Pope Francis Appoints Edmonton Priest as Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto

Edmonton, June 17, 2016 _ Rev. Robert Kasun CSB, an Edmonton priest known for his service at parishes in the inner city, has been named an Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto.

News of the appointment came early Friday morning from the Vatican. Father Kasun will become one of four auxiliary bishops who assist Cardinal Thomas Collins in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Robert Kasun was born in December 1951 and raised in Cudworth, Saskatchewan, in the former Benedictine Abbey of Muenster. After high school he attended St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, where he met the Basilian Fathers, the religious congregation he joined after graduating with a Bachelor's degree in English. Following his novitiate he continued his studies, earning a Master of Divinity from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, and subsequently, Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Education from the University of Toronto.

Following ordination to the priesthood in 1978, Father Kasun commenced his teaching ministry in Basilian schools in Merrillville, Indiana; Sudbury, Ontario; and his longest stint, at St. Michael's College in Toronto. He also served as Vocation Director for the Basilian Fathers based in Rochester, New York, and as a teacher at St. Francis High School in Calgary. He served on the General Council of the Basilian Fathers from 1989 to 1997 as Regional Representative for Western Canada, and as Vice-President of the Canadian Religious Conference Western Division. Also in Calgary, he served in parish ministry at St. Pius X and St. Thomas More parishes, on the diocesan presbyteral council, and on the executive committee of the Board of Governors for St. Mary's University College.

Since 2009, Father Kasun has served as pastor of the inner-city Edmonton parishes of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare, where he and a number of parishioners have enjoyed teaching English as a Second Language to temporary foreign workers, helping them to feel more at home in our country and the inner-city, has been named an Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto.

Robert Kasun will be ordained to the episcopate on a date to be determined.

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Prayers for our Refugee Families

Please keep our Syrian Newcomers in your prayers. We are still waiting for SJ3b and SJ4 to arrive.

SJ1: The Dalaa Family
SJ2: Al Haidar Family
SJ3a: Bassel and Majed
SJ3b: Zeidan Family
SJ4: Bassel’s Parents and Brother

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, as he often does, Luke portrays Jesus “praying in solitude” (Luke 9:18). The Jubilee Year of Mercy invites us to rediscover the value of silence as the prayerful setting in which to reflect on the ways in which God’s mercy transforms our lives, in order to make mercy the heart of our own lifestyle. But in a line that sounds odd, Jesus “rebuked” his disciples “and directed them not to tell anyone” (9:20–21) after they professed their faith in Jesus as “the Christ of God” (9:20). Jesus challenges us also to profess our faith not by what we say, but by what we do: take up our own cross daily (9:23) and “bear one another’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2). Our gratitude for God’s mercy toward us should make us instruments of God’s mercy toward all. Then, as Zechariah prophesies in today’s first reading, the fountain of God’s mercy will open to purify the whole world from the sin and selfishness that cause suffering and sorrow to so many (Zechariah 13:1).

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For the Year of Mercy, the Worshipping Community is kindly asked to pray for the healing of First Nations Peoples.

Weekend Mass
(Located in Main Chapel)
Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Mass
(Located in Women’s Residence)
Mon - Thurs 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Located in Main Chapel)
Tuesday: 11:30 am - Noon,
or by appointment

Prayers for the Year of Mercy

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Syrian Refugee: Give the Gift of Education

Fr. Glenn is looking for donors who would like to sponsor Majed Mardini, one of our Syrian Refugees, so that he can complete his English studies at the U of A. Majed is currently studying at the Faculty of Extension and recently received a $4000 award from the U of A. Unfortunately, an additional $3000 is needed to cover the full cost of the three remaining ESL courses he needs to qualify for acceptance into the U of A, Grant Mac or NAIT. Without these ESL courses Majed will not qualify for student loans or higher education. Tax receipts can be issued to anyone who would like to make a donation. If you are interested in this giving opportunity or wish to know more, please contact Fr. Glenn at (780) 221-6524 or glenn.mcdonald@ualberta.ca.

Lighthouse Spring into Summer CD Sale

On June 19th, the Lighthouse Ministries will be present after the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses for our Spring into Summer CD Sale!

Come visit us after Mass and check out our CDs. Listen to inspiring, thought provoking messages from the comfort of your home or during your next summer road trip.

21st Annual Catholic Family Life Conference: June 30 – July 3


Hi, my name is….

Fr. Terry Kersch
President

Brian Maraj
Dean

Theresa Robinson
Campus Minister

Music Ministry

Can you sing or play an instrument?
Music ministry is always looking for new recruits.

9:30 am and 11 am Masses

Tegan Hryciw
St. Joseph Music 7:00 pm Mass

Theresa Robinson
Theresa Robinson@ualberta.ca

4:30 pm (Sat.) Mass

Cerina Lee
jlee7@ualberta.ca

Sunday Coffee or Brunch

There is often free coffee in the Boardroom following the 9:30 am Mass. Brunch is served in the cafeteria follow the 11 am Mass for a cost of $9 person. Why not join us?

St. Joseph

O God, you love your people and bless the ordinary lives we quietly live. As you blessed Saint Joseph, bless what I do, however hidden and simple it may be, and let all I do be done with love. Amen.

Mass for Syrian Refugees & Sponsors

Archbishop Smith is extending a warm invitation to a special Mass of Thanksgiving to welcome our refugee brothers and sisters from Syria who have been sponsored by parishes and Catholic groups in the Archdiocese. Mass begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June, 28, at St. Joseph’s Basilica, 10044 – 113 Street, Edmonton, to be followed by a welcome reception.

This event is open to all, but particularly to the priests, sponsorship committee members and refugees from the sponsoring parishes. To help with reception planning, parishes or other sponsor groups are asked to RSVP to Caroline Zinkiew at Catholic Social Services by calling 780-391-3302.

L’Arche Events

L’Arche Edmonton is holding its annual Backyard Party on Friday, June 24 at 5 p.m. at Fulton School Field, 10310 56 St. Live music with dancing, a Bouncy Castle for kids, outdoor games, face painting and a barbecue all for $12 adults and $6 for children. Call Maria for tickets: 780-465-0618, ext. 206 or e-mail mmastrih@larcheedmonton.org. Bring your own lawn chairs and join us! L’Arche is a faith-based non-profit organization, founded by humanitarian Jean Vanier, which has been providing homes and programs to adults with developmental disabilities for the past 43 years in Edmonton and Sherwood Park.

The Melting Pot of Edmonton is a fondue restaurant that believes in giving back to the community through their Charity of the Month program. L’Arche Edmonton was chosen as the charity of the month for July. In partnership with L’Arche, the Melting Pot is sponsoring a Mini Gala in their restaurant on July 7. The evening will consist of a four-course dining experience and all proceeds go towards L’Arche. We hope that you, your family and friends will join us.

If you would like more information, please contact Pat Desnoyers at pdesnoyers@larcheedmonton.org or 780 964 8257. To purchase tickets, please follow this link: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/larche-charity-dinner-tickets-24846050205

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Fr. Don
Lecturer

Tegan
9:30 & 11 am Music

Cerina
4:30 Sat. Music

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