



The Catholic
Archdiocese
of Edmonton

Annual
Report
2025



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ECCLESIASTES 3:1

Reflection on 2025

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The year 2025 will be remembered in the life of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton as a season of profound transition—marked by both heartfelt farewells and renewed hope. Rooted in faith and guided by the Spirit, our local Church journeyed through change with trust in God’s enduring presence and promise.

During the Jubilee Year, celebrated throughout the Church under the theme Pilgrims of Hope, we were reminded that we are a people on a journey. As pilgrims, we walk together—sometimes through moments of joy and renewal, and at other times through periods of uncertainty and change—always guided by the promise of Christ, who walks with us.

The universal Church experienced a profound moment of transition with the death of Pope Francis. We gave thanks for his life and pastoral witness, and we prayed with confidence as the Church welcomed our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who was entrusted to lead us forward in faith and unity.

Here in our local Church, this season of change was deeply felt. With sincere gratitude, we bid farewell to Archbishop Richard Smith, whose years of faithful service, pastoral leadership, and dedication to the people of this Archdiocese have left an enduring mark. In November, our

Archdiocese was filled with joy and anticipation at the announcement that Pope Leo XIV had appointed Bishop Stephen Hero as the new Archbishop of Edmonton, beginning a new chapter in our shared life and ministry.

This annual report reflects a year lived between seasons—a year of stewardship, discernment, and continued service to the people of God. As we look back on 2025, we do so with gratitude for God’s faithfulness, confidence in the hope that carries us forward, and a renewed commitment to proclaim the Gospel in our time and place.

This annual report offers a glimpse into a year shaped by transition, perseverance, and faithful service. It bears witness to the many ways the people of this Archdiocese continue to live the Gospel—through witness, worship, and service. As we look back on 2025, may we do so with grateful hearts, renewed hope, and a shared commitment to walk together as missionary disciples, trusting that God will bring to completion the good work begun among us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Paul Kavanagh". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev. Paul Kavanagh
Archdiocesan Administrator
May 2025-January 2026

We joyfully welcome Archbishop Stephen Hero

On November 21, 2025, the Vatican announced the appointment of the Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero, then Bishop of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, as the eighth Archbishop of Edmonton. He was formally installed as Archbishop on January 23, 2026, at St. Joseph's Basilica.

Archbishop Hero was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Edmonton on June 29, 2000, and served as an assistant pastor in local parishes as well as Vocations Director for the Archdiocese. He later became Rector of St. Joseph Seminary, a role he held until Pope Francis appointed him Bishop of Prince Albert on March 25, 2021.



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Thank you for taking time to review this Annual Report for the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. I am impressed by the snapshot of the wonderful ministry and fruitful projects that are taking place under the banner of "Be It Done": the Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese. This is a testimony to the faith and commitment of the Clergy and of

God's People even in a challenging year of surprise and transition.

I want to express my personal thanks to my predecessor, Most Rev. Richard Smith, who did so much to hold the course and prepare everyone for a new shepherd before his installation as Archbishop of Vancouver. I am also deeply grateful to Father Paul Kavanagh who served as the Archdiocesan Administrator during the *sede vacante* or time of absence of an Archbishop in Edmonton. Their expert leadership has certainly made it easier for me to take up the ministry of Archbishop.

Since my Installation as the Eighth Archbishop of Edmonton, I have been overwhelmed by your enthusiastic welcome, patience, and generosity. It is a joy to be getting out to meet so many of you in person in our parishes and institutions of ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers and know that I am praying for all of you every day.

The Lord has called each of us to help bring His Kingdom on earth. May we walk together as humble, confident witnesses of the God who loves us and so help others to share the joy we have discovered in Christ.

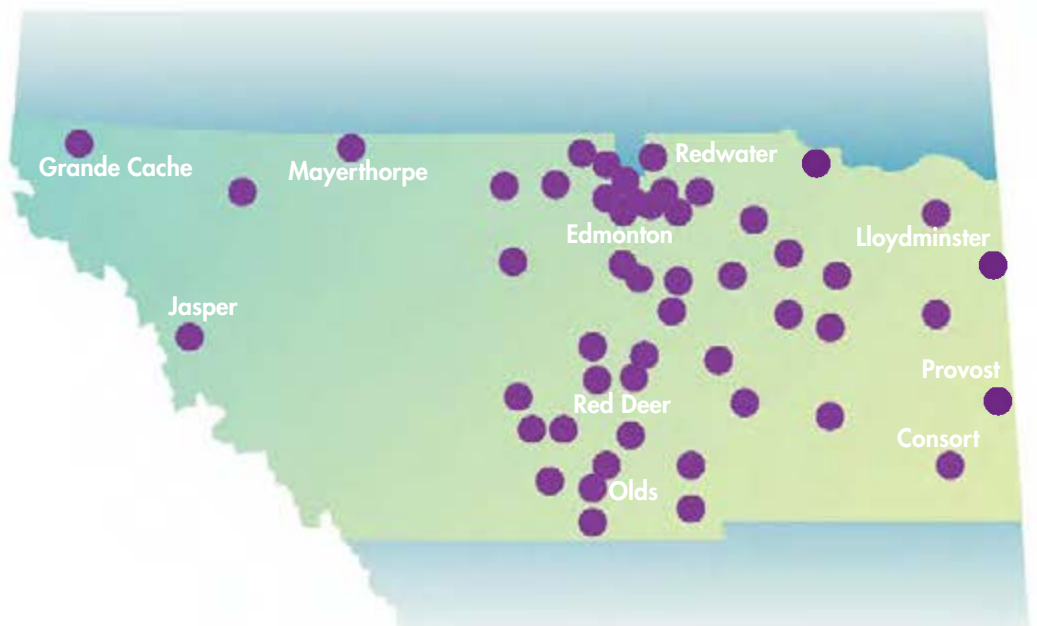
Sincerely yours,

+ Stephen A. Hero

✠ Most Rev. Stephen A. Hero
Archbishop of Edmonton

Our Catholic Community

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton is a family of Christian disciples, dedicated to serving the mission of the Church by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to bear on life in our community. The Archdiocese covers some 150,000 square kilometres in a geographic region stretching from the Rocky Mountains in the west, to the Saskatchewan boundary in the east, and from Olds in the south to Grande Cache in the north.



465,800
Catholic population

2,218,136
Total population



210,833
Individuals
registered in a parish



74,280
Families
registered in a parish

Leadership

Archbishop	Richard Smith (until February 25, 2025)
Archdiocesan Administrator	Archbishop Richard Smith (until May 23, 2025)
Archdiocesan Administrator	Fr. Paul Kavanagh (elected May 26, 2025)
Vicar General	Rev. Jim Corrigan (until February 25, 2025)
Vicar for Clergy	Rev. Paul Kavanagh (until February 25, 2025)
Judicial Vicar	Rev. Philip Creurer, JCD
Chancellor	Rev. Philip Creurer, JCD
Interim Vice-Chancellor	Rev. Joy Vadakkan Poulouse, CFIC
Vice-Chancellor	Deacon Francis Lau
Principal Secretary	Julien Hammond

Senior Leads

Rev. Paul Kavanagh
Rev. Philip Creurer, JCD
Rev. Jim Corrigan
Eugenia Pagnotta-Kowalczyk
Mission Leadership (Interim)
Marion Haggarty-France
Mission Advancement
Deacon Wayne Provencal
Mission Services

Presbyteral Council

All parishes in the Archdiocese are grouped into eight regional Deaneries, made up of parish priests and permanent deacons, along with chaplains, retired priests, and clergy who serve the whole Archdiocese. Deans and Vice-Deans, in turn, comprise the Presbyteral Council that assists the Archbishop in the smooth governance and pastoral care of our Archdiocese, ensuring continued unity and effective leadership.

Following the departure of Archbishop Smith, the Presbyteral Council ceased its functions, in keeping with Church law. Yet, our eight deaneries continued to gather faithfully, nurturing a spirit of collaboration and mutual support through their regular meetings and sharing of vital information.

Archbishop Hero established an Interim Presbyteral Council following his installation on January 23, 2026.

Edmonton South Deanery

Dean Rev. Roger Niedzielski
Vice-Dean Rev. Patrick Baska

Edmonton West Deanery

Dean Rev. Paul Moret
Vice-Dean Rev. Mark McGee

Edmonton North Deanery

Dean Rev. Antony Cruz Michael, SAC
Vice-Dean Rev. Philippe Insoni, CFIC

Edmonton East Deanery

Dean Rev. Joy Vadakkan Poulouse, CFIC
Vice-Dean Rev. Roy Antony, CFIC

Camrose Deanery

Dean Rev. Matthewkutty Kunnel, CMI
Vice-Dean Rev. Luan Vu

Edson Deanery

Dean Rev. Anthony Narisetty, SAC
Vice-Dean Rev. Curtis Berube

Red Deer Deanery

Dean Rev. Andrew Bogdanowicz
Vice-Dean Rev. Liju Jose

Vegreville Deanery

Dean Rev. Varkey Kummananchery Ouseph, CMI
Vice-Dean Rev. Benjamin Obetta, CFIC

Sacraments and Formation

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Baptisms-Infants	1,176	1,356	1,242	1,234	1,300
Baptisms-Youth (1-17)	1,008	946	978	1,061	966
Baptisms-Adults (18+)	200	122	104	70	70
First Communions	3,097	2,802	2,843	2,725	1,916
Confirmations	2,039	2,182	2,752	1,814	1,223
Professions of Faith	85	82	60	59	37
Marriages	355	305	364	321	249
Funerals	1,423	1,434	1,511	1,542	1,536

Clergy

115 priests serving in the Archdiocese

- 44 incardinated priests
- 13 priests from other dioceses
- 58 priests belonging to religious orders or associations

36 retired priests living in Archdiocese

- 15 incardinated
- 11 incardinated in other dioceses
- 10 in institutes

38 active permanent deacons

11 retired permanent deacons

Seminarians

40 seminarians from 9 dioceses

- 16 seminarians for Archdiocese of Edmonton
- 8 new seminarians

28 young men at the *Come and See* weekend

Religious

9 brothers

104 sisters

116 
Parishes
& missions

97 
Parishes with
resident pastor

16 
Parishes without
resident pastor

Anniversary of Ordination

70 Years

Rev. John Hesse

65 Years

Rev. Stanislaw Blaszkowski

55 Years

Most Rev. Paul Terrio

35 Years

Rev. Tesfu Kelati

Rev. Thomas Puthupparampil

30 Years

Rev. Jerome Moras, OCD

25 Years

Rev. Jacob (Jack) Herklotz, OMI

Most Rev. Stephen Hero

Most Rev. Susai Jesu, OMI

Rev. Varghese Munduvelil, CFIC

Rev. Jozef Wroblewski

20 Years

Rev. Nilo Macapinlac

Rev. Josephin Raj Muthuswamy

15 Years

Rev. Shimit Abraham, CFIC

Rev. Dean Dowle

Rev. Danial Dsouza, SAC (ABVM)

Rev. Liju Jose

Rev. John Kohler (Seminary Formator)

Rev. Roger Rouleau

Rev. Matija Žugaj

10 Years

Rev. Kevin Fernandes, OCD

5 Years

Rev. Curtis Berube

In Memoriam

Rev. Les Richard Drewicki

Rev. Leonard Alexander Gartner

Rev. Lawrence Edward Frizzell

Rev. Stanislaus Liska, CSsR

Sr. Theresa Frances Hucul

Sr. Margaret Rose Coyle



Baptisms
2,384
total



Catechists
411



Marriage Preparation (in person)
194
Couples
completed

20
Parishes
provided



Parish milestones

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Edmonton

50th Anniversary

Christ the King, Stettler

75th Anniversary

St. Alphonsus, Edmonton

100th Anniversary



"I find that mainly you're happiest if you just pray a day at a time. I make sure I say Mass every day, say my prayers. I feel that's a big help to sustain us because we really can't do anything without God, you know, and without His grace."

REV. JOHN HESSE

70 years a priest

Rev. John Hesse celebrated 70 years as a priest on June 4, 2025 with an anniversary Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica. At 93, Rev. Hesse is the longest serving priest in the Edmonton Archdiocese. He was ordained on June 4, 1955 at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Edmonton for the Archdiocese of Edmonton by the Most Rev. Francis Carroll, Bishop of Calgary. Rev. Hesse served at over 25 parishes in Edmonton and rural Alberta.

70 years a religious sister

Sr. Norma Johnson, 90, celebrated 70 years as a member of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd. She professed her First Vows on March 19, 1955, under Archbishop John Hugh MacDonald, and her Final Vows on March 19, 1958, under Archbishop Anthony Jordan, OMI.



"I am deeply grateful to all who have supported the Congregation's mission through the years, and I remain just a little leaf on a great tree."

SR. NORMA JOHNSON, OLCGS



Diaconal ordinations

Three new Permanent Deacons for the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton were ordained on July 22 at St. Joseph's Basilica, celebrated by Most Rev. Paul Terrio, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of St. Paul.

- Deacon Amelito Perez, serving at St. Augustine Parish in Ponoka
- Deacon Karl Pierzchajlo, serving at Annunciation Parish in Edmonton
- Deacon Kevin Keech, serving at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Camrose



Priestly ordination

Rev. John Vizza, JCL, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood for the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton at the Divine Liturgy on November 16, 2024 at St. Josaphat Cathedral in Edmonton. He serves as Adjunct Judicial Vicar for marriage nullity cases in the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Edmonton, which serves the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, Diocese of Calgary, Diocese of St. Paul, and Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith.

Living their baptismal call

Four young adults from the Archdiocese joined Sr. Mary Clare Stack, UJ, for the National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors Canada Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland, September 22-24. Their participation was made possible by a fund established by Emil and Sophie Motoska, which provides financial support for formative experiences for young adults as they search how best to live their baptismal call.



Jubilee of Hope

On Christmas Eve, the Holy Father Pope Francis solemnly inaugurated the Jubilee Year of 2025 by opening the Holy Doors of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. He has directed that today, in this mass celebrated in honour of the Holy Family, the Jubilee be opened in each Diocese throughout the world. We are privileged to be participants in this important historical moment, which ushers in what the Pope is calling a year of hope. He realizes, as do we all, that hope is currently in short supply across the world, and so is calling upon the whole Church to announce with conviction and joy the good news of Jesus Christ as the one sure and real hope for humanity ... May the grace of this Jubilee Year, and our pursuit of the pastoral priorities, animate us anew for a bold proclamation of the Gospel as we invite others to find in Jesus, as we have, the reason for real hope.

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD SMITH,
HOMILY AT SOLEMN OPENING MASS,
DECEMBER 30, 2024.

January

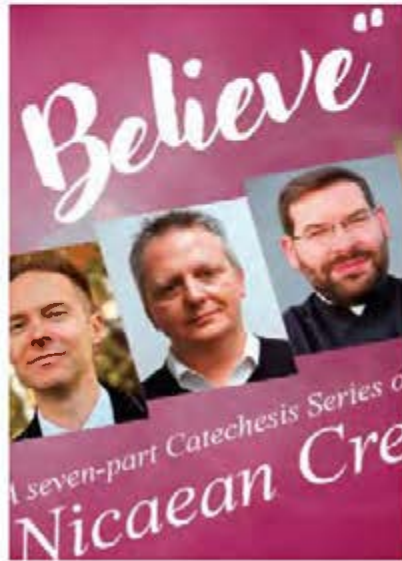
National tour brings relics of Canadian martyrs to Edmonton

For the first time in history, the major relics of the Canadian Martyrs were brought to dioceses across Canada from the Jesuit Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario. The Relic Tour stopped in Edmonton on January 23 and was hosted at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples and Corpus Christi parishes in Edmonton. Over 3,000 people came to venerate, pray and reflect on the lives of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, North America's first indigenous saint, and Jesuit martyrs St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Gabriel Lalemant and St. Charles Garnier.

Jubilee of Communications

In January, Mathew Bodnarek, communications coordinator for the Archdiocese, was one of two nominees from Canada who attended the Jubilee of the World of Communications in Rome. The three-day conference kicked-off on January 24, the memorial of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of communicators.

2025



February

"I Believe"

On February 13, the Archdiocese launched "I Believe," a seven-part series on the Nicene Creed, marking the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. "I Believe" was offered in partnership with Newman Theological College and St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta, featuring faculty members as presenters. Hosted by seven different parishes throughout the year, the series wrapped up on November 20 at St. Joseph's Basilica.

March

St. Joseph's Oil Novena

On March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, Rev. Glenn McDonald, CSB, invited Catholics to make a "pilgrimage of the heart" by participating in a novena to pray for the intercession of St. Joseph, the patron of the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Father Glenn offered 1,000 vials of oil from St. Joseph's oratory in Montreal (founded by St. Brother André Bessette) through parishes under the patronage of St. Joseph.

July

Jubilee of Youth

Thirty-six local pilgrims traveled to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth, July 28 to August 3. The pilgrimage was part of a hybrid study-abroad program offered by Newman Theological College. While in Rome, the group's chaplain, Rev. Roger Niedzielski, was invited to speak about the joys and challenges facing Canadian Catholic youth in a rare and important meeting with the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.



July- August

Local pilgrimages draw Pilgrims of Hope

During the Jubilee year, Catholics were called to set out on a journey of conversion, self-learning and transformation. The Holy Father granted a plenary Jubilee Indulgence to those who made pilgrimages to Rome and other pilgrimage sites, giving added meaning to our own annual pilgrimages.

Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage

Thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous pilgrims came from across North America to Lac Ste Anne, July 19-25. The sacred waters were blessed by Pope Francis during his visit to Canada in 2022.

Skaro Shrine Pilgrimage

The Annual Skaro Pilgrimage, celebrating the Assumption of Our Lady, was held August 14-15, at the historic Skaro Shrine northeast of Edmonton.

St. Albert Mary's Grotto Pilgrimage

Thousands of pilgrims gathered at Mary's Grotto on Mission Hill in St. Albert, August 21, to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

October

Jubilee of Synod

In October, the Jubilee of Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies brought together representatives from around the world at the Vatican for formation, dialogue, and celebration of synodal life. The gathering featured workshops, shared reflection, and a closing Mass with the Holy Father, emphasizing listening, discernment, and collaboration. Dr. Eugenia Pagnotta-Kowalczyk (Edmonton) and Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico (Calgary) participated, contributing insights to support ongoing synodal growth.

Jubilee of Migrants

On October 4-5, the St. Thomas More Parish Refugee committee celebrated the Jubilee of Migrants. St. Thomas More parish has sponsored 19 refugee families, comprising 145 individuals.

Witness and Service

“The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel ... Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope.”

POPE LEO XIV,
MESSAGE FOR THE 9TH WORLD DAY
OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 25, 2025

Catholic Social Services: serving the poor and vulnerable



Catholic Social Services ignites hope in more than 21,000 lives every year, uplifting women and children escaping abuse, empowering youth in search of safe haven, supporting people living with disabilities, walking alongside individuals on the journey of recovery, welcoming newcomers, embracing pregnant women, and strengthening families in times of crisis.

2025 Service Highlights:

- Lurana Women’s Shelter served 25,000 nourishing meals to women and children bravely escaping domestic violence, offering not just food, but a renewed sense of safety and hope.
- Care-a-Van supplied more than 13,000 vulnerable unhoused individuals with food, water, essential clothing, and most importantly, a connection to help when they need it.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: serving our friends in need



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers are used to serving quietly and without fanfare. But as the cries for help continued to escalate, Vincentians in the Archdiocese of Edmonton decided to share the good news of their work and appeal to the wider community for support. So it was that in June 2025, the Society's Edmonton Central Council hosted its first-ever gala, with the theme, Building Hope & Dignity.

The evening at the Chateau Lacombe attracted over 380 attendees and featured a dinner, live auction, raffle, and keynote address by Sister Fay

Trombley SCIC, who inspired the audience with tales of her experiences in the tiny Arctic hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk. The Gala raised a total of \$189,000.

SSVP's 20 conferences are active in 29 parishes plus the St. Joseph's College community at the University of Alberta. In 2025, more than 700 volunteers worked to provide nearly \$1.7 million worth of material help to friends in need across the Archdiocese; another \$1 million worth of goods went to nine needy Arctic communities through the North of 60 Project.

*"We've been working under the radar for a long time.
This gala is our way to share our mission with a wider audience.
Not just to raise funds, but to spread awareness."*

RANDALL YATSCOFF,
PRESIDENT OF SSVV EDMONTON

Create Your Legacy seminar

In October, the Archdiocese hosted the first of many Wills and Estate Planning seminars. The purpose of the seminars is to encourage Catholics to think about the legacy they want to leave when they are gone, including how they might like to remember their parish and worthy causes. Participants learned from speakers John Kok, a financial planner, and lawyer Daylen Lafleur on how to minimize estate taxes in order to provide more for their family and favorite charities. Almost 90 people from four local parishes gathered at St. John the Evangelist Church for the inaugural seminar, October 8.





New website

Throughout most of 2025, the communications team worked with an expert volunteer to renew the Archdiocesan website and digital presence. Key improvements included new “finders” for parishes, mass times, and people, making it easy for users to find the information they need. The renewed website was launched in November 2025, and saw 72,000 visits in the first few months—not surprising, since the launch coincided with the announcement of our new Archbishop. The Archdiocesan website now receives some 21,000 visits per month and is an important pastoral gateway, connecting people with worship, parishes, ministries, and the broader life of the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Pastoral care

Hospital chaplains bring the Sacraments and the hope of our Catholic faith to patients, families and staff at hospitals served by Covenant Health and Alberta Health Services.

**3 priests, 1 religious sister
and 2 lay chaplains made
OVER 6,900 VISITS
to Catholic patients**

This ministry is also available at all hospitals and continuous care facilities throughout the Archdiocese.

Volunteers

**9,315 ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS**

**2,004 NEW
VOLUNTEERS
in 2025**

**1,518 VOLUNTEERS
COMPLETED 5,827
training modules**

The Archdiocese has been working with Praesidium Academy since 2013 to prevent abuse of children and vulnerable adults. In 2025, Praesidium introduced Creating a Safe Environment to replace the long-standing Called to Protect program. This program provides access to training through an online training portal, eliminating the need for live training by a trained facilitator.

Our Catholic Partners

Christian Leadership Award



Ed and Marie Stelmach received the 2025 Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award at a

luncheon, October 8, at the Polish Hall in Edmonton. Ed served as Alberta's 13th premier and as chair of the Covenant Health Board of Directors. His wife Marie is a former member of Newman Theological College's Board of Governors. Guided by their strong faith, the Stelmachs reflect the best of servant leadership in community, health care and politics.



Exploring AI and the church

Over 140 participants attended the 2025 Mission Collaboration Initiative (MCI) Summit, May 28, in Edmonton. The summit explored the anticipated impact of artificial intelligence on the Catholic Church. Hosted in collaboration with the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton and Catholic partners from across the province,

the event brought together leaders in theology, health, education, social services, and technology to explore how artificial intelligence is already shaping our world and how the Church can thoughtfully engage with both the opportunities and challenges it presents.





Covenant Health gets the keys to new community health centre

In spring 2025, Covenant Health received the keys to a new Community Health Centre—the first phase of Covenant Wellness Community—in southeast Edmonton. With construction complete, Covenant Health worked closely with partners and tenants to finalize a space that is as functional as it is welcoming.

The three-storey, 190,000-square-foot hub offers a vibrant mix of essential services, including:

- Primary Care: Integrated health clinics and diagnostic imaging.
- Community amenities: Local food vendors and flexible public spaces.
- Holistic support: Programming designed for wellness, connection, and inclusive access.

The Community Health Centre represents a promise kept: to bring healthcare into the heart of our neighborhoods and lead the way in integrated, community-based care.

Catholic Family Life Conference

Over a thousand families from across Canada gathered for the 27th Catholic Family Life Conference, June 27-30, at the Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage site. Many traveled in camper vans and trailers for the opportunity to connect, reflect, and grow in their faith together. The annual event is hosted by Catholic Family Ministries.



Catholic Education

“We give thanks for Catholic education, where students learn about the dignity of all persons, created in the image of God and called to live in Christ in this life and in the life to come. Our Catholic Schools continue to nurture relationships of faith, hope and charity among students, parents and teachers.”

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD SMITH



St. Joseph’s College, University of Alberta

“St. Joseph’s College is a University community of Catholic higher education rooted in the Gospel, dedicated to helping all people discern truth and build the common good.” In the academic year 2025/26, there were 3,500 enrolments by University of Alberta students in SJC courses representing over 45% growth in the last few years. SJC residences were also once again at or near capacity, providing a home in the heart of the U of A campus for 380 students.

The SJC worshipping community of some 300 members, welcomed 16 RCIA candidates this year on their journeys to becoming full members of the Church—an increase from 13 candidates in 2024. SJC continues to be blessed with a vibrant college community, with students growing, learning and worshipping with the support of the Catholic community.

Election of Catholic school trustees

The Alberta municipal elections on October 20 saw the election of 136 Catholic school trustees, including 57 new trustees, in 22 Catholic school boards across Alberta. The Alberta Catholic School Trustees’ Association (ACSTA) worked to increase election engagement among the faithful and equipped candidates with guidance and practical tools to serve the Church faithfully and effectively as elected officials.

At the heart of all efforts to elect Catholic trustees is the belief that Catholic schools are mission fields, and that Catholics are called to support Catholic schools as part of the Church’s mission to “make disciples of all nations.” ACSTA also collaborated with the Alberta Bishops to write and share a pastoral letter, inviting informed and prayerful election participation, which enriches the future of publicly funded Catholic education across the province.



Catholic Assurance Project

Catholic education is a vital ministry of the Church and a distinctive gift within Alberta's publicly funded system. Across Alberta and the Northwest Territories, bishops, trustees, superintendents, educators, and advocates collaborate to ensure that Catholic schools provide a faith-filled education.

Through the Bishops' Catholic Education Assurance process—aligned with Alberta's provincial Assurance Framework—schools are accompanied in nurturing the God-given dignity and flourishing of each student. This process enables full participation in the provincial framework while safeguarding and strengthening the distinctive mission and identity of Catholic education. The pilot commenced in 2025 with Elk Island Catholic School Division, with Edmonton Catholic School Division recently joining, and with the intention that all ten divisions will be fully engaged.

Grounded in a synodal spirit of attentive listening, communal discernment, and shared responsibility, Bishops' Catholic Education Assurance fosters Catholic education as a vibrant community of faith. Through these efforts, Catholic schools are sustained as places of authentic encounter with Christ, forming students to live the Gospel with hope, purpose, and service.

Newman Theological College

Newman Theological College continues to welcome a vibrant student body who participate in its BA in Catholic Studies, Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, and Master of Religious Education, as well as various other programs. In July, Dr. Darren Dahl became the President of NTC, bringing twenty years of academic and administrative experience to the role. The College continues to develop

its programming in Eastern Christian Theology and was excited to launch a new partnership with the School of Theology at St. Mary's University in Twickenham (UK) and establish both the Sopchyshyn Chair in Catholic Education and Theology and the Lawrence Dewan Research Chair in Philosophy, transferred to NTC from the Dominican University College in Ottawa.

Learn more about these programs and more: newman.edu

Families, Youth & Young Adults

Archbishop's Youth Advisory Council

The Archbishop Student Advisory Council (ASAC) is a living expression of the synodal Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton—rooted in listening, encounter, and shared mission. Comprised of student leaders from each of the ten Catholic school divisions, the Council reflects the diverse voices of young Catholics.

Over the past year, students have shared both the challenges and hopes of living their faith today. They expressed a desire for deeper formation and a more meaningful encounter with Christ. At the same time, they spoke with honesty about the pressures of a culture where faith can be difficult to live and express.

Amid these realities, there are clear signs of hope. Students are taking initiative—leading prayer, serving others, and building faith communities within their schools. They desire authentic accompaniment from teachers, clergy, and mentors who witness to the joy of the Gospel in their lives.



Our Lady of Victory Camp

In 2025, OLVC welcomed over 430 young people across five weeks of programming. The camp provided young people with the unique

opportunity to encounter Christ, community, and creation while learning new skills, making new friends, and having fun.

“Ever since I first started coming to camp, my life has changed for the better! My faith has definitely grown stronger, and having such amazing friends has definitely helped me grow as a person as well. Being part of the OLVC community is the best thing that has ever happened to me!”

CAMPER, 2025

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity

1 TIMOTHY 4:12



C-YEG young Catholic adults

C-YEG is a vibrant network of Catholic young adults, dedicated to living their faith boldly in community. The group inspires and unites its members through worship, faith formation, service and fellowship.

In 2025, C-YEG:

- Fostered worship through monthly Sunday Mass gatherings, opportunities for Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration, presentation of the Stations of the Cross during Lent, and devotion-centered gatherings.
- Formed its members for witness through catechetical talks, guest speakers, parish missions, and targeted men's and women's formation nights.
- Served the community by volunteering at the Marian Centre and organizing a community blood drive.
- Provided joyful and wholesome fellowship through young adult dances and formal gatherings, brew and board game nights, ice skating, spikeball, and a "Mass and Hike" at Chickakoo Lake.

Journeying with Mary at parish summer camp

Nearly 100 campers and youth helpers came together for five days of faith, fun, and friendship for Corpus Christi Parish's annual youth summer camp—one of a number of summer youth day camps hosted in our parishes. The theme of the camp, Journeying with Mary as Pilgrims of Hope, connected the camp to the Jubilee year. Parish summer camps play an important role in forming confident witnesses to the Gospel and nurturing the spiritual growth of young parishioners.



For more information visit: c-yeg.com

Walking Together

“We want to walk together, to pray together and to work together, so that the sufferings of the past can lead to a future of justice, healing and reconciliation.”

POPE FRANCIS, JULY 2022

In Memoriam

His Holiness, Pope Francis, died on Easter Monday, April 21. The people of the Archdiocese of Edmonton will never forget the visit of His Holiness to Edmonton in 2022. The Pope’s visit provided a unique opportunity for him to listen and dialogue with

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land, to express his heartfelt closeness and to address the impact of colonization and the participation of the Catholic Church in the operation of residential schools throughout Canada.



Pope returns artifacts

Pope Leo XIV fulfilled a promise made by the late Pope Francis to return to Canada’s Indigenous communities artifacts that have been held by the Vatican for more than 100 years. The pope gave 62 artifacts to the leaders of a delegation of Canadian bishops – including Vancouver Archbishop Richard Smith, former Archbishop of Edmonton – following a meeting with the Pope on November 15. The artifacts included an Inuit kayak, masks, moccasins and etchings.



This is an act of ecclesial sharing, with which the Successor of Peter entrusts to the Church in Canada these artifacts, which bear witness to the history of the encounter between faith and the cultures of the indigenous peoples.”

JOINT STATEMENT OF POPE LEO XIV
AND THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Creator, we know that you are a God of mercy and compassion as we see in the love your Son Jesus has for us. We ask for comfort, healing and consolation for all Indigenous peoples who are experiencing pain and sorrow over the residential school legacy. Send your Holy Spirit into all hearts giving courage, humility and wisdom so that all the inhabitants of this land can walk the path of truth and reconciliation in justice, peace and love. We acknowledge your gifts Creator, and we pray in Jesus' name.

FROM THE PRAYER FOR HEALING



National TRC Day

Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples marked National Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30, with Prayer for Healing Over Residential Schools and Mass celebrated by Rev. Garry LaBoucane OMI.

Indigenous Advisory Council

Throughout 2025, the Committee's primary focus was on preparing for the arrival of the new Archbishop. Members dedicated significant time to developing strategies for introducing the Archbishop to the Archdiocese's Indigenous communities and ongoing initiatives. Expressing a deep commitment to the principle of "walking together," members offered their full support in guiding the next Archbishop along the continued journey of reconciliation.

The Committee also received comprehensive updates on projects supported by the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, as well as progress with various communities regarding records, and remained closely engaged with national developments, specifically noting the efforts of the CCCB regarding the repatriation of Indigenous artifacts from the Vatican.

Together We Serve

Since its launch in 2014, the annual appeal has raised over \$20 million in support of Catholic organizations and charities that serve those in need at home, in Canada, and abroad. The 2025 Together We Serve campaign raised \$1,470,459, 95% of its \$1.54 million goal and distributed almost \$1.4 million to 11 beneficiaries.



Total Funds Raised

	2025	2024	2023
Total Raised	1,470,459	1,668,034	1,500,129
Rebates to Parishes	-	\$98,854	\$77,737
Rebates returned to campaign	-	\$44,597	\$49,651
Administration Cost	96,104	\$92,840	\$77,872
Total distributed	1,374,355	1,476,340	1,344,520

Beneficiaries

Worship

St. Joseph Seminary	178,666
Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith	109,948
St. Joseph's Priests' Foundation	68,718

Witness

Newman Theological College	137,436
St. Joseph's College-University of Alberta	137,436
Evangelization of Nations	68,718

Service

Catholic Social Services-Sign of Hope	274,871
Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Edmonton Central Council	82,461
Needs of the Canadian Church	109,948
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	68,717
Papal Charities	68,718
Archdiocese Project	68,718

Top Achievers (100% of target or more)

Parish	\$	% of Target
St. Agnes, Edmonton	22,056	221%
Holy Heart of Mary, Viking	3,972	199%
St. Clare, Edmonton	9,460	189%
St. Andrew, Edmonton	48,586	185%
St. Anthony, Edmonton	14,395	160%
Blessed Sacrament, Wainwright	15,853	156%
Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, Edmonton	3,086	140%
Our Lady of Fatima, Edmonton	7,645	139%
Our Lady of Peace, Innisfail	7,598	138%
St. Vital, Beaumont	18,216	138%
Our Lady of Victory, Thorsby	4,395	133%
Our Lady of Mercy, Enoch	2,880	131%
Holy Family, St. Albert	75,107	130%
Our Lady of Grace, Castor	2,580	129%
Lac Ste Anne	2,700	129%
St. Elizabeth, Evansburg	1,502	125%
St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton	39,363	121%
St. Theresa, Ma-Me-O Beach	2,510	120%
St. Michael, Leduc	29,544	118%
St. Francis Xavier, Camrose	34,863	117%
St. Joseph, Wabamun	2,555	116%
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Edmonton	9,468	114%
Our Lady of the Angels, Fort Saskatchewan	34,294	113%
Holy Name of Jesus, Vermilion	22,457	113%
Corpus Christi, Edmonton	30,863	112%

Top Achievers *Continued*

St. Maria Goretti, Devon	5,290	112%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sherwood Park	146,718	111%
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Bashaw	6,896	109%
Mary Help of Christians, Edmonton	24,130	109%
Our Lady of Lourdes, Lac La Nonne	870	109%
St. Matthew, Rocky Mountain House	15,030	107%
St. Anthony, Drayton Valley	17,621	107%
Our Lady of the Foothills, Hinton	13,263	105%
St. John Bosco, Edmonton	27,716	105%
St. Martin of Tours, Vegreville	15,295	104%
St. Jung Ha Sang, Edmonton	9,155	104%
Queen of Martyrs, Edmonton	7,203	103%
St. Joachim, Edmonton	3,075	103%
Nativity of Mary, Edmonton	6,780	102%
St. Margaret Mary, Calmar	1,116	101%
St. Emeric, Edmonton	2,126	101%
St. Anthony, Lloydminster	32,272	101%
St. Mary's, Provost	10,569	101%
Our Lady Queen of Poland, Edmonton	19,850	100%
St. Matthew, Edmonton	21,961	100%

Financial Report

PARISHES	2025	2024	2023
Revenue			
Regular Collections (Sundays and Holy Days)	23,503,243	22,407,875	21,654,365
Building fund	5,433,043	3,607,719	3,643,852
Special collections	1,829,230	1,845,065	1,816,635
Other	12,584,487	11,400,145	10,524,605
TOTAL REVENUE	43,350,003	39,260,804	37,639,457

Expenses			
Cathedraticum	4,463,091	4,263,042	3,727,828
Capital	5,995,227	3,500,517	2,126,812
Occupancy	6,960,659	7,106,890	6,877,277
Office	1,163,313	1,063,820	1,064,256
Repairs	3,639,839	2,904,827	3,443,137
Salaries and benefits	9,769,542	9,715,841	9,133,130
Other	8,945,784	8,957,576	8,595,093
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,937,455	37,512,513	34,967,533

CHANCERY OFFICE

Revenue			
Cathedraticum	4,424,058	4,282,958	3,642,648
All other receipts	14,311,778	12,596,067	11,167,149
TOTAL REVENUE	18,735,836	16,879,025	14,809,797

Expenses			
Grants	3,460,163	3,201,384	3,407,048
Interest and bank charges	1,326,033	1,287,883	1,348,781
Occupancy	5,149,799	5,394,651	5,367,819
Office	463,926	366,859	325,612
Salaries and benefits	3,795,948	3,805,657	3,269,541
Other	1,397,156	1,183,747	1,123,851
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,593,025	15,240,181	14,842,652

The Archdiocese of Edmonton operates on the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta and Treaty 6, 7 and 8 Territory, which are the ancestral and traditional lands of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, and the common home of everyone in virtue of the Creator's gracious gift.



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