Hope in times of Ethical Dilemmas

In Canada today, we face complex issues related to the ethics of living and dying. These issues raise questions related to suffering, empathy, choice, care, and decision making. How do we, as people of faith, navigate these sensitive issues? Where do we find hope? How do we maintain hope?

Join Margaret Somerville, a global voice on ethics, healthcare and the law, and Peter Stockland, a national journalist, to explore these issues. Sessions take place on November 25-26 at Providence Renewal Centre, 3005 - 119 Street, Edmonton.

Friday, November 25, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
Dr. L.P. Mousseau Memorial Ethics Lecture
Hope’s Notes: Why We Must Not Be Afraid
by Peter Stockland

Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m.
Are “Progressive Values” a Response to Loss of Hope? Euthanasia as a Case Study by Margaret Somerville

Friday/Saturday: $75 (includes Saturday lunch). Group (10+) discounts available.
Pre-registration required. Call 780-761-1854 to register.

A collaboration of Newman Theological College and Providence Renewal Centre.

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 to provide you with formation in becoming a saint. Sancti is scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m. on these upcoming Saturdays: November 26, December 10, January 28, February 25.

"Gaza Calls: Canada Answers!"

On Saturday, November 26, three Palestinians will connect with over a dozen locations across Canada for an in-depth discussion on current medical social, and legal issues in Gaza. Nearly 2 million people in Gaza live under the blockade imposed by the government of Israel. Please join us for this vitally important opportunity to hear voices from Gaza via teleconferencing. The speakers are Suhaila Tarazi, Director, Al Ahli Arab Hospital; Sami El-Youssef, Regional Director, Catholic Near East Welfare Association; and Raji Sourani, Director, Palestinian Center for Human Rights. In Edmonton, the live video conference will be hosted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Southminster-Steinhauer United Church, 10740 19 Avenue. Free admission - Donations accepted for Gazan medical relief. Sponsors of this event include the United, Anglican, and Presbyterian Churches of Canada; the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and the Edmonton Interfaith Centre.

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Jubilee Year Ends

Today Luke, evangelist and by tradition artist, sends us forth from this Jubilee Year of Mercy with an unforgettable portrait of Christ the King. The setting for Jesus’ “royal portrait” is the cross. From this throne, the crucified “crown prince” welcomes by “executive pardon” the kingdom of mercy’s first citizen, a fellow criminal. The “Good Thief” requests neither deliverance nor salvation, or even forgiveness: “Remember me when . . .” (Luke 23:42). “Today you will be with me,” King Jesus promises, “in paradise.” (23:43). Paradise, even for non-believers, is an image of creation contentedly in harmony with self, fellow creatures, and Creator. Today, we “good thieves” beg Jesus to remember us. We promise to remember that, although Jesus’ kingdom will be fulfilled only when Jesus’ returns, that kingdom begins today in the paradise that will flower from this Jubilee Year of Mercy. We disciples, having been embraced unconditionally and undeservedly by Jesus’ mercy, must now go forth to embrace all others, unconditionally, with that same unfailing mercy.

- Week by Week through the Year of Mercy by Peter Scagnelli

Hymns and Readings: Sunday, Dec 4th at 7 pm

We invite you to join St. Joseph's College in building community during the Advent and Christmas Season at our annual evening of Hymns and Readings. The evening will commence at 7:30 pm on Sunday December 4 in St. Joseph's Basilica. Admission to the Hymns and Readings is free, but free will donations will be accepted.

Once there, you will be greeted by the angelic voices of the Greenwood Singers, and the talents of our featured organist.

Prayers for our Refugee Families

Please keep our Syrian Newcomers in your prayers. We are still waiting for SJ4 to arrive.
SJ1: The Dalaat Family
SJ2: Al Haidar Family
SJ3a: Bassel and Majed
SJ3b: Zedian Family
SJ4: Bassel’s Parents and Brother*
*ETA Dec 8, 2016

Weekend Mass
(Located in Main Chapel)
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 7 pm

Weekday Mass
(Located in Women’s Residence)
Mon Wed 12:10 pm
Tues Thurs 12:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Nov 7th – Dec 24th
(Located in Main Chapel)
Monday: 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Tuesday: 11:30 am – 12:20 pm
Saturday: 3 pm – 4 pm
Hi, my name is….

Fr Terry Kersch
President

Denise Young
Interim Dean

Brittney Nurse
Director of Campus Ministry

History of St. Joseph’s: Book Launch

Time: 3:30pm
Date: Thursday, November 24
Location: SJC Boardroom

This is the story of how a small Roman Catholic institution confronted daunting challenges to become a Christian beacon of enlightenment at the heart of the secular University of Alberta. Scholarship and community life in residence was always supplemented with teaching from the Christian Ministry Team, to form Christian citizens who would go out into the world to serve the larger community following graduation.

In 1963, the Congregation of St. Basil took over the administration of the College from the Christian Brothers de la Salle who had administered the College from its founding in 1926. Since its establishment almost ninety years ago, the College has continued to provide young men and women with post-secondary courses grounded in Roman Catholic thought while pursuing their undergraduate degrees at the University of Alberta. Initially, a residence was built for men, but O’Leary’s dream of also constructing a women’s residence never died and was finally realized in 2015. Faced with slender means, misunderstandings, student mischief and personality clashes, the mission of St. Joseph’s College has guided faculty, administrators, staff and Board members throughout its history and melded them into a close-knit community.

1. L’Arche Christmas Pageant

The L’Arche Association of Edmonton will hold its annual Christmas Pageant on Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas d’Aquin Church, 8410 89 St. This is a beautiful L’Arche Edmonton Christmas tradition as developmentally disabled members of our community re-enact the Nativity Scene in full costume. There is no charge for this event, but we invite guests to bring a non-perishable food item for the Edmonton Food Bank.

Following the pageant, join us for refreshments and the opportunity to purchase Christmas presents at the popular Day Program Craft Sale! For more information, phone Maria at 780-465-0618, ext. 206.

The Challenges of Running a Catholic University in the West Bank

Time: 3:30pm
Date: Wednesday, November 23
Location: SJC Boardroom

Brother Peter Bray, FSC, EdD is the 8th President of Bethlehem University. Bethlehem University of the Holy Land is a Catholic Christian co-educational institution of higher learning founded in 1973 in the Lasallian tradition, open to students of all faith traditions, many of whom are Muslim.

Bethlehem University, the first university established in the West Bank, and can trace its roots to 1893 when the De La Salle Christian Brothers opened schools in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jaffa, Nazareth, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt.

Brother Peter’s dedication to educational leadership is a commitment to realizing people’s full potential. “In being involved in education,” Brother Peter proclaims, “I see myself called to work in whatever way I can against anything that is preventing us from living a full life.”

The challenges and opportunities in education around the globe are certainly great – and in Bethlehem likewise. A land steeped in spirituality and made holy by the very birth and life of Jesus Christ, it is all too often ravaged by injustice, war, violence and political instability.

Expressive Individualism, the Cult of the Artist as Genius, and Milton’s Lucifer

Time: 4:00pm
Date: Tuesday, November 22
Location: SJC Boardroom

Dr. Madigan begins with what the American Sociologist Robert Bellah and the Canadian Philosopher Charles Taylor call ‘Expressive Individualism’, and which they present as the default life style of our time, especially in the West. He will give some examples and then ask about the origin of this life style. He first traces this back to the cult of the artist revered as a ‘genius’, which flourished during the 19th century; this cult has been democratized and universalized in our time. He then traces its origins one step further to the depiction John Milton gives of Lucifer in his poem PARADISE LOST; in Milton’s altered portrayal, Lucifer rejects not only Jesus as the highest creature, he rejects the Father as father. He declares ‘I know none before me: I am self-begot’. In so far as we embrace ‘expressive individualism’ as an ethic for our time, therefore, we are implicitly committed to Milton’s Lucifer as an archetype for human fulfilment; he suggests this might be a toxic model.

Dr. Madigan, SJ is from Heythrop College at the University of London and is Editor of the Heythrop Journal.