Lay Groups Gathering: You’re Invited

Are you a leader of a local Catholic Group, Association, or Movement? If so, you are invited to join Archbishop Richard Smith for a morning gathering on Saturday, February 11, at the Pastoral and Administration Offices. His Grace looks forward to meeting with you and sharing his pastoral message. To register, please contact Barbara Cartwright at bcartwright@caedm.ca or call her at 780-469-1010 ext. 2129.

Faith and Fun Night with the Oil Kings

Why not take the family to an Edmonton Oil Kings game in the beautiful new Rogers Place this year? The Archdiocese is sponsoring a game between the Oil Kings and archrival Regina Pats on Friday, February 10, featuring a special price of $18 a ticket (regular up to $29). In addition, the first 400 purchased tickets will be rewarded with a voucher to an exclusive pre-game event in the North Mezzanine Club. Come out and meet our bishops, watch Archbishop Smith drop the puck, and join a crowd of Catholics for a great night of hockey and entertainment! Instructions for purchasing your discount tickets are posted at www.caedm.ca.

A Rather Unusual C.V.

From archbishopsmit.blogspot.ca by Archbishop Richard Smith

Job applications are often accompanied by a curriculum vitae that typically brims over in expressions of self-confidence and accomplishment. That’s expected. A prospective employer wants to know the applicant’s skill sets and talents. How different is the C.V. for a disciple of Jesus Christ?

In the first place, one does not apply for discipleship; rather, one is called. Furthermore, those called by the Lord to follow him are those who are very much unqualified to do so. That’s the point St Paul makes in the second reading we hear on Sunday (1Cor 1:26): God chooses the “foolish, weak, low and despised.” Not something that would occur to me to put on a resume!

Yet, this is obviously true and profoundly liberating. You may have come across the oft-quoted saying: God does not call the qualified but qualifies those he calls. He summons us to holiness of life, a state no one can achieve by their own abilities. Yet God is merciful and provides all that is needed.

Indeed, as St Paul puts it, God is the source of our very life in Christ Jesus! In other words, Jesus is our curriculum vitae. In him we have the source of all inspiration and the power of any accomplishment. While a usual C.V. is replete with self-promotion, that of the Christian boasts of natural weakness and joyful reliance upon the goodness of God.

It was with horror and shock that we were all made aware of the violent and senseless attack carried out at the Centre culturel islamique de Québec yesterday evening. Such murderous violence is to be condemned in the strongest possible terms. It is a violation of the sanctity of human life; an assault on the right and freedom of the members of all religions to gather and pray in the name of their deepest beliefs; a wound to the peace, order and tranquility of our nation and its communities; and the desecration of a house of prayer and worship.

I join Pope Francis and His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Québec and Primate of Canada, in extending condolences and prayers from my brother Bishops, as well as from Catholics across Canada to the victims, their families and friends. I also convey gratitude to our national and community leaders, together with the law enforcement and medical professionals, who are responding to this tragedy.

As persons of faith, we pray earnestly for the souls of the victims and that consolation and peace be bestowed upon those who suffer their loss.

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
History of St. Joe’s
At the invitation of Henry Marshall Tory, first president of the University of Alberta in 1926 the Catholic community under Archbishop John Joseph O’Leary founded an affiliated College on the University campus. Guided by the Christian Brothers, St. Joseph’s College housed up to one hundred men in a handsome brick building that included a chapel, dining room, classrooms and library. Through its affiliation agreement, the College offered university credit courses in Christian apologetics, ethics and philosophy. Beginning with the College’s first rector, Brother Rogatian, in those early years Christian Brothers on staff taught in several faculties of the University.

In 1963, Archbishop John Hugh MacDonald invited the Basilian Fathers to assume administrative responsibility for St. Joseph’s College. During the next decades, its academic offerings were considerably expanded. Further, chaplaincy services assumed greater prominence on campus. Only recently, its residence gained an annex, St. Joseph’s College Women’s Residence. Today, with a core faculty of Basilians, lay women and men and excellent library, St. Joseph’s College offers undergraduate courses for credit in all U of A degree programs. Of particular importance are offerings in religious education for future teachers in the province’s Catholic school system. Other areas of instruction include philosophy, science and religion, history, ethics and theology.

An Evening of Sancti
Do you have a desire to grow in holiness? If you are a university student or young professional, join us for an evening of Sancti (Latin for “Be Holy!”) in the parish hall of St. Joseph Basilica — accessible via the Jasper Avenue entrance. Led by priests and other religious, Sancti serves as the sibling event to Adoremus (“Let us Adore!”) to provide you with formation in becoming a saint. The next event takes place on Saturday, February 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Adoremus at Basilica
You are invited to join us at St. Joseph Basilica for Adoremus, an evening of encounter with Christ through reflection on Holy Scripture, the Sacrament of Penance, and time with the Holy Eucharist. This is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord, and meet with others desiring the same. Adoremus is scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m. on Saturday, February 11. Everyone is welcome.

Jesse Manibusan in Concert
Come join us for an evening of entertainment, laughter and fellowship with Jesse Manibusan! St. Albert Parish will be hosting Jesse on Tuesday, February 7, at 7 p.m. He will share his music as well as his wonderful sense of humour with us. Most importantly, he will share with us his faith. He will be joined by the St. Albert Parish Youth Band as they perform some of their favourite praise and worship music. All are welcome; admittance will be by donation. For more information, contact Serena at serena.shaw@caedm.ca.

Catholic Home School Conference
All parents and young adults are welcome to attend the Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference, March 9-11, at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton. The conference features keynote speaker Holly Pierlot, Father Stefano Penna, John Carpay, Karen Hanlon, and a panel of seminarians and religious. For information, visit www.wchsc.net or contact Veronica at 780-467-8410, or wechscreg@shaw.ca.

Retreat for Young Adults
Come Sit With Me: Getting to Know God is a sacred invitation to single young adults aged 18-40. This retreat, led by Sister Joan Wibbers and Father Jack Diaz, takes place on Saturday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Providence Centre, 3005 - 119 Street, Edmonton. To register, contact: Sister Mae Valdez SP at 587-432-2088. Donations are welcome.

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, February 20.

All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just $85. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Register online at www.newman.edu/CCS. For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 Ext. 2214 or Sandra.Talarico@newman.edu.

Share Lent Workshop
In this sacred season of Lent, Development and Peace reflects on how we can continue to work for a future of justice and dignity for all. This year, we focus on the undeniable contribution of women at the heart of social justice. Join us on February 11 as we celebrate, learn about and pray for the women who are working to build a better tomorrow! Before the workshop, please join us for an open house featuring archive videos, poster exhibits, games and more!

Open House : Feb 11th, 10 AM to NOON Workshop: 1 PM to 3 PM
Venue : Newman Theological College
RSVP or more info: Sylvianne Perry (sperry@telus.net)
This event is free to attend, but donations are gratefully accepted. A light lunch will be provided.

L’Arche
The L’Arche Association of Edmonton will hold its annual Bowl-a-thon, a Solidarity fundraiser, on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes. Registration fee is $20, which includes two games and shoe rental. Funds raised at this event are used to support L’Arche communities in Latin America and the Caribbean. For more information or to register, call Maria at 780-465-0618, ext. 206, or e-mail mmas strih@archeedmonton.org. L’Arche Edmonton is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing homes and programs to adults with developmental disabilities for the past 44 years. It is part of the international L’Arche organization founded by humanitarian Jean Vanier over 50 years ago.

Hi, my name is….
Fr Terry Kersch - President
Denise Young - Interim Dean
Brittney Nurse - Director of Campus Ministry

Tegan
9:30 & 11 am Music

Cerina
4:30 Sat. Music

Fr. Glenn
Chaplain

Fr. Don
Lecturer