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Human Resources

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

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton's Communications Office is looking for an energetic and imaginative **Social Media Specialist** who understands the communications opportunities presented by social media and can use these platforms in a strategic way to highlight Catholic life in Edmonton and central Alberta.

The Communications Office also has an opportunity for a **Videographer** who will be responsible for producing high-quality videos for a variety of offices and institutions of the Catholic

Dear [Contact.First Name],

We're looking forward to seeing the Archbishop drop the puck at this Friday's Oil Kings game at Rogers Place! Close to 1,000 Catholics will be joining him at this Faith & Fun Night -- will we see you there too?

If you want to get the special archdiocesan \$18 price on tickets and admission to a cool pregame event, visit <http://bit.ly/2hc70rE>, click "Log in" on upper right-hand side of the screen and create your account. Select the February 10th game and enter the Promo Code CAEDM, then follow the prompts to add tickets to your cart and make payment.

(NOTE: the link does not work well with Internet Explorer, so if you have trouble online, you can place your order by phoning 780-414-4625 and following the prompt to go to Edmonton Oil Kings ticket sales. Remember to mention the promo code CAEDM to get the discount price.)

Whether or not you can make the game, I wish you a great week!

God bless,
Lorraine

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Office of the Archbishop

World Day of the Sick



World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 11**, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

In a letter to the faithful marking this day, Archbishop Richard Smith invites us to offer the following prayers of intercession at masses this weekend:

For His Holiness Pope Francis, together with all the bishops, clergy and religious; may

Christ, the Author of Life, sustain and strengthen them as servants of life.

For those in public office; that they serve faithfully as stewards of the common good, and, in particular, that they ensure effective palliative care, and treatment for all those who suffer with mental illness.

For all those who suffer illness, poverty, and loneliness; may they, and all those who love them, find in Jesus Christ all consolation, courage,

Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Are you or do you know someone who is a **Webmaster**? The Communications Office is looking for a Webmaster who will be responsible for managing website content and routine maintenance for a variety of offices and institutions of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton also has an opportunity for a **Housekeeper**. We are looking for an individual who takes pride in providing excellent housekeeping services. In this 35 hour per week position, you will be providing housekeeping services as part of a team cleaning the facilities on the Catholic Campus located at 8421 – 101 Avenue, Edmonton.

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](#)

What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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

and healing.

For all those who serve and love the sick, disabled and elderly as physicians, nurses, other healthcare professionals, friends and family; may their witness be a font of hope for all those who suffer.

[Read the Archbishop's full message.](#)

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 for February 5

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You call us to be the salt of the earth and light for the world. (Matthew 5:13-16)

All: May the light of our good works, Lord, lead others to you and give glory to our Father in heaven.

OR

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. Through St. Paul you teach us to accept and offer our weakness with trust in your power (1Cor 2:1-5).

All: Give us strength and courage, Lord, to be your witnesses in our world.

Canadian Bishops

Catholics and Muslims in Canada

Do you have questions about Islam? A pamphlet to help Canadian Catholics better understand our Muslim neighbours is available from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). *Catholics and Muslims in Canada: Believers and Citizens in Society* presents the origins of Islam, its main currents today, and its similarities with and differences from Christianity, as well as an overview of interreligious dialogue between Catholics and Muslims, and suggestions on how everyone can contribute to such dialogues.

[Download Catholics and Muslims in Canada here](#) (PDF, 8 pages)

Call for Saint Teresa Liturgical Memorial

Canada's Bishops want to see the liturgical memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta inserted into the General Roman Calendar. It is observed annually on September 5, the anniversary of her death. The request was made in a letter by CCCB President Bishop Douglas Crosby to the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the Vatican. The letter notes how "our country was deeply touched by the life, the faith and the example of Mother Teresa" and also highlights various examples of her worldwide



impact.

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Communications

Meet the new Coordinator for Aboriginal Relations



Gary Gagnon was standing outside the Archdiocese of Edmonton offices and wondering about his decision to take on a new job as Coordinator of the Office of Aboriginal Relations. As he gazed up at the sky, he saw an immense golden eagle slowly circling above, and he had the answer.

"I got goosebumps," he recalls. "I saw that eagle and I knew it was OK to open this office. It was OK to learn about other people, and let other people learn about us."

In his unique new role, Gary acts as an ambassador and representative of Archbishop Richard Smith among the large Aboriginal community in the archdiocese. Among the events that will be promoted through his office are the feast days of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and Our Lady of Guadalupe, the annual Lac St. Anne Pilgrimage, and Aboriginal Cursillos. Education and creating awareness about traditional teachings will also be a big part of his role.

To read more about Gary and the Office of Aboriginal Relations, [click here to read Thandiwe Konguavi's story.](#)

Pope Francis reflects on gifts in Lent

The Vatican has released Pope Francis' Lenten message for 2017. Titled "The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift," the Holy Father reflects on Lent as "a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ." It largely focuses on parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

[Click here to read the full message.](#)

(Note: English version is partway down the page)

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Divine Worship

CCCB Publication Sale

If your parish's Roman Missal is falling apart from daily use over the past five years, now is a good time to get a new one!

To commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary, CCCB Publications is offering 50 per cent off the retail price on a certain number of titles published by the CCCB in English and French. This special sale price is effective until December 31, 2017.

Please note: *If you are interested in these items, please contact the CCCB Publications Services directly to make your purchase. There is no additional discount offered if you buy through the Divine Worship Office.*

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Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Unity Newsletter

What's going on in the world of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations? Find out in the latest [CAEDM UNITY newsletter](#). Here are some of the events coming up:

End Poverty Edmonton

With support and funding from City Council, End Poverty Edmonton will launch as a separate entity to oversee a Five-Year Road Map aimed at the elimination of poverty in the city. At the same time, the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton and the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative will launch *The End Poverty Action Guide for Religious and Spiritual Communities*, a resource designed for faith-based groups looking for ways to join the fight against poverty. This free event will take place at the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, 10035 - 103 Street. from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Thursday, February 9**. As space is limited, please click on this [Eventbrite link](#) to register.

Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service

All are welcome to join us on **Sunday, February 12**, at 7 p.m., at Grace United Church, 6215 - 104 Avenue, Edmonton.

Habitat Interfaith Works

Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is launching their 6th Annual Interfaith-Habitat Works Project with a kick-off event to raise 500 volunteers. The event will be held on **Thursday, February 23**, at Habitat's pre-fab shop, at 14135 - 128 Ave., at 11:30 a.m.

To volunteer, to sign up a group from your parish or community, or for more information, call Habitat for Humanity at 780-451-3416 or go to [HFH.org](#).

Volunteers Needed

Calling all volunteers! Welcome Home is a volunteer-based ministry with Catholic Social Services that provides companionship to individuals and families making the transition from homelessness to settling into a home.



Operating in collaboration with professional housing and support services, Welcome Home provides companionship to reduce the loneliness and social isolation faced by many newly housed individuals. The

relationship between the volunteers and ministry participants is based on openness and respect for the strengths and gifts of each person. Volunteers aim to help the participants feel truly at home in their new communities.

To find out more information about volunteering, contact the Welcome Home Coordinator at 780-378-2544.

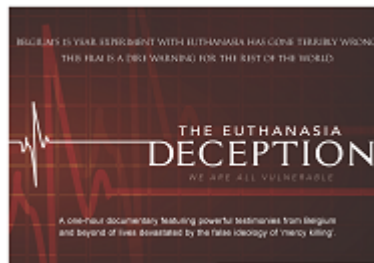
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Every Life Matters

Think About It

Patients who enter a hospital expecting compassion as they live their last months, weeks or days should not have to worry about being euthanized based on someone's judgment about their quality of life. Care can never be killing.

Euthanasia Deception

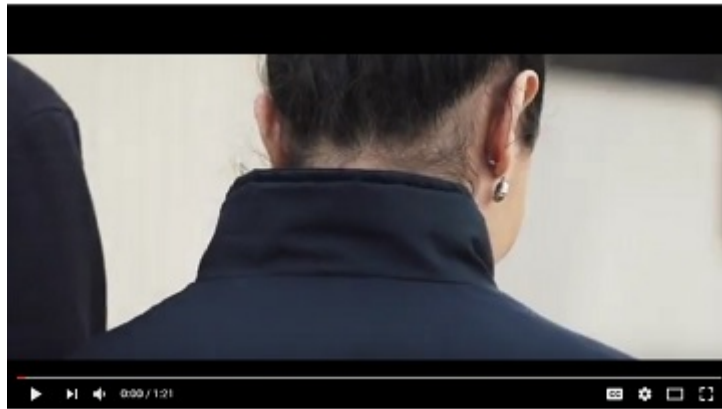


The Euthanasia Deception is a gripping documentary that tells the stories of people with real, direct experience with euthanasia and assisted suicide; these are not the stories we are hearing in the mainstream media.

If you have not yet seen The Euthanasia Deception, check it out on **Wednesday, February 15**, at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish, 18407 - 60 Avenue.

Changing Hearts and Saving Lives

Have you heard about The Back Porch? Located directly across the street from the abortion clinic in Edmonton, The Back Porch is a pregnancy resource centre that offers information to women and men considering all of their pregnancy options. They've just released a new promotional video to highlight their work. Take a look, and feel free to share on your social media:



Speak Out for Conscience Rights

With physician-assisted suicide now legal in Canada, healthcare practitioners and facilities in some provinces are in a compromised position. Those who cannot support assisted suicide or euthanasia because of their conscience, faith, or commitment to the Hippocratic Oath could be forced to compromise their convictions. They shouldn't have to. The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience has recently launched a petition campaign protect these conscience rights; please do your part by signing the petition at <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca>.

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Life and Family

40 Days for Life

From **March 1 to April 9**, our community in Edmonton will take part in the 40 Days for Life. Please join your Lenten prayers so that with God's help, this year will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in Edmonton – and beyond.

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Life and Family Suggestions for Homilies and Prayers

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) 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 for the month of February can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations.

[Click here to download prayer suggestions for February](#) (PDF, 3 pages)

Benefit for Life Banquet

Alberta Pro-Life (The Wilberforce Project) invites 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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Aboriginal Relations

St. Kateri Celebration

Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of celebrating our first Native American Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha, the "Lily of the Mohawks," on **Saturday, April 22**, at Lac Ste. Anne. The program includes a Living Rosary accompanied by drummers, Mass with Archbishop Richard Smith presiding, and lunch (including bannock). There will also be activities for children and youth. MC for the event is Gary Gagnon, Coordinator of the new Office of Aboriginal Relations. For more information, [download the poster](#)

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 **February 16-19, 2017**. For further information or to register, please contact Father Les or Dwayne at the parish office, 780-470-3021.

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Development & Peace

Lenten Campaign Workshop

You are invited to join Development and Peace to celebrate, learn about and pray for the women at the heart of social justice at a Lenten Campaign Workshop this **Saturday, February 11**, at Newman Theological College.

In this sacred season of Lent, Development and Peace reflects on how we can continue to work for a future of justice and dignity for all.

Before the workshop, there will be an open house featuring archive videos, poster exhibits, games and more! A light lunch will be served. Download the [poster](#).

Middle East Observer Mission

Following an invitation by the Bishops in the Middle East, a delegation organized by Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is visiting projects it supports in Syria, Iraq and Lebanon on a 10-day observer mission. The delegation includes members of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and executive members of the National Council of Development and Peace.

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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 Jhack 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.

Please share the [poster](#).

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 event takes place on **Saturday, February 25**, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

See the poster [here](#).

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Vocations

"Samuel" Group

The Lord God came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, Lord God, for your servant is listening.' (1Sam. 3:10)

The "Samuel" Group is about discernment; i.e., exploring one's unique place before God, or one's vocation. The Ursulines of Jesus extend a special invitation to Catholic young adults, ages 20-40, who are seeking to know and respond to God's call in their lives.

The Samuel Group meets on the 3rd Friday of every month through June, at 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Ursulines home at, 9008 - 143 Street, Edmonton. The evenings include sharing by witnesses of their vocational journey, prayer with Sacred Scripture, and socializing. For more information, contact Sister Mary Clare at mctstack@gmail.com or 780-863-1597.

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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



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Institute for New Evangelization

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 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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School News

Father Michael "Catfish" Mireau Youth Day!



Over 3,800 Grade 8 students and their teachers from Edmonton Catholic Schools, Elk Island Catholic Schools, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Schools, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, and Evergreen Catholic Schools joined together at the Shaw Conference Centre on **February 6**, to celebrate the second annual Father Michael

"Catfish" Mireau Youth Faith Day. The theme for the event was "Serve Like a Superhero."

The day is named in honour of former District Chaplain, Father Michael "Catfish" Mireau. Father Mike, who was deeply loved by the students, families, and staff of Edmonton Catholic Schools, passed away in September 2014 at the age of 42 after a heroic battle with cancer.

GSACRD Expands

The Greater St. Albert Catholic School District's jurisdictional boundary will be expanding to include the Carbondale and Namao areas in the the County of Sturgeon, north and northeast of St. Albert. This follows an extensive parent-led formation process that concluded last week with a signed Ministerial Order, establishing Catholic Separate Districts in both areas. The District issued a [news release](#) on January 19, and the Board celebrated and thanked both parent groups who were in attendance at the Regular

Board Meeting on January 30.



[Read more.](#)

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Parish and Community News

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.

[Download the poster.](#)

Edmonton Prayer Breakfast

Mark your calendar -- this year's Edmonton Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, April 26**, from 7:25 to 9 a.m. at the Shaw Conference Centre. Guest speaker will be Grant Beck, CEO of Graham Construction. Please feel free to place the [poster](#) on your bulletin board. For event details and to book your table or tickets online, go to www.edmontonprayerbreakfast.ca or call Mona Bouchard at 780-328-7882.

Friars Ball

Mark your calendar 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!

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.

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, Tey 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. Peters 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.sandrabrenneis.com>.

[Download the poster.](#)

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 wcchscreq@shaw.ca.

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