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 rival 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 Catholic Perspective on Funerals, Burials, and Estate Planning

Gain peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones. Join your pastor along with Deacon Paul Croteau, Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries Director, and Carla Smiley, Archdiocesan Planned Giving Coordinator, for a presentation that will engage and inform you on these important topics.

Upcoming Seminars:

Sunday, January 22, at 12:30-2:30 p.m.
St. Andrew Centre auditorium, Edmonton
To register, please contact the St. Andrew Parish Office at 780-451-6601.

Thursday, January 26, at 1-3 p.m.
St. Thomas More Parish, Edmonton
To register, please contact the Parish Office at 780-434-6313.

Study the DOCAT

St. Albert Parish is hosting a study of the DOCAT, the follow-up to the YOUCAT (the popular Youth Catechism based on the Catechism Catholic Church). The DOCAT was released at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland and focuses on the social teachings of the Church in easy-to-read language. In our study, we will look at the methodology of See-Judge-Act and highlight connections to Laudato Si. Sessions are on Wednesdays, January 18, February 15 and March 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall. Sessions are free. Simple lunch provided by donation. Please contact Mark.Guevara@caedm.ca to register or for questions.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Women peasants in Haiti are crucial to ensuring the country does not go hungry. Sadly they are one of the groups that was most affected by the ravages of Hurricane Matthew, which is why Development and Peace is making them a special focus of its response to this natural disaster. With your donations we are working with partner organizations in Grand’Anse, one of the departments to have suffered the worst impacts of the hurricane, to help peasant women repair their homes and relaunch their agricultural activities. Up to 90% of the homes in the region suffered damages or were completely destroyed. Crops were also ruined in this fertile region which is considered the bread basket of the country, and torrential rains in the ensuing weeks washed away whatever plantings were left. D&P is working with local partners to provide urgent food aid and have launched a cooperative to provide technical training to allow women to transform their manioc crops into cassava bread that can be sold in the market, and create communal infrastructure such as mills. Learn more at: www.devp.org
Hi, my name is....

Fr Terry Kersch
President

Denise Young
Interim Dean

Brittney Nurse
Director of Campus Ministry

Laudato Si’ Talk at St. Joe’s

We're excited to welcome Mr. Matthew Besko to St. Joseph's College for his upcoming presentation titled: A Cliff in Front of Us and Wolves Behind (A fronte praecipuum, a tergo lupi): A Common Language for a Common Concern

Time: 3:30pm; Date: Monday, January 16, 2017; Location: SJC Boardroom

This presentation will be a discussion of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si’, from the perspective of a wildlife policy maker and adolescent-minded Polish Catholic boy. Mr. Matthew Besko is the Director of Wildlife, Policy Division within the Ministry of Environment and Parks, Government of Alberta. Everyone is welcome; an RSVP is requested but not required to Sara at:
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Come and See: FCJ Sisters

Interested single women aged 20-39 are invited to join us to explore Religious Vocation as a Sister Faithful Companion of Jesus through prayer, input, reflection, faith sharing and lunch. This event will take place on Saturday, February 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Edmonton. Please contact Sister Michelle by February 2 at 780-439-1667 or mlangois0501@gmail.com

"Life is Sacred" Documentary

Development and Peace invites you to a screening of "Life is Sacred," a story of hard-working people who tirelessly struggle for a real democracy. As telling as it is of the opportunity for peaceful change in Colombia, it is just as inspirational for social movements and politicians everywhere. On January 18, join us at 7 p.m. for a screening of this inspirational film, followed by discussion with executive producer Wael Kabbani, Robert Normey of Amnesty International, and Vanessa Cardona of the Edmonton Cuban community. Admission: Pay what you can. $10 recommended. Venue: University of Alberta Law Center, Room 231, 111 Street & 89 Avenue. To RSVP or for more information, contact Sara Farid at sfarid@devp.org.

Let's Stop Talking about Housing Problems

Let's start doing something! Find out more about the Interfaith Works Project, a joint program of the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative and Habitat for Humanity. Join us at a Recruiters' Meeting on January 23 or 24, at 6 p.m. in the Habitat Prep Shop, 14135 - 128 Avenue, Edmonton. We are gathering people from across Edmonton to recruit volunteers from their faith community to work on Habitat build sites between February 23 and April 27. The Recruiters' Meeting will provide information on how to sign up your faith group and promote the Interfaith Works Project. To register, email Batya@interfaithhousing.ca with your preferred date.

Sign of Hope

Catholic Social Services invites you to our prayer of thanksgiving celebration as we conclude our 2016 Sign of Hope appeal. Mass at St. Joseph’s Basilica will be led by Archdiocese of Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith, at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, and a reception will follow at the basilica’s O’Leary Hall. Each year, the Sign of Hope supports ministries that help women escape domestic violence, help those seeking a life of sobriety, and provide assistance to women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Please visit https://www.csslberta.ca to learn more about the Sign of Hope and the 20 ministries that it supports. Come join us as we offer our thanks for the wonderful support our annual Sign of Hope has received!

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