courses will begin on **Monday, February 20**.

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



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just \$85. 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 Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 Ext. 2214 or sandra.talarico@newman.edu.

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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 Seminar:

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

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

Parish and Community News

L'Arche Bowl-a-thon

Show your solidarity with the L'Arche Association of Edmonton at its annual Bowl-a-thon fundraiser on **Saturday, February 11**, at 1:30 p.m. at Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes. Registration fee is \$20, which includes two games and shoe rental. Funds raised at this event are used to support L'Arche communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information or to register, contact Maria at 780-465-0618 ext. 206 or mmastrih@larcheedmonton.org. L'Arche Edmonton is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing homes and programs to adults with developmental disabilities for the past 44 years.

Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

All are welcome to celebrate the annual World Day of Prayer for Concentrated Life at St. Joseph Basilica. The celebration will take place at the regular 5:30 p.m. Mass on **Thursday, February 2**, and include special prayers for vocations.

Adoremus at Basilica

You are invited to join us at St. Joseph 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 **Saturday, February 11**. Everyone is welcome.

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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 of the 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, **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.

For the Lovers of Praise & Worship

St. Theresa's Parish is inviting you to participate in EXALT, **every first Friday of the month** at 6:45 p.m. EXALT is a powerful moment of music that leads to praise and worship of our Lord! An occasion to hear a testimony and a time of Adoration. Snacks and fellowship will conclude the event. Join us for the next EXALT on **February 3**, with testimony by Brother Michael Perras, OFM. For more details, check out the event on [Facebook](#).

Friars Gala

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this formal event in support of the education, training and formation of seminarians, religious, and lay leaders for the Ukrainian Eparchy and the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. The 48th Annual Friars Ball takes place on **Friday, May 5**, at Westin Hotel. Tickets are \$250 each (\$150 for 25 and younger). For further information, please contact Anna at 780-469-1010 or ajaremko@caedm.ca, or view us on Facebook [@friarsball](#). Hope to see you there!

Enoch 12 Step Pilgrimage



Our Lady of Mercy Parish encourages all who are searching for a weekend of spiritual enrichment and guidance toward your journey of faith to attend our Enoch Adult Co-Ed 12 Step Pilgrimage from **February 16-19, 2017**. Our Lady of Mercy will be accepting the first 20 candidates. For further information or to register, please contact Father Les at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Office

780-470-3021 or cell 780-690-1884, or Dwayne at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Office: 780-470-3021 or Cell: 780 394-6564.

Hymnal Wanted

Do you have copies of the 2nd edition of *Glory & Praise* keyboard accompaniment edition that you don't need? It's a 3-book set with green cover. If you want to give it a new home, contact Kevin at 780-412-2400.

Talking about the Oilsands

Dr. Richard Kover is offering a public lecture at Concordia University of Edmonton at 4 p.m. on **Monday, January 30**, entitled "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Alberta Oil Sands but were Afraid to Ask Jacques Lacan." Using print and televisual examples from current pro-oilsands public relations campaigns, this presentation will use the theoretical lens of psychoanalytic thinker Jacques Lacan to examine these messages. Co-hosted by CUE Institute of Christian Studies and Society, and the Theology and Science research cluster. Concordia U is located at 7128 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton.

Catholic Renewal Services

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.

Lost Apostle

Lost Apostle is a musical production that begins in the time of Christ and details the hopes, passions and struggles of four of His followers; Peter, Judas, Mary Magdalene, and Mary of Bethany. The second act is set in the present day and introduces three new characters, Aaron, Tevy and Rebecca, who also struggle to find meaning, acceptance and hope, in light of Christ's sacrifice for us. It will be performed by St. Peter's Choir at the Arden Theatre in St. Albert from **March 3 to March 5**. For information, performance times, and ticket sales, call 780-458-0908 or visit <http://www.sandrarenneis.com>.

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Catholic Home School Conference

All parents and young adults are welcome to attend the Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference, **March 9-11**, at Providence Renewal

Centre, Edmonton. The conference features keynote speaker Holly Pierlot, Father Stefano Penna, John Carpay, Karen Hanlon, and a panel of seminarians and religious. For information, visit www.wcchsc.net or contact Veronica at 780-467-8410, or wcchscreg@shaw.ca.

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