# Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations



The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

> ANNUAL REPORT

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# 2012-13 Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

**Executive** A considerable amount of time was spent during the past year strengthening existing networks and working to cultivate new relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners in the Archdiocese.

The Office maintained an active contact with members of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton. A 10-member dialogue group (5 RC, 5 Anglican) met twice in the year to consider local happenings and ways that our two dioceses might collaborate on projects. In October 2012, the Associate Director was invited and brought official greetings to the meeting of the Anglican Diocesan Synod. It was significant, too, that both of our dioceses marked centennial celebrations in 2012-2013. The Associate Director attended the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anglican Diocese held at the Francis Winspear Centre on May, 19, 2013. On a separate occasion he brought a copy of the St. Joseph the Worker icon, commissioned for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anglican Diocese. All of these meetings and gestures were very well received.

The Office continued to coordinate an ecumenical dialogue with local members of the Mennonite Brethren Church. A 12-member dialogue group (6 RC, 6 Mennonite) met bimonthly to consider local happenings and ways that our two churches might collaborate on projects. Much of the year focused on a theology of reconciliation; we were guided in our reflections by a joint study of Robert Schreiter's book, *Reconciliation: Mission & Ministry in a Changing Social Order*. The group also considered baptism in the Mennonite tradition and looked at a Mennonite approach to reading the bible. The year concluded with a film presentation and informal BBQ held at Newman Theological College.

On January 27, 2013, the Archdiocese hosted the annual city-wide ecumenical prayer service (sponsored by the Edmonton & District Council of Churches) marking the 2013 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The event took place at



Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church (18407 – 60 Avenue, Edmonton). Leaders and pastors from several Christian churches were on hand to lead worship. Archbishop Smith preached a homily on the Micah 6 reading that animated the week. Ms. Paula Cornell, a Parish Relations Coordinator with Catholic Social Services offered a testimonial about living Micah 6 in our world today.

The service featured many different elements of Indian Christian expression including traditional Indian hymnody,

dance and décor. The service was followed by a time of fellowship in the parish hall, around a beautiful table of Indian delicacies and sweets.

Our thanks go to the Frs.. John Reddy and James Bodula, and to the parish of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, with its many volunteers and parishioners, particularly those of Indian origin, who donated their time and

# resources and shared their cultural heritage with us at this beautiful event.

Coinciding with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Edmonton & District Council of Churches prepared a Christian display for the Edmonton City Hall's 'Celebrating Our Faiths' display case during the month of January. Special thanks to Fr. Varghese Munduvelil and members of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Community for their assistance in providing information and religious articles for the display.

Also of note on the ecumenical front, the Associate Director:

- attended the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Ecumenists, held Sept. 21-23, 2012 at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, NS. While there he had the privilege of interviewing and then introducing renowned ecumenist, Rev. Dr. William Norgren, to the Academy.
- presented a workshop on "Nostra Aetate" at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Sept, 28, 2012, in the context of the *Vatican II for the Next Generation* conference.
- brought official greetings to the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Strathcona County Ecumenical Mission, Oct. 3, 2012.
- led a webcast session on the Decree on Ecumenism as part of the Archdiocese's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vatican II catechetical series, Dec. 5, 2012.
- emceed an event at the Edmonton City Hall to open the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 15, 2013.
- attended the ordination of Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer as the 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Jan. 26, 2013
- participated in the musical leadership of nine Taizé-style prayer evenings throughout the year.
- helped to organize the Canadian Theological Students' Conference, May 2013.

In the realm of interfaith activities, formal letters were prepared and sent from Archbishop Smith's office to:

- the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities (on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr)
- Edmonton rabbis (on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah)
- the Hindu Society of Alberta (on the occasion of Diwali)
- Sikh Communities in Edmonton (on the feast of Guru Nanak Jayanti)
- the Jain Society of Alberta (on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti)
- and various Buddhist associations (on the occasion of Vesakh)

Also of note on the interfaith front, the Associate Director:

- attended an Abrahamic Tri-Faiths Celebration held at Edmonton City Hall, Dec. 16, 2012.
- chaired the planning committee for the annual Habitat for Humanity



Interfaith Housing Build from Jan.-June 2013. (Pictured on right)

- was invited and attended the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Al-Rashid Mosque in Edmonton, May 21, 2013.
- co-hosted a farewell event for Rabbi David Kunin, June 6, 2013
- attended the "Rays of Light" exhibit, put on by the Shia Imami Ismaili Council for Canada, July 4, 2013
- participated in the NAIN Connect Conference of the North American Interfaith Network, held in Toronto, ON, August 12-14, 2013

The Associate Director continued to serve on several boards and committees, notably:

- the Edmonton and District Council of Churches; the Associate Director completed the first year of a 2-year term as President of the Council
- the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life (University of Alberta – Augustana)
- the Diversity Committee of Covenant Health Group
- the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action; the Associate Director completed the second year of a 2-year term as Vice-President of the Board.

Teaching engagements at St. Joseph's College, Newman Theological College and elsewhere kept ecumenical formation at the forefront of the past year's agenda. Most of the activities organized by the Office involved some form of presentation/publication work by the Associate Director. (Details below.)

At the request of Rev. John Dowds, Chaplain for the City of Edmonton, the Office again contacted clergy and the leaders of Catholic institutions in Edmonton to recruit representatives from the Archdiocese to offer prayer at the opening of City of Edmonton Council meetings. As the largest single faith group in the city, Catholics are called upon to lead the City Council opening prayer about 40% of the time. The list of prayer leaders was forwarded to the City Chaplain's office. Special thanks to Rev. Matthew Hyssel, Sr. Pat Desnoyers of the L'Arche Community and Rev. Adam Lech, Chancellor of the Archdiocese for representing the Catholic community by accepting to lead prayer at the opening of Council meetings during 2012-2013.

Outside of the Office, the Associate Director participated in numerous activities and events on behalf of the Archbishop and the Archdiocese. (Details below.)

On the regional front, the Associate Director collaborated with Virginia Sharek, Ecumenical Officer of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton, to host the annual gathering of the Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism (WDECE). This year's meeting took place at Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton, and featured Fr. John Erikson (Dean Emeritus, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary). Fr. Erikson, who serves on the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Commission, addressed the theme: "The Light of the East: Contemporary Catholic-Orthodox Relations." Our appreciation to Professor David Goa and the Chester Ronning Centre at the University of Alberta for their assistance in bringing Fr. Erikson to Edmonton for this occasion. Our thanks to Bishop Greg Bittman who offered greetings to the group on behalf of the Archdiocese.

	Nationally, the Associate Director concluded his term of service to the national Roman Catholic-United Church Dialogue group in 2012. He was subsequently appointed to a new four-year term on the national Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue. ARC meetings were held in Saskatoon (November 24-27, 2012) and Montreal (May 16- 18, 2013), but owing to other commitments, the Associate Director was only able to attend the first of these meetings.
	<b>Of special note:</b> in recognition for contributions made locally, regionally and nationally in the field of ecumenical and interfaith relations, the Associate Director was recognized and awarded the degree Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) at the 88 <sup>th</sup> annual Convocation of St. Stephen's College (Edmonton, AB). St. Stephen's is a theological and ministerial training facility of the United Church of Canada. The Associate Director had the added honour of delivering the Convocation address at this event.
Mission and Mandate	Compelled by the desire of Jesus Christ "that all may be one" (John 17:21), and encouraged by the spirit of Vatican II, this Office promotes unity and reconciliation among Christian Churches and better understanding of other faiths and ecclesial communities throughout the Archdiocese, through prayer, education, dialogue, and social action initiatives.
Office Staff	Julien HammondAssociate Director, Ecumenical and Interfaith RelationsNatalie RoseAdministrative Assistant
Advisory Committee	Not Active
Other Related Committees	Edmonton and District Council of Churches (EDCC) Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action (EICEA) Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism (WDECE) Phoenix Multi-Faith Society for Harmony (Phoenix) Ecumenical Liturgy Planning Committee (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) Edmonton Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue Group (EARC) Edmonton Mennonite Brethren-Roman Catholic Dialogue Group (EMBRC)
Affiliates	Mahatma Gandhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem (OStL) North American Academy of Ecumenists (NAAE)

## Activities Organized

by the Office Includes Presentations/Publications by the Associate Director/Director

### Edmonton Mennonite Brethren/Roman Catholic Dialogue Group

- September 14, 2012: "Baptism in the Mennonite Tradition: Theology and Practice" (Lendrum MB Church)
- November 23, 2012: Book Study "Reconciliation: Mission & Ministry in a Changing Social Order" by Robert Schreiter – Part 1 (PAO)
- January 25, 2013: "A Mennonite Approach to the Bible" A Dialogue with Dr. Jon Issak, Director – Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies in Winnipeg (Lendrum MB Church)
- March 28, 2013: Book Study "Reconciliation: Mission & Ministry in a Changing Social Order" by Robert Schreiter – Part 2 (PAO)
- May 24, 2013: Book Study "Reconciliation: Mission & Ministry in a Changing Social Order" by Robert Schreiter – Part 3 (Lendrum MB Church)
- June 21, 2013: Documentary Film "Social Gospel & The Public Good" & BBQ (Newman Theological College)

# Edmonton Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogue Group

- October 30, 2012: Planning for an Advent Prayer service (Franciscan Friary)
- March 27, 2013: Study of WCC Faith & Order Paper, No. 214: "The Church: Towards a Common Vision" (Franciscan Friary)

# Habitat for Humanity – Interfaith Housing Build Committee (PAO)

- January 24, 2013
- February 28, 2013
- March 13, 2013
- April 12, 2013 (Tour of Edmonton ReStore-South)
- April 27, 2013 (Launch Event for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HFH-Edmonton Interfaith Housing Build)
- May 29, 2013 (Associate Director participated in a build day)
- June 12, 2013 (Evaluation Meeting)

# Letters to Other Faith Communities:

- August 2012: Letter to the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities on the occasion of Eid al 'Fitr
- September 2012: Letter to Jewish Communities on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah
- November 2012: Letter to the Hindu Society of Alberta on the occasion of Diwali
- November 2012: Letter to the Sikh Communities on the feast of Guru Nanak Jayanti
- April 2013: Letter to the Jain Society of Alberta on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti
- May 2013: Letter to Buddhist Communities on the occasion of Vesakh

### Presentations by Associate Director:

- September 22, 2012: Introduced Rev. Dr. William A. Norgren at the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Ecumenists (Halifax, NS)
- September 28, 2012: "I'm Dating a Muslim! Interfaith Relations in Real

Time." Workshop at the *Vatican II for the Next Generation* conference (St. Paul University, Ottawa, ON)

- October 2, 2012: "Ecumenical Relations and the Pro-Life Movement" Fall meeting of Archdiocesan Pro-Life Organizations (PAO, Edmonton)
- October 3, 2012: Brought archdiocesan greetings to the Closing Liturgy of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Strathcona County Ecumenical Mission (OLPH Parish, Sherwood Park)
- October 4, 2012: "Introduction to Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations" Enculturation of Priests program (St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton)
- October 12-13, 2012: Brought archdiocesan greetings to the Synod Meeting of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton (All Saints Cathedral/St. Matthias Anglican Church, Edmonton)
- November 2, 2012: "Introduction to Ecumenism" Introduction to Theology course (Newman Theological College, Edmonton)
- November 5, 2012: "Living Life in 3-D" Convocation Address to 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of St. Stephen's College (MacDougall United Church, Edmonton)
- November 9, 2012: "Introduction to Interfaith Relations" Introduction to Theology course (Newman Theological College, Edmonton)
- November 11, 2012: Remembrance Day Peace Walk: led a prayer station with Bob McKeon and other Catholic leaders (Downtown Edmonton)
- December 5, 2012: "That All May Be One" Webcast Sessions as part of CAEDM Catechetical Series (PAO, Edmonton)
- January 15, 2013: "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2013." Launch of the Celebrating Our Faiths – Christian Display on behalf of the Edmonton & District Council of Churches (Edmonton City Hall)
- January 27, 2013: Brought greetings on behalf of the EDCC to the Closing Service for the 2013 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Edmonton)
- March 4, 2013: "Introduction to Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations" Presentation to CSA 571 EXCEL Program (Board office of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School District, Leduc, AB)
- March 23, 2013: "Introduction to Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations" Diaconal Formation program, 3<sup>rd</sup> year candidates (Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton)
- April 9, 2013: "Introduction to Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations" Presentation to STAR-Catholic Religious Education Committee (Board office of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School District, Leduc, AB)
- April 10, 2013: "Introduction to Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations" Presentation to St. Joseph's Basilica RCIA group (St. Joseph's Basilica Rectory, Edmonton)
- April 17, 2013: "Introduction to Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations" Presentation to STAR-Catholic Board of Trustees (Board office of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School District, Leduc, AB)
- May 5, 2013: Introduced David Goa at the Canadian Theological Students Conference (St. Joseph's College, Edmonton)
- June 23, 2013: Sunday Morning greetings to St. Matthias Anglican Church, Edmonton

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Covenant Health – Diversity Committee Meetings (Misericordia Hospital,	
Edmonton)	

• December 5, 2012: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> day Committee Retreat

# Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life (University of Alberta – Augustana Campus, Camrose, Alberta)

• December 11, 2012

#### Anglican/Roman Catholic – National Dialogue Group

• November 24-27, 2012 (Saskatoon, SK)

#### Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism (WDECE)

 November 15-17, 2012: Annual Meeting. Theme: "The Light of the East: Contemporary Catholic-Orthodox Relations"; featuring Fr. John Erikson (Dean Emeritus, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary); Meeting hosted by the Eparchy of Edmonton and the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton (Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton)

#### Taizé Prayer Events

- September 9, 2012 (Holyrood Mennonite Church)
- September 10, 2012 (L'Arche Edmonton)
- December 9, 2012 (Strathearn United Church)
- January 13, 2013 (Holyrood Mennonite Church)
- March 10, 2013 (Strathearn United Church)
- March 29, 2013: Prayer around the Cross (Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton)
- April 14, 2013 (St. Luke's Anglican Church)
- April 26, 2013 (Regional Meeting of CCODP, St. Angela's Catholic Church, Edmonton)
- May 6, 2013 (L'Arche Edmonton)

# Canadian Theological Students Conference (Planning Committee)

- October 10, 2012
- October 19, 2012
- November 15, 2012
- December 7, 2012
- December 10, 2012 (Meeting with Suzanne Foisy-Moquin)

Publications	<ul> <li>Advent 2011: "Walking in the Light" Reflection for On Eagles' Wings Advent booklet</li> <li>Holy Week 2012: "Careful What You Wish For" Reflection for On Eagles' Wings Holy Week booklet</li> <li>Summer 2012: "New Horizons of Inclusivity" Published Article in <i>Celebrate!</i> Magazine, Volume 51, Number 3, pp. 6-7</li> </ul>
Other Meetings	<ul> <li>September 18, 2012: AnnE Zimmerman (On Eagles' Wings Ministry)</li> <li>September 18, 2012: Kevin Kraglund (EDCC Vice-President)</li> <li>October 9, 2012: Lucie Leduc (Executive Director – Star of the North Retreat Centre)</li> </ul>

•	October 11, 2012: David Goa (Executive Director - Chester Ronning
	Centre)

- October 17, 2012: Netta Phillet (EICEA Coordinator)
- October 24, 2012: Interview with Ramon Gonzales (Western Catholic Reporter)
- October 24, 2012: Alana Levandowski
- October 24, 2012: Maria Domke (Pallotine 3<sup>rd</sup> Order)
- October 30, 2012: Mary-Ann Provencal (World Vision Western Canada Rep.)
- November 8, 2012: Netta Phillet (EICEA Coordinator)
- November 13, 2012: Representatives of the Intercultural Dialogue Institute
- November 14, 2012: David Goa (Executive Director Chester Ronning Centre)
- November 20, 2012: Rev. Harry Currie (Pastor 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church)
- December 6, 2012: Mary-Ann Provencal (World Vision Western Canada Rep.)
- December 10, 2012: Social Justice Institute planning meeting (Newman Theological College)
- December 12, 2012: Jane Samson, David Goa and Earle Sharam (Faculty Club, U of A)
- December 13, 2012: Diane Rouleau (Associate Director Marriage & Life)
- December 19, 2012: Jane Samson (Assistant Ecumenical Officer, Anglican Diocese of Edmonton)
- February 19, 2013: David Goa (Executive Director Chester Ronning Centre)
- March 5, 2013: AnnE Zimmerman and Melissa May (On Eagles' Wings Ministry)
- March 11, 2013: Jane Samson and Earle Sharam (Faculty Club, U of A)
- May 14, 2013: Kevin Kraglund (EDCC Vice-President)
- May 23, 2013: Telephone interview with Jane Cardillo (Edmonton Journal)
- May 27, 2013: Eileen Conway (Ecumenical Officer, Anglican Diocese of Edmonton)
- August 26, 2013: Jane Samson (Assistant Ecumenical Officer, Anglican Diocese of Edmonton)
- October 2, 2012: Dr. Rama Singh (McMaster University) "Who speaks for the conscience of Canada? Personal reflections from Hamilton's Gandhi Peace Festival." 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemorative Banquet (Radisson Hotel Edmonton South)
   October 27, 2012: Dr. Reza Shah-Kazemi (Institute of Ismaili Studies)
  - October 27, 2012: Dr. Reza Shah-Kazemi (Institute of Ismaili Studies) "The Spirit of Tolerance in Islam." (Ismaili Jamatkhana and Centre, 4243-93rd Street, Edmonton)
  - Events Attended
    September 21-23, 2012: Annual meeting of the North American Academy of Ecumenists (Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS)
    September 27-29, 2012: Vatican II for the Next Generation conference (St. Paul University, Ottawa, ON)

- October 3, 2012: Protocol Item at Edmonton City Council meeting recognizing Edmonton as a "Partner City" to the Parliament of the World's Religions (Edmonton City Hall)
- October 3, 2012: Closing Worship Service of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Strathcona County Ecumenical Mission, preached by Rev. Daniel Francis, CSsR. (OLPH Parish, Sherwood Park)
- October 12-13, 2012: Anglican Synod Meeting(All Saints Cathedral/St. Matthias Anglican Church, Edmonton)
- October 17, 2012: Covenant Health Community Meeting (West Edmonton Mall)
- November 5, 2012: St. Stephen's College 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation. Received honorary Doctor of Divinity degree (MacDougall United Church, Edmonton)
- November 15-17, 2012: Annual Meeting of the Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism (WDECE)
- December 16, 2012: Abrahamic Tri-Faiths Celebration: Eid, Hanukah, Advent/Christmas (Edmonton City Hall)
- January 25, 2013: Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Our Lady of Good Help Maronite Catholic Church, Edmonton)
- January 26, 2013: Ordination of Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmonton)
- January 27, 2013: Closing Service for the 2013 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; brought greetings on behalf of the EDCC (Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Edmonton)
- February 10, 2013: "Building Bridges of Faith" Interfaith Concert; a fundraising event for the Edmonton Interfaith Centre (Royal Alberta Museum, Edmonton)
- February 27, 2013: Dedication of Interfaith Chapel (New Edmonton Remand Centre)
- March 14, 2013: Pastor's Prayer Breakfast hosted by Shine-FM/930 The Light (Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton)
- March 21, 2013: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Edmonton City Hall)
- March 29, 2013: Outdoor Way of the Cross (Downtown Edmonton)
- April 24, 2013: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast (Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton)
- April 24, 2013: Alberta Hate Crimes Awareness Day (Edmonton City Hall)
- April 25, 2013: Tour of Shine-FM Christian radio station (Edmonton)
- May 6, 2013: Closing Banquet of the Canadian Theological Students Conference (St. Joseph's College, Edmonton)
- May 19, 2013: Centennial celebration of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton (Winspear Centre, Edmonton)
- May 21, 2013: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Al-Rashid Mosque (Edmonton Islamic Academy)
- May 25, 2013: AGM of the Mahatma Gandhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace (Education Building, University of Alberta)
- May 25, 2013: AGM of On Eagles' Wings Ministry (Duggan Community Hall, Edmonton)

	<ul> <li>May 31, 2013: Ecumenical Luncheon, associated with the Chapter General of the Order of St. Lazarus (Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton)</li> <li>June 1, 2013: Reception and Banquet, associated with the Chapter General of the Order of St. Lazarus (Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton)</li> <li>June 6, 2013: Farewell Event for Rabbi David Kunin (St. Stephen's College)</li> <li>June 18-20, 2013: CCCB Forum on Ecumenical &amp; Interfaith Relations (Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre, Mississauga, ON)</li> <li>July 4, 2013: "Rays of Light: Glimpses into the Ismaili Imamat" A golden jubilee international programme sponsored by His Highness Prince Aga Khan and the Shia Imami Ismaili Council for Canada (Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton)</li> <li>August 12-14, 2013: NAIN Connect Conference – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the North American Interfaith Network (U of T Multifaith Centre/New College, Toronto, ON)</li> </ul>
Subscriptions	<ul> <li>Ecumenism (publication of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism)</li> <li>Ecumenical Trends (publication of the Graymoor Institute, USA)</li> <li>The Ecumenist (publication of Novalis, Canada)</li> <li>Journal of Ecumenical Studies (free subscription with membership to the North American Academy of Ecumenists)</li> <li>Information Service (publication of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity)</li> </ul>
Evaluation	There is much ecumenical and interreligious activity being conducted throughout the Archdiocese, and still much more that could be done. The current arrangement (having the Associate Director's position attached to the Directorship for Evangelization & Catechesis) means that practically speaking the ecumenical/interfaith work remains limited, both in the amount of time that can be dedicated to this ministry and to its scope beyond the Edmonton city limits. On the other hand, situating the Ecumenism/Interfaith Office within the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis has given a new and proper focus to the events and activities organized (and participated in) by the Associate Director. No doubt reconstituting an Ecumenical Advisory Committee for the Archdiocese would help to expand the ministry to other regions of the Archdiocese; again, time constraints make it difficult to achieve this goal. Nevertheless, continuing along the current path, the ministry of ecumenism and interreligious affairs will hopefully continue to develop positively in the year(s) ahead.
Goals for 2013-2014	Based on the outcome of the Operational Review