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 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.

L’Arche

The L’Arche Association of Edmonton will hold its annual Bowl-a-thon, a Solidarity fundraiser, on Saturday, February 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 mmastrih@larcheedmonton.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.

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.

St. Joseph’s College Chapel Bulletin

Jan 22nd, 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prayers for our Refugee Families

Please keep our Syrian Newcomers in your prayers. All 18 have arrived.

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SJ3a: Bassel and Majed*
SJ3b: Zeidan Family
SJ4: Bassel’s Parents and Brother
*Sponsorship complete

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Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 7 pm

Weekday Mass

(located in Women’s Residence)
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(located in Main Chapel)
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The Hand of God Was With Us During the Time of War

I felt protected by god in the horror. His hand was leading me to safety. Death passed by us so many times.

How many times a sniper’s bullet lost its way towards us. How many times shells and mortars fell near our home, but no one was hurt.

Divine providence intervened and sent us apostles and good people who stood beside my son, Bassel, and helped him in Canada with money, time, and advice. They are the same people who donated their money for the purpose of reuniting our family in Canada.

Thank you, Jesus, because you sent us angels to protect and helped him in Canada with your protection. They are the same people who donated their money for the purpose of reuniting our family in Canada.

With gratitude,

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Thank you, Jesus, because you sent us angels to pull us from the darkness of war and death. We are grateful to be here, together. Special thanks to Fr. Glenn, Mr. Mathew Kostelecky and to all of you. We pray that God gives you health and peace.

With gratitude,

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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. 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.

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 mlanglois0501@gmail.com

Bulletin Announcement – “Samuel” Group
“The Lord God came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speaking, Lord God, for your servant is listening’.” (1Sam. 3:10)
What? The “Samuel” group is about discernment, i.e. exploring our unique place before God, or one’s vocation. Using the prayer form called Lectio Divina, it provides a safe and confidential environment whereby participants can discover their desires and where these may be confirmed and strengthened.
Where? The home of The Ursulines of Jesus, 9008-143 St. Edmonton.
For whom? Catholic young adults, 20-40 years of age who are seeking to know and to respond to God’s call (vocation) in their lives
When? On the 3rd Friday of every month, January-June, 2017, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Format: Input, sharing by witnesses of their vocational journey, prayer with Sacred Scripture and socializing.
Further information: Sr. Mary Clare, u.j.
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Hi, my name is….
Fr. Terry Kersch
President
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Talking about the Oilsands
Dr. Richard Kover is offering a public lecture at Concordia University of Edmonton at 4 p.m. on Monday, January 30, entitled “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Alberta Oil Sands but were Afraid to Ask Jacques Lacan” Using print and televisual examples from current pro-oilsands public relations campaigns, this presentation will use the theoretical lens of psychoanalytic thinker Jacques Lacan to examine these messages. Co-hosted by CUE Institute of Christian Studies and Society, and the Theology and Science research cluster. Concordia U is located at 7128 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton.

Christian Unity
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated around the world January 18-25, on the theme Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). By coming together during this week, we join with people around the world to pray for Christian unity – in worship, reflection, study, and fellowship.

Multi-Faith Concert
"Building Bridges Among Faith Traditions" is an afternoon of music and dance celebrating Canada’s 150th birthday and the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week. Join us on Sunday, January 29, at 2:30 p.m. at the Royal Alberta Museum, 12845 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton. This year's program will include our Interfaith Advocate Award to Rev. John Dowds, Chaplain for the City of Edmonton, silent auction, and refreshments. For more information call 780-413-6159 or visit www.edminterfaithcentre.ca.

Men of Integrity Conference
Catholic Family Ministries is calling all men to attend its annual Men of Integrity Conference on Friday-Saturday, February 3-4, at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove. Under the theme "Follow Me," this year's conference is "a challenge for every man to become a disciple of Christ." This weekend is billed as an opportunity to begin again and to "build good habits which will sustain us and help us lead our families to heaven." Special guests include keynote speaker Peter Herbeck, Peter Thompson, Archbishop Richard Smith, Father Kristopher Schmidt, and Brian Holdsworth. For more information and to register, visit http://www.catholicfamilyministries.com/index.php/men-of-integrity.

Habitat for Humanity
Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Works Project 2017 is coming! Habitat for Humanity Edmonton and the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative are working together to engage Edmonton’s faith communities. Our goal is to mobilize 500 volunteers and provide 45 lunches. The Recruiters’ Meeting will provide...