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### Human Resources

Are you looking for a job? Maybe you are being called to serve the Catholic community? Camp Encounter and Our Lady of Victory Camp have a number of seasonal employment opportunities.

Camp Encounter has temporary employment opportunities for a **Kitchen Coordinator, Assistant Cook, and Maintenance Assistant/Groundskeeper** for the coming camping season.

Our Lady of Victory Camp has temporary employment opportunities available for an **Assistant Cook and Maintenance Assistant/Groundskeeper** for the coming camping season.

For more information about these camp employment opportunities, please go to [www.caedm.ca/careers](http://www.caedm.ca/careers).

Dear [Contact.First Name],

During this holy season of Lent, we are called to recommit ourselves to acts of charity, both through alms-giving and our relationships with others. So I was happy to hear Pope Francis speak about this during Wednesday's general audience at the Vatican.

"We are called to love, to charity: this is our highest calling, our vocation for excellence," he said, asking: "how can we be sure that our love is sincere, that our charity is genuine?"

"Behind all this there is a false idea, that is to say, if we love, it is because we are good; as if charity were man's creation, a product of our heart. Charity, however, is first and foremost a grace, a gift; to love is a gift of God, and we have to ask. And He gives it willingly, if we ask it."

Showing love to others, the Holy Father said, is not something that we do to shine a light on who or what we are, but to show better who God is, and what he freely gives to us.

May God continue to bless you on your Lenten journey,

Lorraine

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## Office of the Archbishop

### An Encounter with Christ in the Land where he Lived



You are invited to take the journey of a lifetime with Archbishop Richard Smith on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **November 29 to December 10, 2017**.

"The Holy Land offers pilgrims the opportunity to walk where Jesus taught, healed, and gave His life for our salvation," says Archbishop Smith. "It offers the possibility of an encounter with Christ in the land where He lived. I invite you to join me and fellow pilgrims for a journey to the place rendered holy by the very

St Albert Catholic Parish is looking for a part-time **Office/Administrative Assistant** to provide reception and secretarial services for the pastor and other team members. This role includes data entry, and preparation of sacramental forms and certificates.

For more information and application instructions, check out <http://caedm.ca/careers>.

## What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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

presence of Jesus Himself.”

The pilgrimage includes daily mass at pilgrimage churches and shrine. Price of \$4,799 per person (based on double occupancy) includes return airfare from Edmonton, 10 nights at 4- and 5-star hotels, daily breakfasts and dinners, most lunches, guide and entrance fees, sightseeing, transportation, gratuities and all taxes.

Space is limited -- for more information or to reserve your spot, contact Jackie Abello at 780-229-4171 or 1-800-661-2454 ext. 4171 or [JackieA@UniglobeOne.com](mailto:JackieA@UniglobeOne.com).

[Download the poster/flyer for more details](#) (PDF, 2 pages)

Parishes: We appreciate your finding a spot for the poster on the church bulletin board!

## 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 March 12

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. The Father commands us to listen to you. (cf. *Matthew 17:1-9*)

**All:** Help us, Lord Jesus, to be attentive to your voice and to follow where you lead us.

OR

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. St. Paul teaches that you call us according to your own purpose. (cf. *2Timothy: 1: 8-10*)

**All:** Grant us the grace, Lord Jesus, of complete trust in your wisdom and care.

## Together We Serve

### Toward Mideast Peace



Did you know that your gift to *Together We Serve* can help promote peace in the Middle East? The Adyan foundation in Lebanon works on fostering peace, social cohesion and spiritual solidarity between individuals and communities in Lebanon and the Middle East.

The foundation's work is supported by Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, one of 11 charitable partners we help through our gifts to *Together We Serve*.

Hussein Itani is involved with Adyan's Citizens for Unity and Peace Project, and spoke about it recently when he visited Alberta as a Solidarity Visitor sponsored by Development and Peace. To learn more about his work with young people, visit [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca).

## Canadian Bishops

### Prime Minister hears from the Bishops

Canada's bishops have denounced a federal government decision to spend \$650 million over three years for international projects that promote "sexual and reproductive health and rights." According to the government, Canada's support will focus on providing "comprehensive sexuality education, strengthening reproductive health services, and investing in family planning and contraceptives." Programs that will be helped include some that promote the "right to choose safe and legal abortion."

In [a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau](#), Bishop Douglas Crosby, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, said "such a policy is a reprehensible example of Western cultural imperialism and an attempt to impose misplaced but so-called Canadian 'values' on other nations and people."

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, also wrote to the Prime Minister, stating "that we have no rights at all unless we are afforded the right to life. That decision was made for you and for each one of us by a woman, determined and committed to bring a new life into this world."

[Read the CCCB letter](#)

[Read Cardinal Collins' letter](#)

### Trustees honour Bishop Henry

Bishop Fred Henry has been recognized for his outstanding contribution to Catholic education in Canada. The Bishop Emeritus of Calgary was recently named the 2017 recipient of the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association's highest honour, the Justice James Higgins Award.

"Bishop Henry has been a champion for Catholic education across Canada, and especially in the provinces he has served, Ontario and Alberta," said CCSTA president Marino Gozzola.

[Read the CCSTA news release](#)

## Development Office

### Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk

You are invited to join us for the 12th Annual Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk on **Saturday, May 27**, on the grounds of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College, 10012 - 84 Street. Enjoy scenic views of our river valley on your chip-timed 10K run, 5K run or 3K walk -- and support the seminary and college at the same time.

To register, please visit <https://www.events.runningroom.com>. Registration fee includes T-shirt, hospitality, prizes & fun, plus games and activities for children. For more information, visit <http://caedm.ca/funrun> or email [FunRun@caedm.ca](mailto:FunRun@caedm.ca).

[Please share the Poster](#) (PDF, 11 x 17")

## Newman Golf Classic

It's not too early to think about golf! Registration is now open for the 25th Annual Newman Golf Classic on **Monday, July 10**. When you join us at the beautiful Blackhawk Golf Club, you will become part of a mission to educate future priests, Catholic school teachers, youth ministers, parish workers, and chaplains – the people who will go on to serve our families and communities. And you will enjoy a relaxing day of fellowship and fun. Registration is \$475/golfer, and can be done online at <http://caedm.ca/golf>. Register by **May 1** to enter the draw for the Early Bird Prize, a Weber barbecue.

[Check out the video:](#)



For more information about the Newman Golf Classic, or to learn about how you can support the tournament, contact Anna at [golf@caedm.ca](mailto:golf@caedm.ca) or 780-952-6437.

## 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 hotel. Tickets are \$250 each (\$150 for 25 and younger). For further information, please contact Anna at 780-469-1010 or check out our new website at [www.friarsball.com](http://www.friarsball.com).

## Communications

### McKeon Wins Top Housing Leadership Award



It's hard to pinpoint just one person that Bob McKeon has helped. McKeon, the retired social justice co-ordinator for the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, has dedicated his career to community development and social justice and channelled his energy to address poverty, health, hunger, housing, and economic development.

On March 9 his commitment was honoured by Homeward Trust, which presented him with the Larry Shaben Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Housing Sector.

"He has very much lived a life by example — working in the community, being part of a co-operative to provide housing in McCauley — really not working on the fringes, but being right in the middle," said Susan McGee of Homeward Trust.

[Read the story by Thandiwe Konguavi](#)

## 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](#)

## Divine Worship

### Prayers, Reflections & Activities for Lent



We are pleased to share some resources from Liturgy Training Publications that parishes may find helpful in celebrating each week in the season of Lent. They are presented in the form of a double-sided PDF handout which can be printed and distributed. (Please contact us if you need a Word version for copy & paste.) Included this week is the following prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent:

### **Our Hearts Are Ready**

God our Father and Creator,  
of Abraham and Jacob,  
and all of our ancestors of faith;  
bless us in our daily lives of work and prayer,  
as we find you in Word and bread and water;  
Harden not our hearts when we are confronted with Truth,  
nor when we are lost in confusion or despair;  
For we know you are with us,  
as you were with Moses and the people of Israel,  
and as you were with the Samaritan woman.  
May our hearts be open to accept your Word,  
and our spirits be ready to proclaim your Truth.  
May our work reflect your grace  
and the fruits of our work be shared with all.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Download the handout for the Third Sunday of Lent](#)

## **Catechesis**

### **Renewal through RCIA**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is offering an RCIA Workshop presented by Bishop Emeritus Gerry Wiesner, on **Saturday, April 1**. The workshop will help those serving in RCIA to deepen their understanding of the rite. It takes place at 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at OLPH Church, 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park. Please register by **Friday, March 24**, with Lorraine at the parish office, 780-467-5470. For more information, contact Brother Joe Glaab OFM at 780-467-5470.

## **Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations**

### **Religious Freedoms: A Community Conversation**

The freedom to practice religion has been a founding principle of free societies for centuries. You are invited to attend an event that will bring together several faiths to discuss how religion and faith strengthen our communities.

Catholic presenters include social justice activist Bob McKeon and Teresa Haykowsky, a lawyer who specializes in education, labour,

and employment. Join the conversation on **Saturday, March 18**, at 1 - 4:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 9010 - 85 Street, Edmonton.

For more information or to register, visit <https://religiousfreedoms.wixsite.com/yegrif>.

## ***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*.

The remaining sessions will be held on consecutive **Wednesdays: March 15, 22, 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/caedcommunity](http://www.facebook.com/caedcommunity)

## **Inner City Pastoral Ministry AGM**

You are warmly invited to the Inner City Pastoral Ministry's annual general meeting on **Thursday, March 16**. The meeting will be held at St Faith's Anglican Church – Prayer Commons, 11725 - 93 St., Edmonton, at 6:30 p.m.

Julien Hammond, Coordinator of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, will deliver the keynote address.

## **Earth Hour Vigil**

Parish communities and other Catholic groups observing International Earth Hour with local ecumenical partners are invited to use an ecumenical prayer service prepared by The Roman Catholic – United Church Dialogue. The 10th annual International Earth Hour will take place on **Saturday, March 25, at 8:30 p.m.** The Roman Catholic – United Church Dialogue is sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and The United Church of Canada.

[Link to the Ecumenical Prayer Vigil.](#)

## **Every Life Matters**

### **Palliative Care: Celebrating Life Not Death**

Palliative care is about living and celebrating life, and it should begin much earlier than during a patient's last days and weeks of life, says palliative care physician Dr. Jose

Pereira.

"We need to change a culture . . . that palliative care has to do with death and dying," Pereira told a recent information session in Ottawa.



Rather, palliative care is about living, compassion, dignity and person-centred care.

[Read the Canadian Catholic News story](#)

You may remember that Dr. Pereira spoke passionately about his work during the *Nothing More Beautiful* series at St. Joseph Basilica in 2012. It's worth taking another look at his text, in which he says we need

to learn to accompany the suffering and the dying, "sometimes quietly without saying anything (particularly when we do not have the answers), and sometimes bringing to bear all the knowledge and expertise that we have to alleviate pain and other symptoms as well as other sources of suffering."

[Read his full text](#)

## Lay Apostolate

### Stewardship Reminders

*The commitment to be a follower of Jesus Christ is expressed not in a single action, or even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life.*

(From Introduction to the pastoral letter *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*)

- Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to him by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.
- The heart grateful to God, needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service and through giving of one's resources.
- In a life committed to stewardship, we are called to "possess lightly." Jesus taught about the danger of clutching to material possessions and pointed to the real treasures available to us in life.
- Stewardship is what is in our hearts and minds coming out in our hands and feet.

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*  
(1 Peter 4:10)

## Lent & Easter

### Living in Lent

Star of the North Retreat Centre is offering a number of programs for Living in Lent this year:

*Opening to the Presence of God: Christian Contemplative Practices for Daily Living*  
Facilitator: Lucie Leduc



**Tuesdays: Mar 21, Apr 18, May 23, June 20, 7-8:30pm**

*Slow Down Days with Sandy Prather*

**Tuesday, March 23, and Thursday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

*St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi: Becoming instruments of God's peace*

Live Theatre series 'Saints Come Marching' with Rooney and Punyi Educational Theatre

**Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m.**

CWL RETREAT - *'Women of the Church: A Rich Legacy of Discipleship*

Facilitator: Sr. Mary Clare Stack

**Saturday, March 25, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Pre-registration is required for all programs and requested by one week before the program. For more information or to register, call 780-459-5511 or see [www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca).

## Holy Week Retreat

Join Father Charles Pottie-Pâté to discover *God's Mercy Celebrated and Lived* through the readings and prayers, symbolic rites, and gestures of our faith's greatest feast. The full week retreat takes place at Providence Renewal Centre, 3005 - 119 Street, from **Sunday, April 9, at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 16.**

For more information and to register, visit [www.providencerenewal.ca](http://www.providencerenewal.ca) or call Kathy at 780-701-1854.

## A Lenten Journey

Everyone is welcome to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park for *A Lenten Journey: Celebrating God's Mercy*. The 2017 Lenten Mission with Bishop Emeritus Gerald Wiesner takes place from **Monday, April 3, to Thursday, April 6**, from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call the parish at 780-467-5470 or check the parish website at [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca). There is no charge for the Lenten Mission but a free will offering will be taken.

## Pruning the Spiritual Tree

St. Mary's Parish in Provost warmly welcomes you to a Mission from **Monday, March 27, to Wednesday, March 29**. The theme of the Mission is *Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving - Pruning the Spiritual Tree so it will bear more Fruit*. For more information, please contact the parish at 780-753-2151.

## 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.

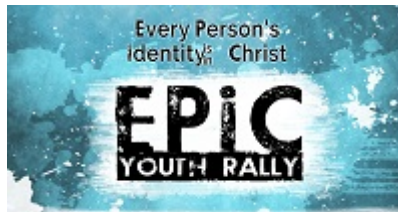
Join us by signing up for an hour (or more) to pray, fast and witness for life across from the Morgentaler Clinic of Edmonton. For more information, please contact the Edmonton Coordinator for 40 Days for Life, Melody Berscheid at 780-710-5188. Please

join us with your Lenten prayers so that with God's help we can save lives by ending abortion.

[Share the poster](#)

## Youth and Young Adults

### EPIC Youth Rally



Youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to attend Holy Trinity Parish's annual youth rally on **Saturday, March 18**. The EPIC Youth Rally is a day of music, games, presentations, skits, Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pure Witness

Ministries will be leading this EPIC, Christ-centered day.

Registration forms are available on the Holy Trinity Parish youth website [www.htyouth.ws](http://www.htyouth.ws), under the EPIC Youth Rally tab.

### Retreat for Young Adults

*Come Sit With Me* is a retreat day for single young adults aged 18-40 taking place on **Saturday, March 18**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Providence Centre, 3005 - 119 St., Edmonton. This is the second of a series of six retreats to be held throughout the year.

To register, contact Sister Isabel Cid, SP at 780-720-6020 or [icid@sistersofprovidence.ca](mailto:icid@sistersofprovidence.ca).

[Please share the poster.](#)

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, prayer, and socializing. For more information, contact Sister Mary Clare at [mctstack@gmail.com](mailto:mctstack@gmail.com) or 780-863-1597.

## Parish and Community News

### Need Hymnals?

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Wainwright has a number of CBW II

& III hymnals to give away, in good condition. If you are interested, please email [blessedsacrament@caedm.ca](mailto:blessedsacrament@caedm.ca).

## The Rosary Rediscovered

St. Theresa's Parish, 7508 - 29 Avenue, welcomes you to our celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation on **Saturday, March 25**, at 7 p.m. Discover the face of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries, with Christine Foisy-Erickson, student in Marian Studies, and internationally renowned harpist Gianetta Baril. Free will offering.

## Catholic Physicians Conference

Mark your calendar for the 9th annual Conference of the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies, taking place the weekend of **June 9-11**, in Edmonton.

The theme of this year's conference at the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald is *The Courageous & Faithful Physician*. Speakers include Father Jack Gallagher and Larry Worthen of the Christian Medical and Dental Society. You don't have to be a doctor to attend; for more information and a conference brochure, visit <http://canadiancatholicphysicians.com>.

## Evolution Book Launch

Please join us at St. Joseph's College at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, March 23**, to celebrate the release of Denis Lamoureux's new book, *Evolution: Scripture and Nature Say Yes*. All attendees will receive a free signed book!

Dr. Lamoureux, an associate professor of science and religion at St. Joseph's College, has debated leading anti-evolutionists, including Phillip Johnson, Michael Behe, and Jonathan Wells.

RSVP to [sicdean@ualberta.ca](mailto:sicdean@ualberta.ca).

## New Evangelization Summit

St. Anthony's Church in Drayton Valley invites you to join us for the *New Evangelization Summit* on **Friday-Saturday, May 12-13**. Together we will join 26 Host Sites across North America and link into the main conference in Ottawa!

Come listen to and be inspired by top speakers from across North America including: Bishop Robert Barron, Sister Miriam James, Michael Dopp and many more.

To register visit <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>. When you select your location, be sure to select "Drayton Valley, AB."

Students, missionaries and clergy receive a \$10 discount on their registration. Be sure to select this option upon registering. For more information or for help registering for the conference contact Ashley at the parish office at 780-542-5254 or email [Ashley.Rhyno@caedm.ca](mailto:Ashley.Rhyno@caedm.ca).

## Chronos Vocal Ensemble Performance

One of Canada's elite chamber choirs, and 2015 grand prize winners in the National Competition for Canadian Amateur Choirs, Chronos Vocal Ensemble presents a performance in Beaumont!

The performance takes place on **Friday, March 24**, at 7:30 p.m. at



St. Vital Parish, 4905 - 50 Street, Beaumont. Admission is by donation. For more info,

visit <http://www.chronosvocalensemble.com>.

## Live-In Retreat

The St. Andrew Live-In Society is pleased to announce that there will be a Live-In retreat on **Friday-Sunday, April 21-23** in Leduc. To receive a newsletter about this Live-In as well as information about others, please email [SALIS.ESinfo@gmail.com](mailto:SALIS.ESinfo@gmail.com) with your contact information or call Ron at 403-749-2418.

## Last Call for Bursary

After many years of assisting lay persons preparing for ministry through the provision of educational bursaries, the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada are discontinuing their educational bursary program at the end of April.

All applications for educational bursaries received by **Saturday, April 15**, will be eligible for consideration by the Educational Bursary Committee.

[Please share the application.](#)