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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.

Dear [Contact.First Name],

Our bishops are preparing to meet with the Holy Father Pope Francis during their *ad limina* visit to the Vatican later this month.

Archbishop Smith and Bishop Bittman will join their brother bishops from Western Canada in giving Francis an overview of the life of the Church in their region. In addition to their audience with the Holy Father, they will also meet with officials of the various dicasteries of the Roman Curia, and make pilgrimages to the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Let us pray that our bishops enjoy a safe journey, spiritual guidance, and fruitful discussions during their time in Rome.

God bless,

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 Scripture and one line of prayerful response to it. New lines are posted each week at www.caedm.ca/grace.

Grace with lines from the Readings for March 19

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You alone can quench the deepest thirst of the human heart.

All: Help us, Lord, to find in you the fulfilment of our longing.

OR

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You give us Saint Joseph as a model of trusting obedience to your will.

A Pilgrimage with the Archbishop

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**. "Walk where Jesus taught, healed, and gave His life for our salvation." 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. [Download the poster/flyer for more details](#) (PDF, 2 pages)

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: With the help of the prayers of St. Joseph, may we follow you, Jesus, wherever you lead us.

Together We Serve

A Helping Hand at Rock Bottom



A gift to *Together We Serve* helps Catholic Social Services in its mission to care for and bring hope to people in need with humility, compassion and respect. Its Alpha for Men ministry provides a safe space for those recovering from addiction, empowering them to pursue a sober lifestyle and become the men they were meant to be. To learn about one man's life-changing experience at Alpha, visit www.caedm.ca.

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How did we do?



Despite a slump in the economy, layoffs and tight finances in 2016, people in the Archdiocese of Edmonton responded generously to the annual *Together We Serve* appeal, giving a total \$2,022,052 and surpassing the target of \$2

million. Connie Lunde, director of development for the archdiocese, says other charities have had trouble because of economic conditions, and she credits faith for making the difference for *Together We Serve*.

[Read more in Thandiwe Konguavi's story](#)

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.

[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. Visit <http://caedm.ca/golf> for all the details.

[Check out the video:](#)



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.

Communications

God & the Big Bang

Believing in God and believing in evolution doesn't have to be an either-proposition. That's the message Denis Lamoureux has for young people in his new book, *Evolution: Scripture and Nature Say Yes!* The book is based on Lamoureux's lectures and the science and religion course he teaches at St. Joseph's College. He argues that God's handiwork can be seen in everything from the expanses of space to the beauty of nature and humankind itself.

[Read more in Andrew Ehrkamp's story](#)

The book can be purchased at amazon.ca

Talking with the Pope

Euthanasia, gender identity, and the secularization of society are among the issues Archbishop Smith plans to raise with Pope Francis during the upcoming *ad limina* visit of the Western Canadian Bishops to the Vatican. The Archbishop says the Holy Father will also want a sense of the issues facing the poor or marginalized in Canada and what the Church can do to help. "How can we give them a real reason for hope? He will want to hear from us, our heart, not just the head."

[Read more in Andrew's story](#)

Youth inspired by WE Stand conference



More than 1,500 students attended the WE Stand Youth Leadership Summit in Edmonton this week, drawing inspiration from speakers who talked about making positive changes personally, locally, and globally. Among them was Chris Koch, a farmer, professional adventurer and athlete who was born without limbs and held the audience spellbound as he moved across the stage on a customized skateboard.

[Read more in Thandiwe Konquavi's story](#)

New Social Media Handle

The Archdiocese of Edmonton has a new name on Twitter - follow us @ArchEdmonton!



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, April 3**.

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 <http://www.newman.edu/ccs>. For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 Ext. 2214 or sandra.talarico@newman.edu.

[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 Fourth Sunday of Lent:

See Into Our Hearts

Father Almighty,
you who have blessed our ancestors
and anointed them with the oil of your Spirit;
who have given your grace and light to those in need
and guided the hands of our leaders in faith.
See into our hearts today,
and find us ready to receive you,
as you guided Samuel to recognize the Lord's chosen.
May we open our eyes to see you, and our hearts to accept you,
and may we find Christ in others as you guide us.
Teach us to know your ways,
to follow your path,
and to trust in your guidance.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Download the handout for the Fourth Sunday of Lent](#) (PDF, 2 pages)

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

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

Forgiving a Killer

Can you imagine forgiving a person who murdered your beloved father? Margot is a woman who not only did that, but went on to partner with the killer in making presentations to prison inmates and even become friends with him. "There's a paradox of being very good friends with Glen, who I respect and love very deeply, and I loved my father very deeply," she tells Anna Maria Tremonti in a recent interview on the CBC Radio program The Current. Listen to their amazing story of forgiveness and redemption at <http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/the-current/segment/11990933>. (42 minutes)

Lay Apostolate

Stewardship: Remembering who's in charge

Stewardship means understanding God is in charge. For disciples of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option; it is an obligation of our baptism. Good stewardship is not a destination; it is a way of getting to eternal life.

- Good stewards are formed, they are not forced.
- Good stewards are formed by good stewards.
- "Good Steward" is not a title; it is a way we live like Jesus Christ
- A good steward does not give until it hurts; he/she gives until it helps.
- The first question of a good steward is: "For what am I responsible?" A good steward accepts responsibility for: a faith that is mature and constantly growing; a prayer life that is more about what I am willing to hear from God than what I want to say to God; all of the talents, abilities and gifts that God has given us, including time and treasure.
- A Good Steward is responsible for the welfare and well-being of his/her community of faith.

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

TIM Information Workshop

For all Parish Pastoral Council members of West Edmonton Deanery, a Together in Ministry information workshop will be offered on **Saturday April, 1**, at St John the Evangelist Parish, 9830 - 148 Street, Edmonton. For more information or to register, please contact the parish office at 780-452-3988.

Lent & Easter

Families on the Way of the Cross

Families on the Way of the Cross is a joint project of the Franciscan Family Center in Bethlehem and the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada, one of the charitable partners we support through Together We Serve. This Way of the Cross is designed for pastoral use during moments of parish prayer, as well as for groups or gatherings on Fridays during Lent. It can be repeated throughout the year, whenever worshippers wish to experience this devotion as based on the challenges of love, or serve as a personal meditation any time.

[Download the Way of the Cross](#) (PDF, 23 pages)

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. There is no charge for the Lenten Mission but a free will offering will be taken.

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](#)

Journey through *Amoris Laetitia*



The Catholic Organization for Life and Family has published *The Joy of Love, At the Heart of Every Family*, a brief journey through *Amoris Laetitia*, the Pope's apostolic exhortation on love and family.

"Pope Francis walks resolutely in the footsteps of St. John Paul II,

Benedict XVI, Paul VI and the Second Vatican Council, to support Christian spouses and families, inviting them 'to value the gifts of marriage and the family, and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience.'

To order directly from COLF, visit <http://colf.ca/index.php/en/publications>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



For all married couples, your marriage is your most important relationship. Now is the time to invest in it by reconnecting with your spouse. Renew the commitment, intimacy, and passion in your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Our next weekend in Edmonton will be **Friday-Sunday, June 2-4**.

For more information, please call 780-464-2874, or visit us

at <http://www.wwme.org/>.

Benefit for Life

Registration is open for Alberta's Benefit for Life Banquet, taking place on **Saturday, April 22**, at Kingsway Ramada Hotel in Edmonton. Alberta Pro-Life (The Wilberforce Project) invites you to attend this annual fundraising banquet. Admission is free; however, seating is limited, so you must register at <https://banquet.thewilberforceproject.nationbuilder.com>.

Fertility Education Training

Are you interested in providing fertility education to couples? Billings Life is seeking organized and compassionate individuals to become Accredited Teachers of the Billings Ovulation Method®. *The Billings Ovulation Method: Basic Teacher Training Workshop* (Part 1) is taking place **Friday-Sunday, April 21-23**, at Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton.

Please call 403-320-1489 if you have questions and register online at billingslife.ca/get-involved/become-a-teacher.

The Courageous & Faithful Physician

The Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies presents The Courageous & Faithful Physician conference, at the Fairmount Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton, **June 9-11**, 2017. Speakers include Father Scott Fracis Binet, Dr. Fok-Han Leung, Dr. Stephen Genuis, Father Jack Gallagher, Stephanie Gray, Larry Worthen, and Quentin Genuis. You don't have to be a doctor to attend; for more information and a conference brochure, visit <http://canadiancatholicphysicians.com>.

Website launched for 2018 World Meeting of Families

The [website](#) for the next World Meeting of Families (WMF) has been launched. The World Meeting will take place **August 21-26, 2018**, in Dublin. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is *The Gospel of the family: Joy to the world*.



Visit the website at

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie> to subscribe to the 2018 WFM newsletter by email or to follow the latest WFM news by connecting with social media including Facebook and Twitter.

[View the promotional video](#)

Youth and Young Adults

Holy Father's Message for WYD

The 32nd World Youth Day will be celebrated in dioceses around the world on **Sunday, April 9**, on the theme "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (*Luke 1:49*). In his message for the day, Pope Francis makes the connection between the WYD and the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in October 2018 on the theme "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment."

"We will talk about how you, as young people, are experiencing the life of faith amid the challenges of our time," he writes. "We will also discuss the question of how you can develop a life project by discerning your personal vocation, whether it be to marriage in the secular and professional world, or to the consecrated life and priesthood. It is my hope that the journey towards the [2019] World Youth Day in Panama and the process of preparation for the Synod will move forward in tandem."

[Read the full message from Pope Francis](#)

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, prayer, and socializing. For more information, contact Sister Mary Clare at mctstack@gmail.com or 780-863-1597.

Parish and Community News

SSVP Charity Sale

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul charity sale is coming up at St. Andrew Centre Auditorium, 12720 - 111 Avenue, Edmonton. Come browse through the antiques, collectibles, housewares and furniture; proceeds go toward our ministry to the needy. The sale will take place **Thursday, March 30**, and **Friday, March 31**, from 12 noon to 7 p.m., and **Saturday, April 1**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Church Furnishings

Queen of Martyrs Parish in Edmonton has one pulpit and two nave tables available to give to any parish that could use them. If you are interested, contact the parish at 780-423-5389.

House of Ephesus

On **Saturday, March 25**, the House of Ephesus at Corpus Christi Parish (2707 - 34 Street, Edmonton) will be honoured to host Father Raymond Guimond as our guest presenter. Taking our cues from the writings of St. John Paul the Great, Father Guimond will be outlining a seven-part "recipe" for the laity's engagement with the world. All are welcome to join us from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for three spiritual conferences, a spiritual exercise, and large-group sharing. There is no cost for the event, nor is registration required, but please bring your own lunch. Questions? Email Father Hysell at Matthew.Hysell@caedm.ca.

2,000 Hail Marys

Couples For Christ invites everyone to join us in a day of praying 2,000 Hail Marys and invoke the powerful intercession of our Holy Mother Mary. The prayer will be held on **Saturday, March 25**, at St Anthony's Parish in Lloydminster, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special intentions and petition can be forwarded during the day of prayer. In observance of the Lenten season, a simple snack will be served.

Edmonton Prayer Breakfast

Do members of your parish want to let Edmonton's mayor and civic leaders know that we are upholding them in prayer? If so, you will not want to miss being a part of the 22nd Annual Edmonton Prayer Breakfast on **Wednesday, April 26**. For event details and to book your table or tickets online, go to www.edmontonprayerbreakfast.ca or call Mona Bouchard at 780-328-7882.

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.

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." 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.