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Human Resources

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

Check out <http://caedm.ca/careers> for the latest job postings in the Archdiocese.

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

Dear [Contact.First Name],



If you were at Rogers Place last Friday, you know how cool it was to see hundreds of Catholics together in the stands for our first-ever Faith and Fun Night with the Oil Kings. Among the fans were Maurice Galarneau and his wife Madonna, pictured above. They celebrated Maurice's 86th birthday along with Archbishop Smith and members of the Archbishop Macdonald Jazz Band, who provided superb pregame entertainment. Thanks to Steve Defer in the Office of Life and Family and everyone who worked to make it a great night!

I notice that it was immediately after this game, attended by three bishops and many priests, that the Oil Kings finally emerged from their long scoring slump. Coincidence?

Wishing you a week of many goals and few penalties, and a very happy Family Day!

Lorraine

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Office of the Archbishop

Meeting Muslim Neighbours

more information contact Jackie Abello at 780-229-4171.

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What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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



On Saturday, February 11, Archbishop Richard Smith invited leaders from the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities to meet with him at his home.

"In the wake of the tragic mosque attack in Quebec, I was pleased to have an opportunity to meet with leaders of Edmonton's Muslim communities," the Archbishop said. "It is so very important for us as people of faith to know one another not just as dialogue partners, but as friends. I encourage all of our parishes to reach out to their Muslim neighbours and consider ways to work together in the causes of justice, peace and respect for the rights and dignity of every person."

Pictured (l-r): Imam Sadique Pathon (Canadian Islamic Centre/Al-Rashid Mosque), Dr. Qaseem Khan (ECMC Secretary), Archbishop Smith, Dr. Nahla Gomaa (ECMC/Muslim Association of Canada/A Common Word-Alberta) and Mr. Masood Peracha (ECMC Chair).

Seniors Overjoyed by Shepherd's Visit



On February 5, Archbishop Smith made a pastoral visit to Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wainwright. As with most pastoral visits, he celebrated Mass at the parish and enjoyed fellowship with parishioners afterwards. This was followed by lunch and an informal, but very fruitful and lively chat with

members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Archbishop's visit had been advertised in the bulletin a month ahead of time. When the seniors at Points West Living heard he would be coming, one of the residents, Irene Mailloux, invited him to visit them at their facility, which he gladly agreed to do. As Janet Klassen of Blessed Sacrament Parish reports, the residents responded with genuine joy. [Read More](#) (courtesy of Janet)

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 12

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You came not to abolish but to fulfil the law of God (Matthew 5:17).

All: Help us, Lord Jesus, to be faithful in all things to the commandments of God.

OR

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. Through St. Paul you teach that the Holy Spirit "searches everything, even the depths of God." (1Corinthians 2:10).

All: By the gift of your Spirit, Lord Jesus, search our hearts and make us your faithful disciples.

Canadian Bishops

Statement on Religious Freedom

The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) has released a new statement on the importance of religious freedom, calling it a means of promoting the common good and creating a truly just society.

The statement notes that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms names freedom of conscience and religion first among the fundamental rights of Canadians and says Christians recognize the secular nature of the state and embrace the pluralistic nature of Canadian society.

"In the Canadian context, to be secular means to remain pluralistic. Secularism includes freedom of belief, both in one's private and public life. Thus there should be no official religion in this country, but neither should there be any form of official atheism."

The statement was prepared by the council's Christian Interfaith Reference Group, which includes a representative from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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Communications

Called to Love, Not Euthanasia



The only antidote to the culture of death is love, says Alex Schadenberg, international chairman of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

Schadenberg was in the Archdiocese last week, speaking at three parishes that hosted screenings of The Euthanasia

Deception, a documentary he produced to illustrate the dangers of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

The documentary aims to battle a “one-sided” narrative on euthanasia by sharing the stories that are not heard in the mainstream media and exposing the most common misconceptions, or “deceptions,” about the practice which is now legal in Canada.

It also presents a provocative call to action to all of us -- to commit to accompanying the sick and suffering, to assure them that their life has value and that they are loved..

To read more about The Euthanasia Deception and the reactions of viewers,

[click here to read Thandiwe Konguavi's story.](#)

SSVP Presents North of 60 Video to UN

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul recently commissioned and presented a video on its North of 60 project. to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) at the United Nations.

Through North of 60, the Vincentians send shipping containers full of food, household products and other necessities to needy communities in Canada's Far North.

Peter Ouellette, president of the Western Regional Council, says the video stimulated "tremendous discussion" about systemic change among the other UN NGO's.

Check out the video below to learn about North of 60 and and meet some of the northerners who have benefited from this outreach. Feel free to share!



Ash Wednesday & Lenten Penitentials

It's that time again -- we are compiling schedules of Ash Wednesday and Lenten Penitential Services to post on the archdiocesan website. These pages get lots of visitors who are looking for spiritual nourishment during Lent but may not be connected to a parish. So we're asking parishes once more to send their schedules to communications@caedm.ca and help us use the web to welcome people on your behalf. Thanks in advance! And if you have your Easter Triduum schedules, send those along too.

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Divine Worship

Day of Confessions



It doesn't matter if you've been away for a while, it doesn't matter what you have to confess. Drop by the closest Catholic church and experience the grace of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests across the Archdiocese are devoting themselves to hearing confessions on **Wednesday, March 8**, the 5th annual archdiocesan Day of Confessions. To help prepare, visit

visit <http://caedm.ca/confessions> for

instructions, prayers, resources, and video links.

Note to Parishes: Since some churches may not be open for confessions for the entire day on March 8, this year we are posting a schedule of times on the archdiocesan website. If your parish is not listed on the [Day of Confessions - Hours by Parish](#) page, send your times along to communications@caedm.ca and we'll add them.

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Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Together in Christ Lenten Series

The Ecumenical Office of the Archdiocese is partnering with Ascension Lutheran Church in Edmonton to offer an ecumenical Lenten study series called *Together in Christ: Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation*.

Sessions will be held on five consecutive **Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22, and 29, and April 5**, at 7 p.m., at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8405 – 83 Street, Edmonton.

There is no cost for attending these sessions and everyone is invited.

[See the poster](#) for details or visit us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/caedmunity

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



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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.

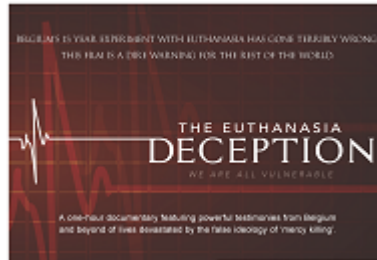
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Every Life Matters

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.

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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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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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Youth and Young Adults

Retreat for Young Adults

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



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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 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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Anthony Jordan Lectures

Newman Theological College is pleased to present the 2017 Anthony Jordan Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, on **Friday-Saturday, March 4-5**.

This year's presenter is Dr. Hans Boersma, who will be speaking on the theme "Real Presence: An Ecumenical Perspective."

All are welcome to any or all sessions. Lectures take place at St. Joseph Seminary, 9828 - 84 Street:

Friday, March 3

Christ in Scripture, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 4

Christ in the Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Christ in the Church, 2 p.m.

Cost: free will offering

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Parish and Community News

Creation: a Lenten Video Presentation

Why should we care for the environment? St. Alphonsus Parish invites you to a Lenten video presentation and discussion series called *Creation*.

Produced by Salt and Light TV, this program takes us on a quest to answer the deeper questions about ecology and the environment within God's revelation as found in his creation and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

The series kicks off on **Friday, March 3**, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 11828 - 85 Street, Edmonton. It runs over six Friday evenings during Lent 2017, ending Friday, April 7.

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 The Westin. 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.

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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